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Opposition No. 91218997

Lyle & Scott Limited

v.

T.D.C. USA, Inc.

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On October 22, 2014, opposer served its notice of opposition. On October 23, 2014, opposer filed an amended notice of opposition.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1), made applicable to Board proceedings by Trademark Rule 2.116(a), a party may amend its pleading once as a matter of course within 21 days after serving it, or if the pleading is one to which a responsive pleading is required, 21 days after service of a responsive pleading or 21 days after service of a motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b), (e) or (f), whichever is earlier. *See* Trademark Rule 2.107/2.115; TBMP § 507.01. However, as a practical matter, because the time to answer set by the Board's institution order is 40 days, a plaintiff may amend its complaint once as a matter of course beyond the initial 21 days from serving it until the defendant files either an answer or a motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b), (e) or (f). *See* TBMP § 507.02.

Opposer's amended notice of opposition was filed as a matter of course, and is accepted as opposer's operative pleading in this proceeding. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(A) and (B).

Applicant is allowed until January 1, 2015 in which to file an answer to the amended notice of opposition. Applicant's answer filed January 2, 2015 is noted.

Accordingly, conferencing, discovery and trial dates are reset as indicated and granted automatically via ESTTA in applicant's second motion to extend (entry #7 in this proceeding) filed on December 2, 2014.¹

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 the taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125. Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

¹ Applicant's motion to disregard its erroneously filed extension request (entry #5) is noted and accepted.