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This case was forwarded to the Trademark Examining Attorney for his brief. On August 5, 2011, the Examining Attorney filed a request for suspension of the appeal pending a final disposition of the appeal in application Serial No. 77831521. The request is granted.

Trademark Rule 2.117(a) provides the following:

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Suspension of a Board proceeding pending the final determination of another proceeding is solely within the discretion of the Board and is generally suitable when a ruling on the other proceeding will have a bearing on the issues before the Board. *See The Tamarkin Co. v. Seaway*

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*Food Town Inc.*, 34 USPQ2d 1587, 1592 (TTAB 1995); *Martin Beverage Co., Inc. v. Colita Beverage Corp.*, 169 USPQ 568 (TTAB 1971).

Accordingly, in the interest of judicial economy and consistent with the Board's inherent authority to regulate its docket, proceeding herein are suspended pending the disposition of ex parte appeal in Serial No. 77831521.

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