

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91169340

Assist-2-Sell, Inc.

v.

Assist-2-Build, L.L.C.

George C. Pologeorgis, Interlocutory Attorney:

On May 3, 2007, applicant filed a communication entitled "Voluntary Surrender of Registration." The body of the filing, however, only displayed applicant's counsel's signature. Inasmuch as the Board was unable to ascertain the contents of the filing, the Board issued an order October 31, 2007 allowing applicant twenty days in which to re-file a complete copy of the communication it originally filed on May 3, 2007.

No response has been received.

Accordingly, applicant is allowed until twenty days from the mailing date of this order to show cause why default judgment should not be entered against applicant based on applicant's apparent loss of interest in this case, failing which judgment will be entered against applicant.

Proceedings herein remain otherwise suspended.

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 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>