

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP.,
Petitioner,

v.

AUTOCONNECT HOLDINGS LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case No. PGR2025-00041
Patent No. 12,039,243

JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE POST GRANT REVIEW

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 327(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(a) and authorization provided by Board on May 15, 2026, Petitioner Toyota Motor Corp. (“Petitioner”) and Patent Owner AutoConnect Holdings LLC (“Patent Owner”) (collectively, the “Parties”) jointly request termination of this post grant review of U.S. Patent 12,039,243 (“the ’243 Patent”), case no. PGR2025-00041.

I. Background

On April 7, 2025, Petitioner filed a petition for post grant review, challenging the ’243 Patent (Paper 1). The Board instituted on October 16, 2025 (Paper 10). On January 9, 2026, Patent Owner filed its Patent Owner Response (Paper 20). Petitioner has not yet filed its Reply, nor has Patent Owner filed its sur-reply. Oral argument is set for July 9, 2026. *See* Ex. 2020; Paper 18. A final written decision is due by October 16, 2026.

The Parties have entered into an agreement (the “Agreement”) that fully resolves their dispute concerning the ’243 Patent. As a result of the Agreement, Patent Owner’s claims involving the ’243 Patent against Petitioner in the following related lawsuit have been dismissed with prejudice: *AutoConnect Holdings LLC v. Toyota Motor Corp., et al.*, Case No. 2:24-cv-00802-JRG-RSP (E.D. Tex.). The Parties have also agreed to jointly request termination of the present post grant review.

The Parties are concurrently filing a copy of the Agreement as Exhibit 1040, along with a request to treat it as confidential business information pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 327(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). The Agreement is being filed as “Parties and Board Only.”

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b), there are no other collateral agreements or understandings, oral or written, between the parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the present proceeding, and Ex. 1040 represents a true and accurate copy of the agreement between the Parties that resolves the present proceeding.

II. Termination is Appropriate

The Board “may terminate a trial without rendering a final written decision, where appropriate.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. Further, the rules governing PGR proceedings “shall be construed to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of every proceeding.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.1(b). Termination is appropriate as the Board has not yet “decided the merits of the proceeding.” Consolidated Trial Practice Guide, 86; *see also, e.g., Western Digital Techs., Inc. v. Ocean Semiconductor LLC*, IPR2021-00864, Paper 39 at 3 (PTAB Oct. 6, 2022) (finding “good cause exists to terminate the proceedings” where oral argument was 5 days away when permission to file termination papers was first sought).

Termination further promotes the Congressional goal of establishing a more efficient patent system by limiting unnecessary and counterproductive costs. *See* Changes to Implement Inter Partes Review Proceedings, Post-Grant Review Proceedings, and Transitional Program for Covered Business Method Patents, 77 Fed. Reg. 48,680 (Aug. 14, 2012). Permitting termination as to all parties provides certainty and fosters an environment that promotes resolutions, creating a timely, cost-effective alternative to litigation.

As noted above, the Parties have reached an Agreement that fully resolves their dispute concerning the '243 Patent, including the district court litigation and requesting termination of this post grant review. The Board will conserve resources if it terminates this post grant review now because termination will obviate the need for further proceedings such as further briefing, depositions, and a hearing. Accordingly, under 35 U.S.C. § 327(a), the Parties respectfully submit that the proceeding should be terminated upon this joint request.

Respectfully submitted,

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