

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CROWDSTRIKE, INC.,
Petitioner

v.

TAASERA LICENSING LLC,
Patent Owner

Inter Partes Review Case No. IPR2023-01464
U.S. Patent No. 8,327,441

**MOTION FOR JOINDER UNDER
35 U.S.C. § 325(c) AND 37 C.F.R. § 42.222(b)
TO RELATED *INTER PARTES* REVIEW IPR2023-00801**

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I. STATEMENT OF THE PRECISE RELIEF REQUESTED

CrowdStrike, Inc. (“Petitioner”) respectfully submits this Motion for Joinder, together with a Petition for Inter Partes Review of U.S. Patent No. 8,327,441 (“the CrowdStrike Petition”) filed contemporaneously herewith. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 315(c) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(b), Petitioner requests institution of an *inter partes* review and joinder with the inter partes review in *Trend Micro, Inc. v. Taasera Licensing LLC*, IPR2023-00801 (“the Trend Micro IPR”), after the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (the “Board”) institutes the Trend Micro IPR. Petitioner’s request for joinder is timely under 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.22 and 42.122(b), having been submitted prior to institution of the Trend Micro IPR. The CrowdStrike Petition is also narrowly tailored to the same claims, prior art, and grounds for unpatentability that are the subject of the Trend Micro IPR. In addition, Petitioner is willing to streamline discovery and briefing.

Petitioner submits that joinder is appropriate because it will not unduly burden or prejudice the parties to the Trend Micro IPR while efficiently resolving the question of the ’441 Patent’s validity in a single proceeding.

II. STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS

1. On April 6, 2023, Trend Micro, Inc. filed a petition for *inter partes* review (IPR2023-00801) requesting cancellation of claims 1-7 and 9 of the ’441 Patent.

III. STATEMENT OF THE PRECISE RELIEF REQUESTED

A. Legal Standard

The Board has the authority under 35 U.S.C. § 315(c) to join a properly filed inter partes review petition to an instituted inter partes review proceeding. See 35 U.S.C. § 315(c). A motion for joinder must be filed within one month of the Board instituting an original inter partes review. 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(b). In deciding whether to exercise its discretion and permit joinder, the Board considers factors, including: (1) the reasons why joinder is appropriate; (2) whether the new petition presents any new grounds of unpatentability; (3) what impact, if any, joinder would have on the trial schedule for the existing review; and (4) how briefing and discovery may be simplified. *Kyocera Corporation v. Softview LLC*, IPR2013-00004, Paper 15 at 4 (April 24, 2013).

B. Petitioner's Motion for Joinder is Timely

This Motion for Joinder is timely because it is filed before any institution decision of the Micro Trend IPR. 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(b). Further, although the one-year bar set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 42.101(b) does not apply to the CrowdStrike Petition, CrowdStrike's one-year statutory deadline has not yet passed. 37 C.F.R. § 42.122(b).

C. Each Factor Weighs in Favor of Joinder

Each of the four factors considered by the Board weighs in favor of joinder here. Specifically, the CrowdStrike Petition does not present any new grounds of

unpatentability; rather it is substantively identical to the Micro Trend Petition. Further, joinder will have minimal, if any, impact on the trial schedule, as all issues are substantively identical and Petitioner will accept an “understudy” role. *See* IPR2015-01353, Decision Instituting IPR Review, Motion for Joinder, paper 11 at 6; (granting IPR where petitioners requested an “understudy” role); *see also* IPR2015-01353, Motion for Joinder, paper 4 at 5-7. Lastly, the briefing and discovery will be simplified by resolving all issues in a single proceeding.

Accordingly, joinder is appropriate. *See* IPR2015-01353, Decision Instituting IPR Review, Motion for Joinder, paper 11 at 5-6 (granting institution of IPR and motion for joinder where petitioners relied “on the same prior art, same arguments, and same evidence, including the same expert and a substantively identical declaration.”); *see also* IPR2015-01353, Motion for Joinder, paper 4 at 4-5.

1. Joinder is Appropriate

Joinder with the Micro Trend IPR is appropriate because the CrowdStrike Petition involves the same patent, challenges the same claims, relies on the same expert declaration, and is based on the same grounds and combinations of prior art submitted in the Trend Micro Petition. *Id.* The CrowdStrike Petition is substantively identical to the Trend Micro Petition, containing only minor differences related to formalities of a different party filing the petition. There are no changes to the facts, citations, evidence, or arguments presented in the Trend Micro Petition. Because

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