UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD
TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON AND ERICSSON INC.
Petitioners,
v.
CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01484 Patent Number: 9,025,590

JOINT MOTION OF PETITIONER AND PATENT OWNER TO TERMINATE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. §42.74



STATEMENT OF PRECISE RELIEF REQUESTED

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317, 37 C.F.R. § 42.74, and the Board's authorization provided on January 3, 2017, Petitioner Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson and Ericsson Inc. (collectively, "Petitioner" or "Ericsson") and Patent Owner Cellular Communications Equipment LLC ("Patent Owner" or "CCE") (collectively the "Parties") jointly request dismissal of Inter Partes Review No. IPR2016-01484 pursuant to settlement. As there are no other petitioners in this proceeding and the proceeding is still at an early stage, the Parties respectfully submit that termination of this proceeding is appropriate.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Petitioner filed their petition in this proceeding for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 9,025,590 (the "'590 Patent") on July 25, 2016. No other petitions related to the '590 Patent are pending.

Patent Owner filed its Preliminary Response to the Petition on November 14, 2016. Petitioner and Patent Owner have reached a Settlement Agreement to end their disputes in this proceeding and the underlying litigation. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 CFR § 42.74(b), the agreement between the Parties is in writing, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties, and a copy of the Settlement Agreement is submitted herewith as Exhibit 2030.



The Parties jointly request that the Settlement Agreement filed as Exhibit 2030 be treated as business confidential information and kept separate from the underlying patent file, as provided in 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), to maintain confidentiality of the settlement agreement.

ARGUMENT

A joint motion to terminate generally "must (1) include a brief explanation as to why termination is appropriate; (2) identify all parties in any related litigation involving the patents at issue; (3) identify any related proceedings currently before the Office, and (4) discuss specifically the current status of each such related litigation or proceeding with respect to each party to the litigation or proceeding." *Heartland Tanning, Inc. v. Sunless, Inc.*, IPR2014-00018, Paper 26 at 2 (PTAB Jul. 28, 2014).

The Board should terminate this proceeding as the Parties jointly request, for the following reasons.

1. Brief Explanation as to Why Termination Is Appropriate

The Parties have met the statutory requirement that they file a "joint request" to terminate before the office "has decided the merits of the proceeding." 35 U.S.C. § 317(a). The proceeding is still at an early stage. Patent Owner filed its Preliminary Response on November 14, 2016, and no decision regarding



institution has been entered by the Board. No prior motions are pending in this proceeding except for a *pro hac vice* motion.

The Parties have reached a settlement as to the '590 Patent to end this dispute. A copy of the confidential Settlement Agreement pertaining to this case is filed concurrently herewith. *See* Ex. 2030. The Parties further jointly certify that there is no other agreement or understanding between them, including any other collateral agreements, made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the instant proceeding as set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 317(b).

The Parties respectfully submit that termination of this proceeding is appropriate because (a) this proceeding is at an early stage and no motions are outstanding; (b) the Parties have reached agreement to end their dispute concerning the '590 Patent; (c) the Parties have agreed to dismiss the related district court litigations with respect to the '590 Patent; (d) the Parties agree that this *Inter Partes* Review should be terminated; and (e) termination of this proceeding will preserve the Board's resources and obviate the need for any more Board involvement in this matter.

2. <u>Identity and Status of Parties in Related Litigation Involving the Patent</u>

The '590 Patent is in dispute in *Cellular Communications Equipment LLC v*.

AT&T Inc. et al., Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-00576 (E.D. Texas) (Consolidated Lead



Case); Cellular Communications Equipment LLC v. Sprint Corporation, et al.,
Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-00579 (E.D. Texas); Cellular Communications

Equipment LLC v. T-Mobile USA, Inc., et al., Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-00580

(E.D. Texas); and Cellular Communications Equipment LLC v. Verizon

Communications, Inc., et al., Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-00581 (E.D. Texas). These cases are still being litigated. There are no other current or contemplated pending litigation proceedings involving the '590 Patent.

3. <u>Identity and Status of Any Related Proceedings Before the Office</u>

No other proceedings related to the '590 Patent are pending before the Office.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Petitioner and Patent Owner respectfully request dismissal of this *Inter Partes* Review.



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