

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION, HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY LTD., HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA, HYUNDAI MOTOR MANUFACTURING ALABAMA, LLC, KIA MOTORS CORPORATION, KIA MOTORS AMERICA, INC., KIA MOTORS MANUFACTURING GEORGIA, INC., NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC., NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD., and AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

BLITZSAFE TEXAS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00418¹
Patent 8,155,342 B2

Before JAMESON LEE, MIRIAM L. QUINN, and KERRY BEGLEY,
Administrative Patent Judges.

BEGLEY, Administrative Patent Judge.

ORDER
Order Regarding Oral Argument
37 C.F.R. § 42.5(a)

¹ Cases IPR2016-01533, IPR2016-01557, and IPR2016-01560 have been joined with this proceeding.

On January 31, 2017, the Board received an email from counsel for Petitioners Hyundai Motor Co. Ltd., Hyundai Motor America, Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC, Kia Motors Corp., Kia Motors America, Inc., and Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc. (collectively, “the Hyundai and Kia Petitioners”) indicating that they have agreed to settle their dispute with Patent Owner. Ex. 3003. The Hyundai and Kia Petitioners further inquired whether their counsel is required to attend the oral hearing on February 2, 2017. *Id.*

We authorized, via email, the filing of motions related to the settlement, including a motion for the Hyundai and Kia Petitioners to withdraw as Petitioner in this proceeding. *Id.* Given the upcoming oral argument and the impending settlement of the Hyundai and Kia Petitioners, we hereby order as follows:

ORDERED that the Hyundai and Kia Petitioners have the option, but are not required, to attend the oral argument; and

FURTHER ORDERED that should the Hyundai and Kia Petitioners choose to attend the oral argument, their back-up counsel may attend in lieu of lead counsel.

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