

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC., AND
DIAMOND OFFSHORE COMPANY

Petitioners

v.

TRANSOCEAN OFFSHORE DEEPWATER DRILLING INC.

Patent Owner

U.S. Patent No. 6,068,069

Issue Date: May 30, 2000

Title: MULTI-ACTIVITY OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND/OR
DEVELOPMENT DRILLING METHOD AND APPARATUS

JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.71

Case No. IPR2018-01175

Paper No. 8

As authorized by the Board in an e-mail sent on September 27, 2018, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.71 and 42.74, Petitioner and Patent Owner jointly request that the *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 6,068,069 be terminated.

The parties have settled their dispute and executed a settlement agreement to terminate this proceeding and the parties' related district court litigation: *Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc. v. Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.*, Case No. 4:17-cv-2647 (S.D. Tex.).

The parties' settlement agreement is in writing, and a true and correct copy is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(b). The parties are also concurrently filing a joint request to treat the settlement agreement as business confidential information and keep it separate from the files of the IPR and the involved patent under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

Dismissal of this proceeding under 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(a) is proper because the Board has yet to issue an institution decision and these proceedings are still at an early stage. *See Samsung Elecs. Co. v. Fundamental Innovation Sys. Int'l, Ltd.*, IPR2018-00605 (PTAB July 16, 2018) (Paper No. 10). Further, all disputes between the parties regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,068,069 have been resolved. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request termination of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.6(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that on September 27, 2018, a complete and entire copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Terminate was electronically served in its entirety on the Patent Owner's below-listed counsel of record:

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