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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FUNAI ELECTRIC CO., LTD., SAMSUNG DISPLAY CO., LTD., and TOSHIBA CORPORATION, Petitioner,

V.

GOLD CHARM LIMITED, Patent Owner.

Case IPR2015-01491 Patent 6,734,927 B2

Before MICHAEL R. ZECHER, BRYAN F. MOORE, and CHARLES J. BOUDREAU, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

BOUDREAU, Administrative Patent Judge.

JUDGMENT AND FINAL WRITTEN DECISION 35 U.S.C. § 318(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.73(b)

Petitioner requested an *inter partes* review of claims 1–10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,927 B2 ("the '927 patent"). Paper 1 ("Petition"). The Board granted the Petition and instituted an *inter partes* review of claims 7 and 9. Paper 15.

On March 29, 2016, Patent Owner's counsel notified the Board and Petitioner's counsel that Patent Owner decided not to file a response to the Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 42.120. On March 30, 2016, Patent Owner's counsel additionally confirmed to the Board and Petitioner's counsel that Patent Owner's decision not to file a response to the Petition should be treated as an abandonment of the contest and, therefore, a request for adverse judgment.

A party may request entry of adverse judgment against itself at any time during a proceeding. 37 C.F.R. § 42.73(b). Here, Patent Owner has requested to abandon the contest, which would be construed as a request for adverse judgment even apart from Patent Owner's explicit request for adverse judgment. *Id.* § 42.73(b)(4). Under these circumstances, entry of judgment adverse to the Patent Owner and cancellation of claims 7 and 9 of the '927 patent are appropriate.

Patent Owner's request for adverse judgment is *granted*.

ORDER

It is, therefore,

ORDERED that adverse judgment against the Patent Owner is entered under 37 C.F.R. § 42.73(b);

FURTHER ORDERED that this constitutes a final written decision under 35 U.S.C. § 318(a); and

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FURTHER ORDERED that claims 7 and 9 of the '927 patent be CANCELLED.¹

¹ See 37 C.F.R. § 42.80 (indicating that after the Board issues a final written decision in an *inter partes* review proceeding, the Office will issue and publish a certificate canceling any claim of the patent finally determined to be unpatentable).

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