

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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LG ELECTRONICS, INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

BELL NORTHERN RESEARCH, LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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IPR2020-00108  
Patent 8,416,862 B2

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Before BRYAN F. MOORE, MELISSA A. HAAPALA, and  
STACY B. MARGOLIES, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

MARGOLIES, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

TERMINATION  
Due to Settlement After Institution of Trial  
*35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74*

Pursuant to our authorization, on July 16, 2020, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate the above-captioned proceeding. Paper 19. Along with the motion, the parties filed a settlement agreement (Exhibit 2026) and a Joint Request to Keep Separate (Paper 20), in which the parties request the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

The parties state that they have settled their dispute regarding the challenged patent, the settlement agreement has been made in writing, and a true and correct copy of the agreement is filed as Exhibit 2026. Paper 19, 1, 3. The parties further state that the district court has dismissed the claims relating to the challenged patent. *Id.* at 2. The parties also assert that there are no public interest or other factors that weigh against termination of this proceeding. *Id.* at 1–2.

We instituted trial on May 20, 2020. Paper 14. This proceeding is in its early stages and we have not yet decided the merits. Under the circumstances, we determine it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(a). We further determine it is appropriate to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information, and therefore, grant the request. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

It is

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding is GRANTED and the proceeding is hereby terminated; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request that the settlement agreement (Exhibit 2026) be treated as business confidential information pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) is GRANTED.

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