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Opposition No. 91150161

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING
ASSOCIATES, INC.

v.

VANKEL TECHNOLOGY GROUP

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On November 26, 2001, applicant filed an answer to the opposition and a counterclaim to cancel opposer's pleaded registration(s). Applicant filed the proper fee.

Opposer and counterclaim defendant, Innovative Programming Associates, Inc., is allowed until **THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this order to file an answer to the counterclaim. See Trademark Rules 2.106(b)(2)(iii) and 2.121(b)(2).

In accordance with the Trademark Rules of Practice, discovery is open, and the close of discovery and testimony dates are set as indicated below. In each instance, a copy of the transcript of testimony, together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party within thirty days after completion of the taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125.

THE PERIOD FOR DISCOVERY TO CLOSE: **May 4, 2002**

30-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close: **August 2, 2002**

30-day testimony period for party in position of defendant in the opposition and plaintiff in the counterclaim to close: **October 1, 2002**

30-day rebuttal testimony period for defendant in the counterclaim and plaintiff in the opposition to close: **November 30, 2002**

15-day rebuttal testimony period for plaintiff in the counterclaim to close: **January 14, 2003**

**Briefs shall be due as follows:
[See Trademark Rule 2.128(a)(2)].**

Brief for plaintiff in the opposition shall be due: **March 15, 2003**

Brief for defendant in the opposition and plaintiff in the counterclaim shall be due: **April 14, 2003**

Brief for defendant in the counterclaim and reply brief, if any, for plaintiff in the opposition shall be due: **May 14, 2003**

Reply brief, if any, for plaintiff in the counterclaim shall be due: **May 29, 2003**

If the parties stipulate to any extension of these dates, the papers should be filed in triplicate and should set forth the dates in the format shown in this order. See Trademark Rule 2.121(d).

An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.