

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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GOOGLE LLC,  
Petitioner,

v.

POINTWISE VENTURES, LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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IPR2025-01102  
Patent 8,471,812 B2

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Before BENJAMIN D. M. WOOD, ARTHUR M. PESLAK, and  
LISA A. MURRAY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WOOD, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION

Settlement Prior to Institution of Trial

*Granting-in-Part and Denying-in-Part* Joint Request to Treat Settlement

Agreement as Business Confidential Information

37 C.F.R. § 42.74

## I. INTRODUCTION

On August 1, 2025, with the Board’s authorization, Petitioner Google LLC and Patent Owner Pointwise Ventures, LLC (collectively referred to as “the Parties”) filed a Joint Motion to Terminate the above-identified proceeding due to settlement. Paper 6 (“Joint Motion”). In support of the Joint Motion, the Parties filed a copy of a Settlement Agreement (Ex. 1016 (“Settlement Agreement”)), as well as a Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information (Paper 7 (“Joint Request”)) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74.

## II. DISCUSSION

In the Joint Motion, the Parties represent that they “settled their dispute regarding U.S. Patent No. 8,471,812, including both this proceeding and Patent Owner’s assertion of U.S. Patent No. 8,471,812 in the related district court litigation, No. 6:24-cv-00293-RP.” Paper 6, 1. The Parties also represent that “[t]he parties do not anticipate further litigation between them concerning U.S. Patent No. 8,471,812. There are no related proceedings currently pending before the Board.” *Id.* The Parties aver that the Settlement Agreement filed as Exhibit 1016 is “[a] true and correct copy,” and certify that “there are no other agreements, oral or written, between the parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of this proceeding.” *Id.*

This proceeding is at an early stage, as we have not yet decided whether to institute a trial. In view of the early stage of the proceeding and the settlement between the Parties, we determine that good cause exists to terminate the proceeding.

The Parties also filed the Joint Request that the Settlement Agreement be treated as business confidential information. Paper 7, 1. After reviewing

the Settlement Agreement between Petitioner and Patent Owner, we find that the Settlement Agreement contains confidential business information regarding the terms of settlement. We therefore determine that good cause exists to treat the Settlement Agreement between Petitioner and Patent Owner as business confidential information, to keep it separate from the file of the involved patent, and to limit its availability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

In the Joint Request, the Parties also request that the Settlement Agreement be “kept separate from the public files of the involved patent (U.S. Patent No. 8,471,812) and *inter partes* review proceeding.” Paper 7, 1. To the extent that the Parties are requesting relief beyond that provided by 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), that aspect of the Joint Request is denied. As stated above, and in accordance with this rule, the Settlement Agreement will be kept separate from the file of the ’812 patent and will only be available to a Government agency on written request to the Board or to any other person upon written request to the Board on a showing of good cause.

This Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

### III. ORDER

Accordingly, for the reasons discussed above, it is:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate the proceeding (Paper 6) is *granted*, the Petition (Paper 1) in IPR2025-01102 is *dismissed*, and the proceeding is *terminated*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to Treat Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information (Paper 7) is *granted-in-part* and *denied-in-part*, and the Settlement Agreement shall be kept separate from the file of Patent 8,471,812 B2 and made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

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