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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

In re the Application of:

CORPORATE ONE CREDIT UNION, INC.

Application Serial No.: 75/686,131

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Honorable Commissioner for Trademarks  
2900 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, VA 22202-3514

Dear Commissioner:

**REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE**  
**NOTICE OF OPPOSITION (WITH CONSENT)**

Petitioner, Alliance & Leicester plc, and its related and/or affiliated companies, through its undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully requests a further two-month extension of time to file a Notice of Opposition, to and including April 6, 2004, against the above-identified application.

**Showing of Good Cause**

Petitioner is mindful of the Board's admonition in its December 17, 2003 Order granting the latest request for extension of time to oppose, that "no further extensions will be granted in the absence of a detailed explanation reciting what progress the parties have made toward

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resolving this matter.” Nevertheless, Petitioner respectfully submits that the following supports a finding of good cause that would justify this additional request.

The parties are negotiating a confidential, draft settlement agreement, which, once final, would resolve this matter in its entirety. The additional time requested would, if granted, permit Petitioner and Applicant to continue to discuss settlement which should resolve Petitioner’s concerns and obviate the need for an opposition proceeding. The requested extension would permit the parties to review, revise and hopefully conclude a settlement agreement that will resolve this matter in its entirety.

Petitioner sent a draft settlement agreement to Applicant’s counsel who has indicated her belief that the case will settle but that she needs additional time to consider and revise the proposed draft settlement agreement. To complicate matters, however, Applicant’s lead counsel, Karen Hammond, Esquire, is out of the office on maternity leave and has not yet reviewed or proposed revisions to the draft settlement agreement. In lead counsel’s absence, Leslie K. Batté, Esquire, was handling this matter for Applicant, but Ms. Batté has informed undersigned counsel that she is leaving her law firm and thus Applicant’s counsel will not be able to review and suggest revisions to the draft settlement agreement until after lead counsel, Ms. Hammond, returns to the office from maternity leave.

Furthermore, the senior person employed by Petitioner who had been handling this matter for Petitioner retired from employment in December 2003. Petitioner’s U.K. counsel has sought instructions from Petitioner but has not yet received those instructions. Of course, Petitioner has not received the proposed revisions to the draft settlement agreement from Applicant’s counsel.

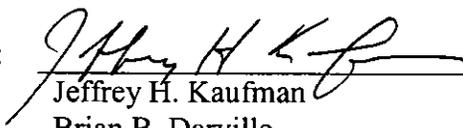
Both parties believe the matter will be resolved in its entirety through a settlement and respectfully request that the Board grant this further extension of time to permit the parties to conclude a settlement.

This request was agreed to by Leslie K. Batté, Esquire, counsel for Applicant, in a telephone voicemail message left with one of the undersigned counsel for Petitioner, on January 20, 2004.

This request is not made for the purpose of unduly delaying the proceedings in the Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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