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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MYLAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC. and MYLAN LABORATORIES LIMITED, Petitioner,

v.

BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. and BAXTER HEALTHCARE S.A., Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00217 (Patent 6,310,094 B1) Case IPR2016-00218 (Patent 6,528,540 B2)¹

Before KRISTINA M. KALAN, JON B. TORNQUIST, and TINA E. HULSE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HULSE, Administrative Patent Judge.

TERMINATION
Dismissing the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5(a), 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(a)

¹ This decision addresses issues that are common to each of the above-referenced cases. We, therefore, issue a single decision that has been entered in each case.



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On April 25, 2016, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate the proceeding in each of the above-referenced cases pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a). Paper 8.² The parties also filed a copy of a settlement agreement (Exhibit 1026) along with a joint request to file the settlement agreement as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) (Paper 9).

Generally, the Board expects that a proceeding will terminate after the filing of a settlement agreement. *See*, *e.g.*, Office Patent Trial Practice Guide, 77 Fed. Reg. 48756, 48768 (Aug. 14, 2012). This case is in the preliminary proceeding stage, which begins with the filing of a petition and ends with a written decision as to whether trial will be instituted. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.2. Based on the facts of this case, we determine that it is appropriate to dismiss the case without rendering a decision as to whether a trial will be instituted. Therefore, the joint motion to terminate the case is GRANTED.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the parties' request that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information, to be kept separate from the patent file, is GRANTED;

FURTHER ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate the case is GRANTED;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for *inter partes* review is DISMISSED.

² Paper numbers and exhibits refer to those filed in IPR2016-00217. Similar papers and exhibits were filed in IPR2016-00218.



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