

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ASUSTEK COMPUTER INC. and
ASUS COMPUTER INTERNATIONAL,
Petitioner,

v.

NOKIA TECHNOLOGIES OY,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-01153
Patent 10,536,714 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER and GARTH D. BAER,
Administrative Patent Judges.

ZECHER, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

TERMINATION

Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

I. DISCUSSION

With our authorization, Petitioner, ASUSTek Computer Inc. and ASUS Computer International, and Patent Owner, Nokia Technologies Oy, jointly filed the following in this proceeding: (1) a Joint Motion to Terminate (Paper 31, “Mot.” or “Joint Motion”); (2) a true copy of the parties’ settlement agreement (Ex. 1067, “Patent License Agreement”); and (3) a Joint Request to Treat Patent License Agreement as Business Confidential Information Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 32, “Joint Request”). For the following reasons, we *grant* the parties’ Joint Motion to terminate this proceeding and their Joint Request to file their Patent License Agreement as business confidential information, and keep it separate from the file of the involved patent.

On December 11, 2025, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office entered a decision granting institution of an *inter partes* review (“IPR”) of claims 1–30 of U.S. Patent No. 10,536,714 B2 (Ex. 1001, “the ’714 patent”). Paper 14. The trial, however, is still in an early stage because the parties have not completed substantive briefing and we have not yet decided the merits. *See* Mot. 2.¹

In the Joint Motion, the parties indicate that termination of this proceeding is appropriate for the following three reasons: (1) “the [p]arties have met the statutory requirement that they file a ‘joint request’ to terminate before the Office ‘has decided the merits of the proceeding’”; (2) “the [p]arties have reached a resolution to resolve the dispute in this proceeding”; and (3) “termination [of this proceeding] would save significant further expenditure of resources by the [p]arties.” Mot. 4–5 (quoting 35 U.S.C. § 317(a)) (citing Ex. 1067). The parties

¹ The parties’ Joint Motion does not include page numbers. We consider the Title page as page 1 and then proceed from there in numerical order.

represent that they “are concurrently filing a true copy of the Patent License Agreement as Exhibit 1067.” *Id.* at 3. The parties also represent that there are “no collateral agreements or understandings [that] exist in connection with, or in contemplation of, dismissal and termination of the [this proceeding] beyond the Patent License Agreement filed as Exhibit 1067, which memorializes the [p]arties agreement to settle their dispute with a final and binding arbitration.” *Id.*; *see also id.* at 5 (certifying to the same).

The parties further represent that the ’714 patent is the subject of the following related matters: (1) *Certain Video-Capable Laptop, Desktop Computers, Handheld Computers, Tablets, Televisions, Projectors and Components and Modules Thereof*, No. 337-TA-1448 (ITC filed Apr. 11, 2025); and (2) *Nokia Techs. Oy v. ASUSTek Comput. Inc.*, 2-25-cv-03053 (C.D. Cal filed Apr. 7, 2025). Mot. 2.

Under these particular circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate the trial without rendering a final written decision. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. We also have reviewed the true copy of the parties’ Patent License Agreement, and we determine that good cause exists to treat this settlement agreement as business confidential information, and keep it separate from the file of the involved patent. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the parties’ Joint Request to treat the true copy of their Patent License Agreement filed in this proceeding as business confidential information, and to keep separate from the file of the involved patent, is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that Exhibit 1067 shall remain business confidential information, and shall be kept separate from the file of the involved patent; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' Joint Motion to terminate this proceeding is *granted*.

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