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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

AKER MARINE AS
Petitioner

v.

NEPTUNE TECHNOLOGIES AND BIORESOURCES, INC. Patent Owner

Case IPR2014-00003 Patent 8,278,351 B2

Before LORA M. GREEN, JACQUELINE WRIGHT BONILLA, and SHERIDAN K. SNEDDEN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

GREEN, Administrative Patent Judge.

ORDER
Motion to Limit Petition
37 C.F.R. § 42.71



On January 30, 2014, the parties filed a motion (Paper 18) to limit the claims challenged in this proceeding, pursuant to a settlement agreement. *Id.* at 2. The Petition presents challenges as to claims 1-94 of the '351 patent (Paper 6 at 3), and the motion limits the challenged claims to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 35, 36, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46, removing claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 14–18, 30, 31, 33, 34, 37–41, and 47–94 from the proceeding (Paper 18 at 2).

As noted by the parties in the motion, this proceeding is still in its preliminary stages, and a decision has not been made yet whether to institute trial. *Id.* at 4. In addition, limiting the proceeding facilitates the Board's goal of resolving these *inter partes* reviews in a just, speedy and inexpensive manner. 37 C.F.R. § 42.1(b).

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED, that the parties Motion to Limit is GRANTED; and FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petition in this proceeding is limited to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 35, 36, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46.



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