

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ZTE USA, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SAINT LAWRENCE COMMUNICATIONS LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-00704
Patent 7,151,802 B1

Before ROBERT J. WEINSCHENK, SCOTT C. MOORE and
MICHELLE N. ANKENBRAND, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WEINSCHENK, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Termination of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. §§ 42.72 and 42.74

I. INTRODUCTION

The parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding. Paper 22 (“Motion” or “Mot.”). The parties also filed what they indicate are true copies of three Patent License Agreements (“Agreements”). Ex. 1042; Ex. 1043; Ex. 1044. The parties identify the Agreements as business confidential information and request that the Agreements be kept separate from the patent file. Paper 23 (“Joint Request”). For the reasons discussed below, the Motion and Joint Request are *granted*.

II. ANALYSIS

No oral hearing has occurred in this proceeding, and we have not made a decision on the merits. The parties indicate that, pursuant to the Agreements, they have settled their patent disputes, including their dispute regarding U.S. Patent No. 7,151,802 B1. Mot. 2. The parties represent that “aside from the three agreements the parties are filing, there are no collateral agreements or understandings made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of this proceeding.” *Id.* at 1. Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72. We also determine that it is appropriate to treat the Agreements as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:
ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate Proceeding is *granted*;
FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is terminated as to all parties; and

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FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Request to treat the Patent License Agreements (Ex. 1042; Ex. 1043; Ex. 1044) as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file is *granted*.

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