

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE COMPANY,
Petitioner,

v.

CHRIMAR SYSTEMS, INC.
Patent Owner.

U.S. Patent No. 8,155,012

Case No.: IPR2019-00032

**PATENT OWNER'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO PETITION
FOR *INTER PARTES* REVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.107**

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2001	Petitioner's Complaint challenging the validity of '012 patent claims
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2003	Notice of Voluntary Dismissal

I. Introduction

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.107, Patent Owner, Chrimar Systems, Inc. (“Chrimar”), submits the following Preliminary Response (“Preliminary Response”) to the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 8,155,012 B2 (“the ‘012 Patent”).

Patent Owner respectfully asks the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“the Board”) deny the Petition on every ground alleged by the Petitioner.

II. The Statute, 35 U.S.C. § 315(a)(1), Bars Petitioner’s IPR Request

Per 35 U.S.C. § 315(a)(1): “An inter partes review may not be instituted if, before the date on which the petition for such a review is filed, the petitioner or real party in interest filed a civil action challenging the validity of a claim of the patent.” In the present proceeding, the Petitioner filed a civil action challenging the validity of a claim of the ‘012 Patent in 2014, long before the date (August 3, 2018) on which it filed the petition for review. (Ex. 2001, ¶¶ 7, 9, 76-81.) As a matter of law, therefore, “inter partes review may not be instituted.” 35 U.S.C. § 315(a)(1).

Petitioner contends that § 315(a)(1) does not apply, despite its plain language, because Petitioner “voluntarily dismissed [its DJ actions] without prejudice.” (Pet. at 9.) But, as the Federal Circuit has made clear in two recent cases, voluntary dismissal of a civil action does not toll a § 315 bar date. *Bennett*

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