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Opposition No. 91190161

Opposition No. 91190162

Opposition No. 91190167

FAROUK SYSTEMS, INC.

v.

FRANK TAVOKOLI

**Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:**

The Board has reviewed each of the above-identified oppositions, which involve the same parties and at least some of the same questions of law and fact. Answers have been filed in all cases. Such answers are noted and entered. In addition, opposer, on January 8, 2010, filed motions to suspend because the parties are involved in civil litigation. The motions are nearly identical. Applicant has not filed any responses to such motions.

When cases involving common questions of law or fact are pending before the Board, consolidation of such cases may be appropriate. Proceedings may be consolidated upon the Board's own initiative. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a); and TBMP §511 (2d ed. rev 2004). The Board finds it appropriate to consolidate the above-identified proceedings for purposes of judicial economy.

Accordingly, Opposition Nos. 91190161; 91190162; and 91190167 are hereby consolidated and may be presented on the same records and briefs. The record will be maintained in Opposition No. **91190161** as the "parent" case, but all papers filed in these cases should include each proceeding number in ascending order.

Opposer's motion to suspend the proceeding pending final determination of a civil action between the parties is hereby granted as conceded.<sup>1</sup> See Trademark Rules 2.127(a) and 2.117(a).

Accordingly, proceedings are suspended pending final disposition of the civil action between the parties.

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the parties shall so notify the Board and call this case up for any appropriate action. During the suspension period, the parties shall notify the Board of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.

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<sup>1</sup> *Farouk Systems, Inc. v. Shi Salon, LLC, Brelan, Inc., Shiva Laboratories, Inc, and Frank Tabakoli*, Case No. 4:09-cv-04078 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.