

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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)

Before COKE MORGAN STEWART, *Acting Under Secretary of
Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the United States
Patent and Trademark Office.*

DECISION
Referring the Petitions to the Board

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Barco N.V. (“Patent Owner”) filed a request for discretionary denial (Paper 7, “DD Req.”) in the above-captioned case, and Yealink (USA) Network Technology Co., Ltd. and Yealink Network Technology Co., Ltd. (collectively, “Petitioner”) filed an opposition (Paper 8, “DD Opp.”).¹

After considering the parties’ arguments and the record, and in view of all relevant considerations, discretionary denial of institution is not appropriate in these proceedings. This determination is based on the totality of the evidence and arguments the parties have presented.

These proceedings present essentially the same discretionary considerations as those presented in IPR2025-00491. *Yealink (USA) Network Tech. Co., v. Barco N.V.*, IPR2025-00491, Paper 18 (Director June 25, 2025) (denying Patent Owner’s request for discretionary denial). Accordingly, that analysis is incorporated here. *Id.* at 2–3.

The determination not to exercise discretion to deny institution is based on a holistic assessment of all of the evidence and arguments presented. Accordingly, the Petitions are referred to the Board to handle the cases in the normal course, including by issuing a decision on institution addressing the merits and other non-discretionary considerations, as appropriate.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is:

ORDERED that Patent Owner’s request for discretionary denial is *denied*;

FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitions are referred to the Board;
and

¹ Citations are to papers in IPR2025-00597. The parties filed similar papers in IPR2025-00598.

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FURTHER ORDERED that neither party shall file a request for rehearing or Director Review of this decision until the Board issues a decision on institution.

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