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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

NOKIA SOLUTIONS AND NETWORKS US LLC, and NOKIA SOLUTIONS AND NETWORKS OY, Petitioner,

V.

HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO. LTD., Patent Owner.

Case IPR2017-00657 Patent 8,031,677 B1

Before TREVOR M. JEFFERSON, MICHELLE N. WORMMEESTER, and CHRISTA P. ZADO, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

ZADO, Administrative Patent Judge.

DECISION

Granting Joint Motion to Terminate 35 U.S.C. § 317(a); 37 C.F.R. § 42.72 Granting Request to Treat Settlement Document as Confidential Business Information 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c)

On December 22, 2017, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 317(a), the parties filed a Joint Motion by Petitioners and Patent Owner to Terminate Proceeding. Paper 16, "Joint Motion." Accompanying the Motion, the



parties filed what they assert is a true copy of a settlement agreement along with a Joint Request to treat the settlement agreement as confidential, to be kept separate from the patent file under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74. Paper 17, "Joint Request"; Ex. 1100¹. The filing of these papers was authorized in an email sent on December 22, 2017.

We entered a Decision to Institute an *inter partes* review in this case on July 28, 2017. Paper 8. The parties have filed several papers in this case, but we have not yet held an oral hearing, nor have we decided the merits of the proceeding. Based on these facts, it is appropriate to terminate the proceeding. Thus, the Joint Motion to Terminate the proceeding is granted.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that the parties' Joint Motion to Terminate the proceeding is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' Joint Request that the settlement agreement (Ex. 1100) be treated as business confidential information and kept separate from the patent file, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the version of Exhibit 1100 filed on December 22, 2017 is expunged.

¹ Pursuant to our instructions provided in an email sent on December 28, 2017, the parties submitted a replacement version of Exhibit 1100 on December 28, 2017. The version of Exhibit 1100 previously filed on December 22, 2017 is expunged per this Order.



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