

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

LG ELECTRONICS, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

BELL NORTHERN RESEARCH, LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2020-00319
Patent 7,039,435 B2

Before BRYAN F. MOORE, STACY B. MARGOLIES, and SCOTT E. BAIN,
Administrative Patent Judges.

MOORE, *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 17. Along with the motion, the parties filed a settlement agreement (Exhibit 2021) and a Joint Request to Keep Separate (Paper 18), 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 2021. Paper 17, 1–2. 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 June 23, 2020. Paper 15. 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 2021) 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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