

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

YEALINK (USA) NETWORK TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD., and
YEALINK NETWORK TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD,
Petitioner,

v.

BARCO N.V.
Patent Owner.

IPR2025-00597 (Patent 11,966,346 B2)
IPR2025-00598 (Patent 11,966,347 B2)¹

Before MEREDITH C. PETRAVICK, DAVID C. McKONE, and
LISA A. MURRAY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

McKONE, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Granting Patent Owner's Motions to Seal
37 C.F.R. § 42.54

¹ We issue one Order to be entered in each proceeding. The combined caption is for administrative convenience only and does not indicate a joined case. The parties are not authorized to use this caption without express permission of the Board.

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Patent Owner filed Motions to Seal the Patent Owner Response (IPR2025-00597, Paper 19; IPR2025-00598, Paper 20), Exhibits 2011 and 2023 in IPR2025-00597, and Exhibits 2010, 2011, and 2023 in IPR2025-00598. IPR2025-00597, Paper 20; IPR2025-000598, Paper 21. Petitioner does not oppose these motions. Patent Owner has filed public redacted versions of Patent Owner's Responses and the Exhibits. We have previously entered a protective order in these proceedings. Paper 22; Ex. 2032.²

A party may move to seal confidential information including, *inter alia*, sensitive commercial information. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.54. It is the movant's burden to show good cause for sealing such information, and we balance the party's asserted need for confidentiality with the strong public interest in open proceedings. *See Argentum Pharms. LLC v. Alcon Research, Ltd.*, IPR2017-01053, Paper 27 at 4 (PTAB Jan. 19, 2018) (informative).

We grant Patent Owner's Motions to Seal. Patent Owner provides a sufficient explanation for sealing the Exhibits and the relevant portions of Patent Owner's Response in each of the above-listed proceedings. Paper 20, 2–6. The Exhibits contain confidential business information, and the portions of Patent Owner's Response in each of the above-listed proceedings cite to and quote from the Exhibits and, thus, similarly contain confidential business information. The information is related to Patent Owner's and a

² We cite to the papers filed in IPR2025-00597, with the understanding that substantially identical papers are filed in IPR2025-00598.

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third party's financial information, such as business practices and licensing terms. *Id.* at 3.

After reviewing the record, we are persuaded that good cause exists for sealing the Exhibits and portions of Patent Owner's Response in each of the above-listed proceedings. Our review of the sealed version of Patent Owner's Response and Exhibits in each of the above-listed proceedings persuades us that Patent Owner appropriately has limited the redactions in the public versions to portions that reflect the asserted confidential information.

We remind the parties that confidential information that is subject to a protective order ordinarily becomes public forty-five (45) days after final judgment in a trial. *See* the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's Consolidated Trial Practice Guide³ (84 Fed. Reg. 64,280 (Nov. 21, 2019)), 21–22. There is an expectation that information will be made public when the existence of the information is identified in a final written decision following a trial. *See id.* After final judgment in a trial, a party may file a motion to expunge confidential information from the record prior to the information becoming public in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 42.56.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Patent Owner's Motions to Seal (IPR2025-00597, Paper 20; IPR2025-000598, Paper 21) are *granted*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the confidential versions of Exhibits 2011 and 2023 in IPR2025-00597, Exhibits 2010, 2011, and 2023 in IPR2025-00598, and Patent Owner's Response (IPR2025-00597, Paper 19; IPR2025-

³ Available at <https://www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated>.

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00598, Paper 20) shall remain sealed and designated as “Board and Parties Only” until further notice.

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