

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

UNIFIED PATENTS INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

SENTEGRA, LLC,

Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01109
Patent 8,706,627 B2

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, MATTHEW R. CLEMENTS, and
KEVIN C. TROCK, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

TROCK, *Administrative Patent Judge*

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

Petitioner filed a petition for *inter partes* review in this case on May 27, 2016 (Paper 1). Patent Owner filed a preliminary response to the petition on September 5, 2016 (Paper 6). A decision instituting trial in this proceeding was entered on November 29, 2016 (Paper 7). This proceeding, however, is still in its early stages and an initial conference call with the Board to discuss the case has not yet been held.

On January 3, 2017, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate this proceeding (Paper 10, “Mot.”) accompanied by a copy of a settlement agreement (Exhibit 1015) and a joint motion to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information (Paper 11) to be kept separate from the patent file, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74.

Petitioner indicates that it is not a party to any related district court litigation. Mot. 4. The parties also indicate that the following related district court litigations have been dismissed: (1) *Sentegra, LLC v. Blackberry Limited et al.*, Case 14-cv-08389 (S.D.N.Y.); (2) *Sentegra, LLC v. Lenovo Group Limited et al.* Case 14-cv-09096 (S.D.N.Y.); (3) *Sentegra, LLC v. LG Electronics MobileComm USA, Inc. et al.*, Case 15-cv-01535 (S.D.N.Y.); (4) *Sentegra, LLC v. ASUS Computer International*, Case 15-cv- 03768 (S.D.N.Y.) (transferred as *Sentegra, LLC v. ASUS Computer International*, Case 16-cv-03136 (N.D. Cal.); and (5) *Sentegra, LLC v. Samsung Electronics America, Inc.*, Case 15-cv- 09266 (S.D.N.Y.), and that the following related cases remain pending: (6) *Sentegra, LLC v. BLU Products, Inc.*, Case 16-cv-00158 (D. Colo.); and (7) *Sentegra, LLC v. Azend Group Corp.*, 16-cv-00263 (D. Colo.). *Id.* at 4–5. The parties also indicate that there are no pending related *inter partes* review proceedings. *Id.* at 5.

Patent Owner indicates that it will continue to participate in this proceeding if the motion to terminate is not granted. *Id.* Petitioner indicates

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that it will no longer participate in these proceedings beyond responding to subpoenas for information or otherwise complying with orders issued by any court or governmental body. *Id.*

Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. Therefore, the joint motion to terminate the proceeding is GRANTED.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the joint motion to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file is GRANTED;

FURTHER ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate the proceeding is GRANTED; and

FURTHER ORDERED that this proceeding is TERMINATED.

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