

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SHENZHEN LIOWN ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

DISNEY ENTERPRISES, INC.,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01785
Patent 8,721,118 B2

Before J. JOHN LEE, WILLIAM M. FINK, and JESSICA C. KAISER,
Administrative Patent Judges.

FINK, *Administrative Patent Judge.*

DECISION
Granting Parties' Joint Motion to Terminate Trial
35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.72

I. DISCUSSION

On July 21, 2017, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding (Paper 18), a true copy of the parties' settlement agreement (Ex. 1033), and a request to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) (Paper 17).

The trial is still in its preliminary stages. On April 3, 2017, we entered a decision instituting an *inter partes* review of claims 1, 3, 8, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 8,721,118 B2 (Ex. 1001, "the '118 patent"). Paper 14. Although we have instituted a trial, Patent Owner has not filed a response to the Petition, nor has Petitioner filed a reply.

In the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding, the parties indicate that they have settled their dispute regarding the '118 patent. Paper 18, 1. According to the parties, terminating this proceeding at this early juncture would "preserve the Board's resources and obviate the need for any more Board involvement in the present proceeding." *Id.* at 3. We agree with the parties in this regard. Consequently, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate the trial without rendering any further decisions. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.72.

II. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the parties' request to treat the settlement agreement (Ex. 1033) as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c) is GRANTED; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Joint Motion to Terminate this proceeding is GRANTED, and this proceeding is hereby terminated.

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