

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

APOTEX INC., APOTEX CORP., ARGENTUM PHARMACEUTICALS LLC,
ACTAVIS ELIZABETH LLC, TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC., SUN
PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD., SUN PHARMACEUTICAL
INDUSTRIES, INC., and SUN PHARMA GLOBAL FZE,
Petitioners,

v.

NOVARTIS A.G.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2017-00854¹
Patent No. 9,187,405

PETITIONERS' MOTION TO SEAL

¹ Cases IPR2017-01550, IPR2017-01946, and IPR2017-01929 have been joined
with this proceeding.

I. STATEMENT OF PRECISE RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.14, Petitioner respectfully lodges Petitioners' Motion to Exclude under seal because portions of the Motion discuss portions of documents that Novartis has designated confidential subject to the Stipulated Protective Order (Exhibit 2074). Petitioner has not presently filed a redacted version of its Motion, but intends to do so upon confirmation from Novartis that portions may be filed publicly or an order from the Board permitting the public filing.

II. GOOD CAUSE MUST EXIST FOR SEALING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The record of a proceeding is open and available for access by the public. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.14. The Board must find "good cause" to seal documents. *Garmin v. Cuozzo*, IPR2012-00001, Paper 36 at 3 (PTAB April 5, 2013). "The rules aim to strike a balance between the public's interest in maintaining a complete and understandable file history and the parties' interest in protecting truly sensitive information." *The Office Patent Trial Practice Guide*, 77 Fed. Reg. 48756, 48760 (Aug. 14, 2012).

The public's interest in having access to a party's confidential business or clinical research information that is only indirectly related to patent validity is "minimal." *Garmin* at 8-9 (granting the patent owner's motion to seal an

agreement relating to the “commercializ[ation]” of the patent-at-issue). Here, Petitioner lodges its Motion to Exclude Evidence under seal to comply with the Stipulated Protective Order in this Proceeding. Exhibit 2074 at 8 (“Information designated as confidential that is disclosed to another party during discovery or other proceedings before the Board shall be clearly marked as ‘PROTECTIVE ORDER MATERIAL’ and shall be produced in a manner that maintains its confidentiality”).

III. CERTIFICATION OF CONFERENCE WITH OPPOSING PARTY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §42.54

Counsel for Petitioner has previously conferred with Patent Owner regarding its designation of material in EX1042, EX2022, EX2024, EX2025, EX2057; and EX2063-EX2066 as confidential. Petitioner understands that Patent Owner may file a paper supporting sealing of portions of Petitioner’s Motion to Exclude in accordance with the Board’s rules.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons provided above, Petitioner requests that the Board permit Petitioner to lodge its Motion to Exclude Evidence under seal

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 17, 2018

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petitioners' Motion to Seal, on this 17th day of April, 2018, on the Patent Owner at the correspondence address of the Patent Owner as follows:

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