

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Mailed: September 16, 2013

Opposition No. 91205786

Diageo North America, Inc.

v.

Martin Anton Groder

**Veronica P. White, Paralegal Specialist:**

Opposer's consented motion (filed September 10, 2013) for suspension of the proceedings to accommodate the parties' continued settlement negotiations is granted. Accordingly, proceedings herein are suspended subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

Detailed Report Required

The Board notes that this proceeding has been pending since June 2012 and the parties have effected numerous motions for suspension to accommodate the parties' settlement negotiations, yet no settlement has been reached. In the event that the parties seek further extensions of time or periods of suspension to facilitate settlement discussions, the parties must support such request with a detailed report on the progress of their settlement negotiations to establish good

cause. Such a report should address (1) when the last settlement proposal was sent, by whom, and when a response is expected, (2) a recitation of the issues that have been resolved since the commencement of this proceeding, (3) a list of issues that remain to be resolved, and (4) a timetable for resolution. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend, even though agreed to by the parties, may not be approved.

Unless the parties sooner request resumption, upon conclusion of the suspension period proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set forth in the opposer's motion as copied.

Expert Disclosures Due	10/30/2013
Discovery Closes	11/29/2013
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	1/13/2014
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	2/27/2014
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	3/14/2014
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	4/28/2014
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	5/13/2014
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	6/12/2014

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 (30) days after completion of the 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.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.

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