

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HP INC., MICROSOFT CORPORATION, DELL INC., DELL PRODUCTS LP,
LENOVO (UNITED STATES) INC, AND MOTOROLA MOBILITY LLC.
Petitioners,

v.

NEODRON LTD.,
Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2020-00459
U.S. Patent No. 8,946,574

JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE *INTER PARTES* REVIEW

Patent Owner Neodron Ltd. and Petitioners HP Inc., Microsoft Corporation, Dell Inc., Dell Products LP, (collectively “Dell”), Lenovo (United States) Inc., and Motorola Mobility LLC have reached a settlement. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72 and 42.74, the parties jointly request termination of the *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 8,946,574 (“Patent-in-Suit”), Case IPR2020-00459. The parties were authorized to file this Joint Motion by the Board (via email) on February 1, 2021.

As required under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b), true copies of the settlement agreements (Patent License Agreements) that resolve the disputes in the above-captioned *inter partes* review relating to the Patent-in-Suit are filed herewith as confidential exhibits. There are no other collateral agreements between the parties made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination sought.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), Neodron and HP, Neodron and Microsoft, Neodron and Dell, Neodron and Lenovo, and Neodron and Motorola are concurrently filing Joint Requests to Keep Separate, which ask the Board to treat the settlement agreements as business confidential information, and to keep them separate from the files of this proceeding and the files of the Patent-in-Suit.

I. Statement of Precise Relief Requested

The parties jointly request that the Board terminate the *inter partes* review of

the Patent-in-Suit, Case IPR2020-00459, in its entirety.

II. Reasons Why Termination Is Appropriate

Termination of this proceeding with respect to all parties is proper. This *inter partes* review is still in an early stage. This Petition was filed on February 14, 2020.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 317(a), “[a]n *inter partes* review instituted under this chapter shall be terminated with respect to any petitioner upon the joint request of the petitioner and the patent owner, unless the Office has decided the merits of the proceeding before the request for termination is filed.” Because all parties request termination and the Board has not yet decided the merits of the proceeding, the Board should terminate the proceeding with respect to HP, Microsoft, Dell, Lenovo, and Motorola.

When there are no petitioners remaining in an *inter partes* review, the Board may terminate the proceeding entirely. 35 U.S.C. § 317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. HP, Microsoft, Dell, Lenovo, and Motorola are the only petitioners in this *inter partes* review. All parties support termination of this proceeding. With no petitioners remaining in the proceeding and no final written decision on the merits, termination of this proceeding entirely is appropriate.

The lawsuits between Neodron and HP, Neodron and Microsoft, Neodron and Dell, Neodron and Lenovo, and Neodron and Motorola, involving the Patent-in-Suit are in the process of being dismissed concurrently with this *inter partes* review. The

parties do not contemplate any litigation or proceeding involving the Patent-in-Suit in the foreseeable future.

III. No Future Participation by Petitioners

HP, Microsoft, Dell, Lenovo, and Motorola will not be participating further in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

The parties have settled all disputes relating to the Patent-in-Suit. This *inter partes* review is in an early stage, and the Board has not entered a final written decision on the merits in this proceeding. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request the Board to terminate this proceeding in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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