

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC., TOYOTA MOTOR NORTH  
AMERICA, INC., NISSAN NORTH AMERICA INC., LLC, FORD MOTOR  
COMPANY, JAGUAR LAND ROVER NORTH AMERICA LLC, SUBARU OF  
AMERICA, INC., and VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA LLC,  
Petitioner,

v.

CRUISE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2014-00289  
Patent 6,324,463

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Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, HYUN J. JUNG, and GEORGE R. HOSKINS,  
*Administrative Patent Judges.*

COCKS, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

ORDER

*Conduct of the Proceeding*  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.5*

### *1. Introduction*

A conference call was held on November 12, 2014 concerning IPR2014-00289 between Judges Cocks, Jung, and Hoskins and counsel for the respective parties. Also present on the call was counsel representing Petitioners in four separate related *inter partes* review proceedings: IPR2014-00279; IPR2014-00280; IPR2014-00281; and IPR2014-00291. The respective Petitioners for those proceedings are as follows:

IPR2014-00279 – Subaru of America, Inc. et al. (“Subaru”);

IPR2014-00280 – Toyota Motor North America, Inc. et al. (“Toyota”);

IPR2014-00281 – Ford Motor Co. et al. (“Ford”); and

IPR2014-00291 – Nissan North America, Inc. et al. (“Nissan”).

Patent Owner and Petitioner entity American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (“Honda”) requested the conference call seeking authorization to file a joint motion to terminate Honda’s participation in the five related proceedings referenced above.

### *2. Discussion*

During the call, counsel for Patent Owner explained that Petitioner entity Honda and Patent Owner had settled their dispute involving U.S. Patent 6,324,463, and no party on the call expressed any opposition to the request for authorization to file a joint motion to terminate Honda’s participation in the following proceedings: IPR2014-00279; IPR2014-00280; IPR2014-00281; IPR2014-00289; IPR2014-00291. We authorized the motion.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.74, “[a]ny agreement or understanding between the parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of a proceeding shall be made in writing and a true copy shall be filed with the Board

before termination of the trial.” A party to the settlement may also request that the settlement be treated as business confidential information. The panel explained that the parties may file any settlement agreement as an exhibit, which may be designated as “Parties and Board Only” or “Board Only” in the Board’s electronic Patent Review Processing System (“PRPS”).

During the call, counsel Matthew Satchwell indicated that, with respect to IPR2014-00289, he is currently designated as co-counsel, but would like to be designated as lead counsel in that proceeding. The panel expressed that Mr. Satchwell may do so by updating PRPS. Counsel should also file updated Mandatory Notices that reflect the change in counsel information for any involved proceeding.

### *3. Order*

It is

ORDERED that Patent Owner and Petitioner entity Honda are authorized to file a joint motion to terminate Honda’s participation in IPR2014-00289; and

FURTHER ORDERED that a true copy of any associated settlement agreement must be filed with the Board.

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