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Opposition No. 91210242

Fromageries Bel, Bel
Brands USA, Inc.

v.

Norseland Incorporated

Rochelle Adams, Paralegal Specialist:

The applicant's motion (filed May 15, 2014) to suspend this proceeding pending final determination of Civil Action No. 14 CV 3488 filed in the [United States District Court Southern District of New York] is granted as well taken.¹ It is the policy of the Board to suspend proceedings when the parties are involved in a civil action, which may be dispositive of or have a bearing on the Board case. *See* Trademark Rule 2.117(a). Applicant's change of address filed on April 23, 2014 is noted.

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

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the parties shall so notify the Board so that this proceeding may be called up for

appropriate action.² Such notification to the Board should include a copy of any final order or final judgment which issued in the civil action.

During the suspension period, the parties must notify the Board of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys. In addition, the parties are to promptly inform the Board of any other related cases, even if they become aware of such cases during the suspension period. Upon resumption, if appropriate, the Board may consolidate related Board cases.

¹ If a copy of the pleadings in the civil action was not filed with the motion to suspend, [Norseland Incorporated] is allowed until twenty days from the mailing date of this order in which to file a copy of the pleadings.

² A proceeding is considered to have been finally determined when a decision on the merits of the case (*i.e.*, a dispositive ruling that ends litigation on the merits) has been rendered, and no appeal has been filed therefrom, or all appeals filed have been decided. *See* TBMP § 510.02(b).