UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SNAP INC. and HISENSE USA CORPORATION,
Petitione

rs, v.

NOKIA TECHNOLOGIES OY,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2025-01439
Patent No. 7,532,808

JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE PROCEEDING AS TO PETITIONER HISENSE USA CORPORATION PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 317

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Petitioner Hisense USA Corporation ("Hisense" or "Petitioner") and Patent Owner Nokia Technologies Oy ("Nokia" or "Patent Owner") have reached a settlement. Under 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74, Hisense and Nokia jointly move to terminate the present *inter partes* review proceeding as to Petitioner Hisense and request that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information pursuant to 35 U.S.C.§ 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). The Board authorized the parties to file this Joint Motion on December 30, 2025 via email.

For avoidance of doubt, Petitioner Snap Inc. is not a party to the settlement between Hisense and Nokia and Petitioner Snap Inc. is not seeking to terminate this proceeding at this time.

I. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A joint motion to terminate generally "must (1) include a brief explanation as to why termination is appropriate; (2) identify all parties in any related litigation involving the patents at issue; (3) identify any related proceedings currently before the Office; and (4) discuss specifically the current status of each such related litigation or proceeding with respect to each party to the litigation or proceeding." *Heartland Tanning, Inc. v. Sunless, Inc.*, IPR2014-00018, Paper 26, at *2 (July 28, 2014).

Patent Owner filed a patent infringement lawsuit alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,036,701 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, captioned *Nokia Technologies Oy v. Hisense Co. Ltd. et al.,* Case No. 1:25-

cv-01871-TWT. Patent Owner further filed a lawsuit alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,036,701 in the U.S. International Trade Commission, captioned *Video-Capable Laptop, Desktop Computers, Handheld Computers, Tablets, Televisions, Projectors, and Components and Modules Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1448.

Hisense and Nokia (collectively, the "Settling Parties") have reached an agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") to resolve their disputes.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b), the Settlement Agreement is in writing. A true and correct copy is being filed as Exhibit 1025. The Settlement Agreement references a Patent Agreement, which, along with its exhibits, has been filed as Exhibit 1026. The Settlement and Patent Agreements are being filed electronically with access limited to "Board Only." A "*Joint Request to File Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74*" is being filed concurrently with this Joint Motion to Terminate to treat the Settlement Agreement as business confidential information and keep it separate from the files of the involved patent under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). These agreements contain confidential commercial and financial information of the Settling Parties.

II. RELIEF REQUESTED

The Settling Parties request termination of this *inter partes* review as to Petitioner Hisense and respectfully submit that such termination as to Hisense is

justified. "There are strong public policy reasons to favor settlement between the parties to a proceeding." Consolidated Trial Practice Guide 86 (Nov. 2019). "The Board expects that a proceeding will terminate after the filing of a settlement agreement, unless the Board has already decided the merits of the proceeding." *Id.* (citing 35 U.S.C. §§ 317(a)).

The Board should terminate this proceeding as to Petitioner Hisense, as the Settling Parties jointly request, for the following reasons.

First, Hisense and Nokia have met the statutory requirement that they file a "joint request" to terminate before the Office "has decided the merits of the proceeding." 35 U.S.C. § 317(a). In fact, this IPR does not yet have an institution decision and briefing is not yet complete and there has not yet been an oral argument. Under section 317(a), "An inter partes review instituted under this chapter shall be terminated with respect to any petitioner upon the joint request of the petitioner and the patent owner, unless the Office has decided the merits of the proceeding before the request for termination is filed." There are no other preconditions recited in 35 U.S.C. § 317(a).

Second, Hisense and Nokia have reached a settlement as to all the disputes in this proceeding and as to the '701 patent. A true copy of the Settlement Agreement is being filed concurrently herewith. *See* Confidential Exhibit 1025. The Settlement Agreement references a Patent Agreement, which, along with its exhibits, has been

filed as Confidential Exhibit 1026. These agreements contain confidential commercial and financial information of the Settling Parties. Hisense and Nokia request that the Settlement and Patent Agreements be treated as business confidential information and be kept separate from the files of this proceeding and limited to "Board Only" access in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). The parties hereby represent that the documents filed as Confidential Exhibits 1024 and 1025 represent all agreements made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of this proceeding. All such agreements have been filed with the Board as required by 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b).

Third, termination would save significant further expenditure of resources by the Settling Parties. Termination upon settlement, as requested, would also further the purpose of *inter partes* review proceedings, which seek to provide an efficient and less costly alternative forum for patent disputes. Further, maintaining the proceeding would discourage further settlements, as patent owners in similar situations would have a strong disincentive to settle if they perceived that an inter partes review would continue regardless of a settlement.

III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Hisense and Nokia respectfully request termination of this *inter partes* review as to Petitioner Hisense.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), I certify that on January 5, 2026 a copy of **PETITIONER'S MOTION TO TERMINATE and JOINT REQUEST TO TREAT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** was served upon the below-listed counsel by electronic mail:

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