

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451**

Mailed: June 12, 2008

Opposition No. 91181950

Nabaltec AG

v.

Huntsman Advanced Materials
(Switzerland) GmbH

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On May 21, 2008, the Board issued an order allowing opposer thirty days to inform the Board whether it wishes to proceed with the opposition with the amended identification, or to have the opposition dismissed. On June 12, 2008, opposer informed the Board that it wishes to proceed with the opposition.

Accordingly, proceedings herein are resumed and applicant is allowed until thirty days from the mailing date of this action in which to file an answer to the notice of opposition. Deadline for discovery conference, discovery and trial dates are reset as follows:

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| Time to Answer | 7/12/2008 |
| Deadline for Discovery Conference | 8/11/2008 |
| Discovery Opens | 8/11/2008 |
| Initial Disclosures Due | 9/10/2008 |
| Expert Disclosures Due | 1/8/2009 |
| Discovery Closes | 2/7/2009 |

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| Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures | 3/24/2009 |
| Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends | 5/8/2009 |
| Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures | 5/23/2009 |
| Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends | 7/7/2009 |
| Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures | 7/22/2009 |
| Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends | 8/21/2009 |

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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>