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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

MARLIN SEMICONDUCTOR LTD.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00847 (Patent 7,745,847 B2)
IPR2025-01265 (Patent 8,993,384 B2)
IPR2026-00061 (Patent 8,076,194 B2)
IPR2026-00130 (Patent 9,318,609 B2)
IPR2026-00220 (Patent 8,076,735 B2)

Before NEIL T. POWELL, DAVID C. MCKONE, MIRIAM L. QUINN, GEORGE R. HOSKINS, GARTH D. BAER, CHRISTOPHER L. OGDEN, SHARON FENICK, BRIAN D. RANGE, and BACH V. HOANG, *Administrative Patent Judges*.[1]

Per curiam.

ORDER
Granting Motions to Terminate
Granting Motions to Treat Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information
35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72, 42.74(c)

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[1] This Order addresses issues common to each of the identified proceedings. We exercise our discretion to issue one Order to be filed in each proceeding. This is not a decision by an expanded panel of the Board. Rather, the listed judges are paneled on various of the listed cases.

I. INTRODUCTION

On July 22, 2026, with our authorization, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited ("Petitioner") and Marlin Semiconductor Ltd. ("Patent Owner") filed a Joint Motion to Terminate Proceedings and a Joint Motion to File Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information Under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b). Paper 28[2] ("Mot. to Terminate"); Paper 29 ("Mot. to Treat Confidential"). The parties also filed a copy of their settlement agreements. Exs. 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011. For the reasons discussed below, the parties' motions are *granted*.

II. DISCUSSION

In the Motion to Terminate, Petitioner and Patent Owner indicate that they have agreed to dismiss all lawsuits involving the patents at issue in these proceedings and that they have submitted the settlement agreement. *See, e.g.,* Mot. to Terminate 3–4; *see also* Exs. 2008–2011.

The parties request termination of the identified proceedings and argue it is proper to terminate these proceedings for three reasons. Mot. to Terminate 2. First and second, this is a joint request by parties that have settled their dispute, and the Board has not determined the merits of any of these proceedings. Third, the parties have agreed to dismiss all lawsuits involving the patents at issue in these proceedings. *Id.* at 3. "There are strong public policy reasons to favor settlement between the parties to a

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[2] With our permission, the parties filed identical motions and exhibits in each of these matters. We refer to paper numbers in IPR2025-00847.

proceeding," and "[t]he 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." Trial Practice Guide § N (Dec. 2025)) ("TPG").[3]

We find good cause exists to terminate these proceedings given the facts outlined above. The Board has yet to issue a final written decision in any of these proceedings. No oral argument has occurred. The parties have indicated they have settled the disputes between them and have filed a copy of the Settlement Agreement, and the Board favors the settling of disputes as outlined in the Trial Practice Guide. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72, 42,74(c), TPG § N.

Moreover, because the parties' settlement agreements (Exs. 2008–2011) contain confidential business information concerning settlement terms, we find good cause exists to treat the settlement agreements as business confidential information and to keep them separate from the files of the patents challenged in each proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). With respect to the request that "Parties . . . be notified of any request, by any person or agency, to access or obtain the settlement agreement[s]" (Mot. to Treat Confidential 3), we have no such procedure for notifying parties of requests to access business confidential information, and, further, our regulations do not require us to do so. Therefore, we decline to issue an

[3] Available at https://www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/trial-practice-guide.

order regarding notification upon receiving access requests for the settlement agreements.

III. ORDER

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Motions to Terminate are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' Motions to File Settlement Agreement as Business Confidential Information Under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the settlement agreements filed in these proceedings shall be treated as business confidential information and kept separate from the patent files for U.S. Patent No. 7,748,847 B2, U.S. Patent No. 8,993,384 B2, U.S. Patent No. 8,076,194 B2, U.S. Patent No. 9,318,609 B2, and U.S. Patent No. 8,076,735 B2; and

FURTHER ORDERED that IPR2025-00847, IPR2025-01265, IPR2026-00061, IPR2026-00130, and IPR2026-00220 are terminated.

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