

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SYNCRO SOFT SRL
Petitioner,

v.

ALTOVA GMBH
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2018-00660
Patent 9,501,456 B2

Before KALYAN K. DESHPANDE, DANIEL J. GALLIGAN and
JULIA HEANEY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HEANEY, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Termination of the Proceeding
35 U.S.C. § 317, 37 C.F.R. § 42.74

I. INTRODUCTION

The parties filed a Joint Motion to Terminate and Joint Request That Settlement Agreement Be Treated as Business Confidential Information and Be Kept Separate. Paper 14 (“Motion” or “Mot.”). The parties also filed a true and correct copy of a confidential Settlement Agreement (Ex. 2001) (“Agreement”). The parties represent that the Agreement is business confidential information and request that the Agreement be kept separate from the patent file. Mot. 2–3. For the reasons discussed below, the Motion is *granted*.

II. ANALYSIS

The parties indicate that they have settled their disputes regarding U.S. Patent No. 9,501,456 B2. Mot. 2. The parties filed the Agreement and represent that “[n]o other such agreements, written or oral, exist between or among the parties.” *Id.* Under these circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to terminate this proceeding. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317; 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(a). We also determine that it is appropriate to treat the Agreement as business confidential information to be kept separate from the patent file. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 317(b); 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

III. ORDER

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Motion is *granted*, and this proceeding is terminated; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the settlement agreement be kept separate from the file of U.S. Patent No. 9,501,456 B2.

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