

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.
and TSMC NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION,
Petitioner,

v.

ZOND, LLC,
Patent Owner

Cases IPR2014-00800,
IPR2014-00802, IPR2014-00805
Patent 7,811,421 B2¹

Before KEVIN F. TURNER, DEBRA K. STEPHENS, JONI Y. CHANG,
SUSAN L. C. MITCHELL, and JENNIFER M. MEYER,
Administrative Patent Judges.

STEPHENS, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

DECISION
Motion for Joinder
37 C.F.R. § 42.122

¹ This Decision addresses similar issues in the above-identified cases. For efficiency, we issue one Decision to be entered in all three cases. The parties may not use this style of filing in subsequent papers, without prior authorization.

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Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, LTD. and TSMC North America Corporation (collectively, “TSMC”) filed a Petition in each of the above-identified *inter partes* reviews challenging U.S. Patent No. 7,811,421 B2 (Ex. 1001,² “the ’421 patent”) owned by Zond, LLC (“Zond”). Paper 1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(b), TSMC also filed Motions for Joinder, seeking to join its proceedings with proceedings filed by Intel Corporation (“Intel”)—specifically, joining IPR2014-00800 with IPR2014-00468, IPR2014-00802 with IPR2014-00470, and IPR2014-00805 with IPR2014-00473. IPR2014-00800, Paper 6; IPR2014-00802, Paper 6; IPR2014-00805, Paper 6.

On September 12, 2014, however, Intel and Zond filed a Joint Motion to Terminate and a true copy of their Written Settlement Agreement, made in connection with the termination, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b), in each of Intel’s Proceedings that involved the ’421 patent. *See* IPR2014-00468, Paper 14, Ex. 1023; IPR2014-00470, Paper 13; IPR2014-00473, Paper 13. Upon consideration, we terminated those Intel Proceedings and entered Judgment in each Intel Proceeding. *See* IPR2014-00468, Paper 15; IPR2014-00470, Paper 14; IPR2014-00473, Paper 14.

The termination of Intel’s Proceedings renders TSMC’s Motions for Joinder moot. Although we authorized, in our previous Order, TSMC to file

² All citations are to IPR2014-00800 unless otherwise noted.

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a revised Motion for Joinder, TSMC did not file such a Motion within the time period set forth in the Order.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motions for Joinder filed in the above-identified TSMC Proceedings are *dismissed as moot*.

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