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Opposition No. 91169227

Mi Casa Real Estate Co.

78/317,032

v.

Gelt Industries, Inc. and
P & R Investment Group, Inc.

Andrew P. Baxley, Interlocutory Attorney:

On February 5, 2008, applicant P & R Investment Group, Inc.'s ("P & R") attorneys filed a request to withdraw as applicant's counsel of record in this case. The request to withdraw as counsel is in compliance with the requirements of Trademark Rule 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 10.40, and is accordingly granted. Darren S. Rimer and the law firm of Rimer and Mathewson LLP no longer represent P & R in this proceeding.

In view of the withdrawal of P & R's counsel, and in accordance with standard Board practice, proceedings herein are suspended. P & R is allowed until thirty days from the mailing date set forth in the caption of this order to appoint new counsel, or to file a paper stating that P & R chooses to represent itself. If P & R files no response, the Board will presume that P & R intends to represent itself herein.



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Proceedings herein remain suspended in accordance with the Board's January 10, 2008 order. The parties will be notified by the Board when proceedings are resumed, and dates will be rescheduled at the appropriate time.

A copy of this order has been sent to all persons listed below.

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NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint

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of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>

http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>

