

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD  
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FORD MOTOR COMPANY,  
Petitioner,

v.

INNOVATIVE DISPLAY TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2015-01540  
Patent 6,886,956 B2

Before LORA M. GREEN, THOMAS L. GIANNETTI, and  
MIRIAM L. QUINN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

QUINN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

On authorization from the Board, Petitioner filed, on October 28, 2015, a Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review. Paper 8. Petitioner also filed a written settlement agreement, made in connection with the termination of the instant proceedings, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b). Exhibit 1015. 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 9. The filings convey that the parties have settled their dispute, that Petitioner will no longer participate in the proceeding, even if the proceeding is not terminated, and that there are no collateral agreements or understandings made in connection with the termination. Paper 8, 2. The parties also state that they “do not foresee any further litigation among them relating to the Subject Patent.” *Id.*

The instant proceeding is in the preliminary stage. The Board has not determined whether trial will be instituted in Petitioner’s requests for *inter partes* review of US Patent No. 6,886,956. Upon consideration of the requests before us, we determine that terminating the instant proceeding with respect to both Petitioner and Patent Owner, at this early juncture, promotes efficiency and minimizes unnecessary costs. Based on the facts of this case, it is appropriate to enter judgment.<sup>1</sup> *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate IPR2015-01540 is  
*granted*;

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<sup>1</sup> 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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FURTHER ORDERED that the instant proceeding is hereby *terminated* as to all parties, including Petitioner and Patent Owner; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' joint request that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information, kept separate from the patent file, and made available only to Federal Government agencies on written request, or to any person on a showing of good cause, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), is *granted*.

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