

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: April 27, 2006

Opposition No. 91164975

Standard Life Investments
Limited

v.

StanCorp Financial Group,
Inc.

Denise M. DelGizzi, Paralegal Specialist

On April 26, 2006, applicant, with opposer's consent, filed a motion to extend the time to file an answer to the notice of opposition. The basis of this motion is that the parties are discussing settlement.

In order to conserve the resources of the Board as well as the parties, proceedings are hereby suspended *sua sponte* until six months from the mailing date of this order, 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, upon conclusion of the suspension period, proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set out below.

Applicant is allowed THIRTY DAYS from resumption in which to answer the notice of opposition. The parties are allowed the same THIRTY DAYS in which to serve responses to any outstanding discovery requests. Trial dates, including the close of discovery, are reset as follows:

Proceedings resume:	October 27, 2006
Discovery period to close:	February 27, 2008
Thirty-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close:	May 27, 2008
Thirty-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close:	July 26, 2008
Fifteen-day rebuttal testimony period to close:	September 9, 2008

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.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

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

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