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Opposition No. 91205699

The Rock Creek Group, LP

v.

Rock Creek Global Advisors  
LLC

**M. Catherine Faint,  
Interlocutory Attorney:**

On April 30, 2013, applicant filed a proposed amendment to its application Serial No. 85433339, with opposer's consent.

By the proposed amendment applicant seeks to change the identification of services **from:** "Business consulting services, namely, consulting for persons, businesses and governments in the fields of national and international economic and regulatory policy, cross-border transactions, and strategic business alliances, all for support of global business operations"

**to:** "Business consulting services, namely, consulting for persons, businesses and governments in the fields of national and international policy and regulatory matters, cross-border transactions, and strategic business alliances, all for support of global business operations."

Even though the parties consent thereto, an application may be amended to clarify or limit the recitation of services, additions to the recitation of services are not permitted. 37 C.F.R. Section 2.71(a); TMEP sections 804.09 and 804.09(a)

The proposed amendment to the recitations of services is denied because it impermissibly broadens the recitation from, "the fields of national and international economic and regulatory policy" to "the fields of national and international policy and regulatory matters." Economic and regulatory policy" are specific narrow fields, while "policy and regulatory matters" encompass all "policies" beyond just economic and regulatory ones.

In view thereof, the proposed amendment is denied.

Because it is evident that the parties are attempting to reach a settlement to this proceeding, applicant is allowed until **THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this order to submit an acceptable amendment, failing which proceedings will be resumed. Proceedings are otherwise suspended.

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