## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Petitioner,

v.

IGT, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2016-01857 Patent 8,246,444 B2

Before JOSIAH C. COCKS, MICHAEL W. KIM, and RICHARD E. RICE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

COCKS, Administrative Patent Judge.

TERMINATION Dismissing the Petition 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.5(a), 42.71(a) On October 7, 2016, the parties filed a "Joint Motion to Terminate Proceedings Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317 and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74" (Paper 6), and a request to file the settlement agreement as business confidential information (Paper 7).<sup>1</sup> The parties also filed a copy of the written settlement agreement. Ex. 1026.

We have not instituted trial in this proceeding. Thus, this proceeding is in its initial stages. The parties indicate that they have settled all disputes relating to the challenged patent. Paper 6, 1. Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to dismiss the petition. *See* 37 C.F.R. \$ 42.5(a), 42.71(a). This paper does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. \$ 318(a).

It is

ORDERED that the parties' "Joint Motion to Terminate *Inter Partes* Review Proceedings Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317" (Paper 6) is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of the above-referenced patent is *dismissed*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that, as was requested timely by the parties (Paper 7), the settlement agreement (Ex. 1026) will be treated as business confidential information under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The filings were authorized in e-mail correspondence from Board personnel on October 3, 2016.

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