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Opposition No. 91182589
Opposition No. 91186552
Opposition No. 91188190
Cancellation No. 92048912

Vinedos y Bodegas Corpora S.A.

v.

Bodegas Portia, S.L.

Michael B. Adlin, Interlocutory Attorney:

Applicant's consent motion, filed January 16, 2009, to consolidate Opposition No. 91188190 with Opposition No. 91182589 is hereby granted. Trademark Rule 2.127(a); Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a); see also, Regatta Sport Ltd. v. Telux-Pioneer Inc., 20 USPQ2d 1154 (TTAB 1991). The consolidated cases may be tried and presented on the same record and briefs. See Helene Curtis Industries Inc. v. Suave Shoe Corp., 13 USPQ2d 1618 (TTAB 1989); Hilson Research Inc. v. Society for Human Resource Management, 27 USPQ2d 1423 (TTAB 1993).

The Board file will be maintained in Opposition No. 91182589 as the "parent" case. As a general rule, from this point on only a single copy of any paper or motion should be

filed herein; but that copy should bear all four proceeding numbers in its caption.

Despite being consolidated, each proceeding retains its separate character. The decision on the consolidated cases shall take into account any differences in the issues raised by the respective pleadings; a copy of the decision shall be placed in each proceeding file.

The schedule in these consolidated proceedings is hereby reset to be coextensive with the schedule in Opposition No. 91188190, as follows:[1]

Deadline for Discovery Conference	**March 5, 2009**
Discovery Opens	**March 5, 2009**
Initial Disclosures Due	**April 4, 2009**
Expert Disclosures Due	**August 2, 2009**
Discovery Closes	**September 1, 2009**
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	**October 16, 2009**
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	**November 30, 2009**
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	**December 15, 2009**
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	**January 29, 2010**
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	**February 13, 2010**
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	**March 15, 2010**

[1] If the parties believe it unnecessary to conduct another discovery conference, given the discovery conference previously held in related Opposition No. 91182589, they need not do so.

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

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