

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91183317

Golfino AG

v.

Gady Desler

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The Board notes that on January 22, 2009 opposer filed with the Board a copy of its pretrial disclosures that were apparently served on counsel for applicant. However, pretrial disclosures, like requests for discovery, responses thereto, and materials or depositions obtained through the discovery process, should not be filed with the Board except when submitted (1) with a motion relating to discovery; or (2) in support of or response to a motion for summary judgment; or (3) under a notice of reliance during a party's testimony period; or (4) as exhibits to a testimony deposition; or (5) in support of an objection to proffered evidence on the ground that the evidence should

have been, but was not, provided in response to a request for discovery. See Trademark Rule 2.120(j)(8).

In view thereof, opposer is advised that the Board will give no further consideration to opposer's initial disclosures, filed January 22, 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

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>