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Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91179897

Information Builders, Inc.

v.

Bristol Technologies, Inc.

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Proceedings herein are suspended pending disposition of opposer's motion for summary judgment (filed April 3, 2008) and its motion to amend the pleadings filed concurrently therewith.¹ Any paper filed during the pendency of these motions which is not relevant thereto will be given no consideration. See Trademark Rule 2.127(d).

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

¹The Board notes that opposer's motion to amend the pleadings is germane to its motion for summary judgment inasmuch as opposer's motion for summary judgment is based upon the additional allegations it seeks to add to its notice of opposition via its motion to amend the pleadings.

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>