

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD. and
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

IMAGE PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES LLC,
Patent Owner.

Cases IPR2017-01212 and IPR2017-01217 (Patent 8,989,445 B2),
IPR2017-01228 (Patent 8,805,001 B2), and
IPR2017-01231 (Patent 7,650,015 B2)¹

Before JONI Y. CHANG, MIRIAM L. QUINN, and
SHEILA F. McSHANE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

CHANG, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Granting Parties' Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.72

¹ This Decision addresses issues that are identical in these cases. Therefore, we exercise our discretion to issue one decision to be filed in each case.

IPR2017-01212 and IPR2017-01217 (Patent 8,989,445 B2)
IPR2017-01228 (Patent 8,805,001 B2)
IPR2017-01231 (Patent 7,650,015 B2)

I. DISCUSSION

On July 20, 2017, in each of the above-identified proceedings, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate the proceeding (Paper 7²), a true copy of the parties' settlement agreement (Ex. 2001), and a request to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 8).

Each proceeding is still in its preliminary stage. Patent Owner, Image Processing Technologies LLC, has not filed a preliminary response to the Petition, nor have we decided to institute a trial.

In the Joint Motions to Terminate, the parties indicate that they have settled their dispute regarding the involved patents. Paper 7, 1–2. According to the parties, terminating the proceedings at this early juncture would promote efficiency, preserve Board resources, and minimize unnecessary costs. *Id.* We agree with the parties in this regard. Consequently, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate the proceedings without rendering any further decisions. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the parties' requests to treat the settlement agreements (Ex. 2001) as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) are GRANTED; and

² All citations are to IPR2017-01212, as representative, unless otherwise noted.

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FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Motions to Terminate the above-identified proceedings are GRANTED, and the proceedings are hereby terminated.

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