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Applicant: National Tobacco Company, L.P.
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The request for extension of time to oppose, filed under Trademark Rule 2.102 on behalf of **ARANGOLD CORPORATION d/b/a Arango Cigar Co** (copy attached), was timely filed but is just now being acted on. The Board regrets the delay and any resulting inconvenience caused to the potential opposer or to applicant.

The request for extension of time to oppose is granted. If any further request for extension of time to oppose or any notice of opposition was filed on or before **12/14/02**, it will be considered as having been timely filed.