

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: September 27, 2007

Opposition No. 91176588

Smartwool Corporation

v.

Slane Hosiery Mills

Rochelle Ricks, Paralegal Specialist:

On September 12, 2007, the U.S. Postal Service returned applicant's copy of the Board's notice of default dated August 29, 2007, as undeliverable.

Counsel is reminded that it is the duty of the parties, or appointed counsel therein, to keep the Office apprised of its most recent address. Nonetheless, a copy of the August 29, 2007 is enclosed and addressed to applicant's counsel at its forwarding address on the return label as follows:

James A. Gregoria
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305 Pisgah Church Rd., Suite 2C
Greensboro, NC 27455-2762.

Applicant is allowed until thirty days from the mailing date of this order to show cause why judgment by default should not be entered against applicant in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b).

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>