

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Johnson

Mailed: November 21, 2002

Opposition No. 91151768

MERCK & CO., INC.

v.

SICOR, INC.

LaToya C. Johnson, Paralegal:

Applicant's consented motion (filed September 16, 2002) to extend its time to answer is noted.

However, because the parties are negotiating for a possible settlement of this case, the motion is granted to the extent that proceedings herein are suspended until **six months** from the mailing date of this action, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations within the next six months, the Board will issue an order resuming proceedings and resetting the time for applicant to file an answer or other response to the notice of opposition.

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If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.