

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Opposition No. 91204599

Gilda A. Solis and Stillman de
Mexico S.A. de C.V.

v.

Shamim Akhter, partnership DBA
Shamim Akhter

Millicent Canady, Paralegal Specialist:

Opposer's consented motion filed June 13, 2012 to extend trial dates, including the deadline for discovery conference are noted.

In each motion, opposer seeks, with an allegation of applicant's consent, time to The parties are reminded that the trademark rules place on the parties a shared responsibility to conference to discuss the scope of the pleadings, the possibility of settlement and planning for disclosures and discovery, as explained in the notice of institution. The Board does not find in either motion good cause to delay the parties' required conference to allow for settlement talks when the parties are required to discuss settlement in the conference. See "Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules," 72 Fed. Reg. 42242, 42245 (Aug. 1, 2007) (emphasis added):

if a motion to extend or suspend for settlement talks, arbitration or mediation is not filed prior to answer, then the parties will have to proceed, after the answer is filed, to their discovery conference, one point of which is to discuss settlement. It is unlikely the Board will find good cause for a motion to extend or suspend for settlement if the motion is filed after answer but prior to the discovery conference, precisely

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because the discovery conference itself provides an opportunity to discuss settlement.

Inasmuch as the circumstances recited in the suspension requests are not deemed to be extraordinary in nature, the requests are denied. Nonetheless, because the parties may not, under the applicable rules, engage in discovery activities without first making the required initial disclosures, the deadline for making such disclosures and all subsequent dates are hereby reset as follows:

Discovery Opens	7/13/2012
Initial Disclosures Due	8/12/2012
Expert Disclosures Due	12/10/2012
Discovery Closes	1/9/2013
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	2/23/2013
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	4/9/2013
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	4/24/2013
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/8/2013
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	6/23/2013
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	7/23/2013

In each instance, a copy of the transcript of testimony together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party within thirty days after completion of taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.