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Opposition No. 91180392

Anheuser-Busch, Incorporated

v.

Gordo Enterprises, Inc.

Elizabeth J. Winter, Interlocutory Attorney:

On April 17, 2008, in view of the withdrawal of applicant's counsel on November 6, 2007 and in response to applicant's motion to extend time filed on February 12, 2008, the Board issued an order allowing applicant a second opportunity to either appoint new counsel or to state that applicant would represent itself. No appearance of counsel or other response has been received.

Accordingly, applicant is allowed until **THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this order to show cause why default judgment should not be entered against it based on applicant's apparent loss of interest in this case.

No further extensions of time to appoint new counsel will be allowed. See *Carrini, Inc. v. Carla Carini S.R.L.*, 57 USQP2d 1067 (TTAB 2000) (The Board has the inherent

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authority to schedule the disposition of cases on its own docket); and *Optician's Ass'n of America v. Independent Opticians of America, Inc.*, 734 F.Supp. 1171, 14 USPQ2d 2021 (D.N.J. 1990).

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>