

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.,
SOUTHSIDE BANK, TEXAS CAPITAL BANK, N.A.,
TEXAS CAPITAL BANCSHARES, INC., and
ZB, N.A. DBA AMEGY BANK,
Petitioner,

v.

ST. ISIDORE RESEARCH, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case CBM2016-00027
Patent 8,589,271 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER, THOMAS L. GIANNETTI, and
JENNIFER S. BISK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ZECHER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

JUDGMENT
Termination of Trial
35 U.S.C. § 327 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.72

I. DISCUSSION

On October 28, 2016, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding (Paper 30), a true copy of the settlement agreement between Petitioner entities, Southside Bancshares, Inc., Southside Bank, Texas Capital Bank, N.A., and Texas Capital Bancshares, Inc., and St. Isidore Research, LLC (“Patent Owner”) (Ex. 2008), and a request to treat the settlement agreements as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 327(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 31). On October 31, 2016, the parties filed a true copy of the settlement agreement between Petitioner entity, ZB, N.A. dba Amegy Bank, and Patent Owner. Ex. 2009.

The trial is still in its preliminary stages. On August 1, 2016, we entered a decision instituting an *inter partes* review only as to claims 1–6, 8–10, 13–24, 26–28, and 31–36 of U.S. Patent No. 8,589,271 B2 (Ex. 1003, “the ’271 patent”) on the basis that these claims are more likely than not directed to patent-ineligible subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Paper 28. Although we instituted a trial, Patent Owner has not filed a response to the Petition, nor has Petitioner filed a reply.

In the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding, the parties indicate that they have settled all their disputes regarding the ’271 patent. Paper 30, 3–4. The parties represent that the settlement encompasses the co-pending district court cases where the ’271 patent has been asserted against the Petitioner entities, as well as each of the following related Board proceedings: (1) Case CBM2016-00026; (2) Case IPR2016-01586; and (3) IPR2016-01587. *Id.* Consequently, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate the trial without rendering any further decisions. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the parties' request to treat the settlement agreements (Exs. 2008, 2009) as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 327(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) is GRANTED; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding is GRANTED, and this proceeding is hereby terminated.

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