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Opposition No. 91150257

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE
RESEARCH, INC. AND
BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.

v.

VREDESTEIN FIETSBANDEN B.V.

Rochelle Ricks, Paralegal

Answer was due on December 31, 2001. A review of the record shows that an answer has not been filed.

This case now comes up for consideration of opposer's motion, filed March 5, 2002, for default judgment against applicant for failure to file an answer. The motion is uncontested.¹

Inasmuch as applicant failed to file an answer in this case, and failed to respond to opposer's motion in any manner, the motion for default judgment is granted. See Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Accordingly, judgment is hereby

¹ If a defendant fails to file an answer to a complaint during the time allowed therefor, the Board, on its own initiative, may issue a notice of default allowing the defendant time to show cause why default judgment should not be entered against it. The issue of whether default judgment should be entered against a defendant for failure to file an answer may also be raised by means of a motion filed by the party in the position of

entered against applicant, the notice of opposition is sustained, and registration to applicant is refused. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 55 and Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

***By the Trademark Trial
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plaintiff. In such cases, the motion may serve as a substitute for the Board's issuance of a notice of default.