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Opposition No. 91187990

Epiq Systems, Inc.

v.

Epic River, LLC

Opposition No. 91189100

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**Andrew P. Baxley, Interlocutory Attorney:**

Epiq Systems, Inc.'s ("Epiq") consented motion (filed June 22, 2009) to suspend this proceeding and to reset all dates in these consolidated proceedings is granted.

Proceedings are suspended retroactive to June 22, 2009 until August 19, 2009, subject to either party's right to request resumption at any time.

If no word is received from either party by August 19, 2009, proceedings in these consolidated cases will resume on August 20, 2009 and will go forward under the schedule set forth in Epiq's motion.

**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>