

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

VEDANTI SYSTEMS LIMITED,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00212¹
Patent 7,974,339 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER, JUSTIN T. ARBES, and
JOHN A. HUDALLA, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HUDALLA, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5(a)

¹ Case IPR2016-00215 has been consolidated with this proceeding.

We entered an Order on December 7, 2016, that permitted Patent Owner to file a Sur-Reply to Petitioner’s recently filed Reply. Paper 26. The Order also specified that “no new evidence or testimony of any kind shall be introduced or filed with Patent Owner’s Sur-Reply.” *Id.* at 3. When Patent Owner filed its Sur-Reply (Paper 27), however, it additionally filed four new exhibits. *See Exs. 2021–2024.* These new exhibits are not referenced in the Sur-Reply other than in the Exhibit List.

“The Board may expunge any paper . . . that is filed contrary to a Board order.” 37 C.F.R. § 42.7(a). In this case, Patent Owner’s filing of four new exhibits with its Sur-Reply contravenes our Order entered on December 7, 2016. Accordingly, these new exhibits shall be expunged. In addition, Patent Owner is cautioned that sanctions may be imposed for any further failure to comply with our orders in this proceeding. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.12(a)(1).

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.7(a), Patent Owner’s Exhibits 2021–2024 are *expunged*.

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