

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Opposition No. 91181879

Universal International Music  
B.V.

v.

Steven M. Soares

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Applicant's consented motion filed March 20, 2008 to extend discovery and all other corresponding deadlines is granted.<sup>1</sup> See Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

Dates, including the time for discovery and conferencing are reset as follows:

Time to Answer	5/23/2008
Deadline for Discovery Conference	6/22/2008
Discovery Opens	6/22/2008
Initial Disclosures Due	7/22/2008
Expert Disclosures Due	11/19/2008
Discovery Closes	12/19/2008
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	2/2/2009
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	3/19/2009
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	4/3/2009
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	5/18/2009
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	6/2/2009

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<sup>1</sup> The Board notes the prior extension request filed on February 29, 2008. In view of the nature and timing of this order, that consented request is considered moot.

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Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period  
Ends

7/2/2009

**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](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>