

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SYTE – VISUAL CONCEPTION LTD.,
Petitioner,

v.

SLYCE ACQUISITION INC.,
Patent Owner.

IPR2020-00881
Patent 9,152,624 B1

Before JENNIFER S. BISK, MICHELLE N. WORMMEESTER, and
STEVEN M. AMUNDSON, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

WORMMEESTER, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Settlement Prior to Institution of Trial
37 C.F.R. § 42.74

Syte – Visual Conception Ltd. filed a Petition (Paper 1) requesting *inter partes* review of claims 12–22 of U.S. Patent No. 9,152,624 B1 (Ex. 1101). Slyce Acquisition Inc. filed a Preliminary Response. Paper 6.

On October 8, 2020, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate the instant proceeding pursuant to a settlement agreement. Paper 7. The parties also filed a copy of their settlement agreement made in connection with the termination of the instant proceeding. Ex. 1120. In a concurrently filed paper, the parties jointly request that the settlement agreement be treated as confidential and kept separate from the file of the involved patent under 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74. Paper 8. We authorized the filing of these papers in an e-mail sent on October 8, 2020.

The instant proceeding is in an early stage, and the Board has not determined whether to institute trial. The parties represent that their settlement agreement “has been made in writing” and that Exhibit 1120 is “a true and correct copy” of their settlement agreement. Paper 7, 2. The parties further represent that “[t]here are no collateral agreements or understandings made in connection with, or in contemplation of, the termination of the proceeding.” *Id.*

In view of the foregoing, we determine that it is appropriate to dismiss the Petition and terminate the proceeding.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the joint motion to terminate the instant proceeding is *granted*, and the Petition is hereby *dismissed*; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties’ joint request that their settlement agreement (Ex. 1120) be treated as business confidential

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information and kept separate from the file of the involved patent, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 317(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.74(c), is *granted*.

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