

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91183695

Esprit IP Ltd.

v.

DP Technology Corp.

Cheryl Goodman, Interlocutory Attorney:

Opposer's consented motion, filed May 13, 2008, to suspend proceedings pending the final disposition of a civil action involving the parties, (*DP Technology Corp. v. Esprit IP Ltd.*, Case No. 08 CV 1902, District Court of the Northern District of Illinois), is granted.

Within 20 days of the final resolution of the civil action, the interested party should notify the Board so that appropriate action may be taken in this case.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.

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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>