

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: May 4, 2011

Opposition No. 91198063

AlpinBreeze LLC

v.

Evertec Information
Technology Co., Ltd.

**Robert H. Coggins,
Interlocutory Attorney:**

On April 11, 2011, counsel for applicant filed an amended request to withdraw as applicant's counsel of record in this case,¹ and on April 22, 2011, applicant filed a statement that it would represent itself. In view thereof, counsel's request to withdraw is granted, and the law firm of Rabin & Berdo PC no longer represents applicant in this proceeding.

Authority Required

Applicant's statement recognizes You-Yi Lin as applicant's "representative." However, applicant did not provide You-Yi Lin's title or otherwise establish that You-Yi Lin is an officer or the equivalent of an officer of applicant. Inasmuch as applicant is a foreign corporation, to be recognized as

¹ A copy of said request has been placed in both the opposition file and the application file.

applicant's representative in this proceeding applicant must state that You-Yi Lin has authority to legally bind applicant under its bylaws or articles of incorporation. See TMEP § 611.06(e) (Signature by Foreign Companies and Corporations). See also Patent and Trademark Rule 11.14 (Individuals who may Practice before the Office...).

Applicant is allowed until **thirty days** from the date of this order in which to indicate that You-Yi Lin has authority to legally bind applicant under its bylaws or articles of incorporation. If You-Yi Lin is not such an officer, then applicant is allowed the **same thirty days** in which to appoint U.S. counsel or to indicate that it will appear pro se by an authorized officer recognized by Patent and Trademark Rule 11.14(e)(3); failing which, judgment may be entered against applicant for applicant's loss of interest in this case.

Pro Se Information

The Board notes that applicant wishes to represent itself. Applicant may do so. However, it should be noted that while Patent and Trademark Rule 11.14(e)(3) permits a corporation to represent itself -and only through a corporate officer who is authorized to legally bind and represent applicant, as noted above- it is generally advisable for a person who is not acquainted with the technicalities of the procedural and substantive law involved in a Board proceeding to secure the services of a

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U.S. attorney who is familiar with such matters. The Patent and Trademark Office cannot aid in the selection of an attorney. In addition, as the impartial decision maker, the Board may not provide legal advice, though it may provide information as to procedure. If applicant does not retain counsel, then applicant will have to familiarize itself with the rules governing this proceeding. Strict compliance with the Trademark Rules of Practice and all other applicable rules is expected of all parties, even those representing themselves.

Suspension

Proceedings remain suspended pending a response from applicant. A copy of this order has been sent to each address listed below.

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