

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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UNIFIED PATENTS, INC.  
Petitioner

v.

PARALLEL IRON, LLC  
Patent Owner

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Case IPR2013-00639  
Patent 7,197,662 B2

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Before MEREDITH C. PETRAVICK, BRYAN F. MOORE, and  
JENNIFER S. BISK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

PETRAVICK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

JUDGMENT  
Termination of Proceeding  
*37 C.F.R. § 42.73*

## INTRODUCTION

On January 29, 2014, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate the instant proceeding (Paper 12), along with, a true copy of their written settlement agreement, made in connection with the termination of the instant proceeding (Ex. 2006). The parties also filed a joint request to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information. Paper 13. For the reasons set forth below, the motion and request is granted.

## DISSCUSION

The parties settled their dispute and, jointly, moved to terminate this proceeding, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74. Paper 12 at 2. The parties filed a true copy of their written settlement agreement, made in connection with the termination of the instant proceeding. Ex. 2006. The parties have stated that there is no litigation concerning Patent No. 7,197,662 B2 between the parties and have not identified any other related proceeding concerning Patent No. 7,197,662 B2 between the parties. Paper 12 at 2-3. This proceeding is in the preliminary proceeding stage<sup>1</sup>, as the Board has not issued a decision whether to institute trial. Under these circumstances, it is appropriate to enter judgment.<sup>2</sup>

## CONCLUSION

It is:

ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate the proceeding is granted, and this proceeding is, hereby, terminated; and

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<sup>1</sup> A preliminary proceeding begins with the filing of a petition for instituting a trial and ends with a written decision as to whether a trial will be instituted. 37 C.F.R. § 42.2.

<sup>2</sup> A judgment means a final written decision by the Board, or a termination of a proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 42.2.

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FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' joint request that the settlement agreement be treated as business confidential information and kept separate from the file of the involved patent under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) is granted.

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