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Entered: April 27, 2015

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APPLE INC., Petitioner,

v.

MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2014-01034

Patent 5,894,506

Before MIRIAM L. QUINN, MEREDITH C. PETRAVICK, and SCOTT A. DANIELS, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

 ${\bf QUINN}, Administrative\ Patent\ Judge.$

JUDGMENT Termination of Proceeding 37 C.F.R. § 42.72



On April 22, 2015, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate the instant proceedings pursuant to a settlement agreement. IPR2014-01034, Paper 13. The parties also filed a true copy of their written settlement agreement, made in connection with the termination of the instant proceeding, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b). Exhibit 2006. Additionally, the parties submitted a joint request to have their settlement agreement treated as confidential business information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). Paper 14.

The instant proceeding is in its early trial stage, before the due date for patent owner's response. The motion is unclear as to whether Petitioner will not participate further in the proceeding regardless of whether the panel grants the motion to terminate. Nevertheless, we are persuaded that termination as to Petitioner is proper as we have not decided the merits of the proceeding.

Patent Owner filed separately, as Exhibit 2007, additional and lengthy arguments as to why it would be appropriate for the panel to terminate the proceeding as to Patent Owner. Those arguments should have been presented in the body of the motion, not as an attachment to the motion, as the arguments form part of the full statement of the reasons for the relief requested in a motion to terminate. *See* 37 C.F.R. §42.22(a)(2). Therefore, the arguments will not be considered.

Upon consideration of the request before us, giving strong preference for settlements early in the proceeding and that no further disputes with Petitioner remain, terminating the instant proceedings with regard to both Petitioner and Patent Owner promotes efficiency and minimizes unnecessary



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costs. Based on the posture of this case, it is appropriate to enter judgment. See 35 U.S.C. § 317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate IPR2014-01034 is granted;

FURTHER ORDERED that the instant proceeding is hereby *terminated* as to the parties: Petitioner and Patent Owner; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' joint request that the settlement and agreement be treated as business confidential information kept separate from the patent file, and made available only as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), is *granted*.

¹ A *judgment* means a final written decision by the Board, or a *termination* of a proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 42.2.



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