

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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APPLE INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

LIMESTONE MEMORY SYSTEMS LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2016-01561  
Patent 6,233,181 B1

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Before BARBARA A. PARVIS, ROBERT J. WEINSCHENK, and  
CHRISTA P. ZADO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION  
Termination of the Proceeding  
*37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72 and 42.74*

## I. INTRODUCTION

The parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review. Paper 17 (“Motion” or “Mot.”). The parties also filed what they indicate is a true copy of a Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”). Ex. 1021. The parties identify the Agreement as business confidential information and request that the Agreement be kept separate from the patent file. Paper 16 (“Joint Request”). For the reasons discussed below, the Motion and Joint Request are *granted*.

## II. ANALYSIS

No oral hearing has occurred in this proceeding, and we have not made a decision on the merits. The parties indicate that, pursuant to the Agreement, they have resolved their dispute regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,233,181 B1. Mot. 2. Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. We also determine that it is appropriate to treat the Agreement as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

## III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is terminated as to all parties; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to treat the Settlement Agreement (Ex. 1021) as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file is *granted*.

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