

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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VERASONICS, INC.,  
Petitioner,

v.

SUPERSONIC IMAGINE, S.A.,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2019-00799  
Patent 7,252,004 B2

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Before CHRISTOPHER L. CRUMBLEY, JON B. TORNQUIST, and  
SHELDON M. MCGEE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

McGEE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER  
Dismissal of the Proceeding  
37 C.F.R. § 42.72

Pursuant to our authorization by email on May 21, 2019, the parties, on May 29, 2019, filed a Joint Motion to terminate this proceeding. Paper 7. Accompanying the Motion, the parties filed what they indicate is a true and correct copy of their settlement agreement along with a Joint Request to treat the settlement agreement as confidential, to be kept separate from the patent files as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c). Paper 8; Ex. 1021.

This proceeding is at an early stage because Patent Owner has not yet filed a Preliminary Response and the Board has not yet determined whether to institute trial. The parties represent that the settlement agreement resolves all disputes between them relating to U.S. Patent 7,252,004. Paper 7, 2–3. Under such circumstances, we determine that it is appropriate to dismiss the petition. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.5(a), 42.71(a). This Order does not constitute a final written decision pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 318(a).

As requested by the parties, the settlement agreement will be treated as business confidential information and will be kept separate from the patent files. 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c).

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Joint Motion to dismiss the Petition in IPR2019-00799 is *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' Joint Request to have their settlement agreement treated as business confidential information, to be kept separate from the patent files is *granted*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review in IPR2019-00799 is *dismissed*.

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