

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

UNIFIED PATENTS, LLC,
Petitioner,

v.

TORCHLIGHT TECHNOLOGIES LLC,
Patent Owner.

IPR2022-01500
Patent 11,208,029 B2

Before JON M. JURGOVAN, JASON W. MELVIN, and
AARON W. MOORE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

MELVIN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

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

I. INTRODUCTION

On August 15, 2023, with the Board's authorization, Petitioner and Patent Owner (collectively "the Parties") filed a Joint Motion to Dismiss and Terminate this Proceeding. Paper 25 ("Joint Motion").

II. DISCUSSION

In the Joint Motion, the Parties represent that Petitioner "seeks to reallocate its budgets and resources," and "[n]either party wishes to spend additional resources on this proceeding." Joint Motion 3. The Parties also represent that they "have no other dispute, and dismissal will resolve matters." *Id.* at 2. "The parties further confirm that, beyond their joint agreement to file this motion, there are no other agreements between them, written or otherwise." *Id.* at 4.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 317(a), an *inter partes* review "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." In view of the early stage of the trial in this proceeding, and given we have not yet decided the merits, we determine that good cause exists to dismiss the petition and terminate this proceeding with respect to the Parties.

This Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

III. ORDER

Accordingly, for the reasons discussed above, it is:

ORDERED that the Joint Motion is *granted*, and the petition in IPR2022-01500 is dismissed and this proceeding is *terminated*.

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