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Opposition No. 91219154

Unum Group

v.

Hibu (UK) Limited

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Interlocutory Attorney:

Applicant's consented motion (filed November 4, 2015) to extend time to file an answer to the notice of opposition, and to extend conference, disclosure, discovery and trial dates by thirty days to allow the parties to continue with their settlement negotiations is **GRANTED**. Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

In view thereof, Applicant's answer is now due by **December 8, 2015**. The conference, disclosure, discovery and trial dates are reset as follows:

Deadline for Discovery Conference	**1/7/2016**
Discovery Opens	**1/7/2016**
Initial Disclosures Due	**2/6/2016**
Expert Disclosures Due	**6/5/2016**
Discovery Closes	**7/5/2016**
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	**8/19/2016**
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	**10/3/2016**
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	**10/18/2016**
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	**12/2/2016**
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	**12/17/2016**
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	**1/16/2017**

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.

As a final matter, the Board notes that since December 2014, the parties have effected numerous stipulations to extend trial dates to accommodate the parties' settlement negotiations, yet settlement has still not been reached nor have issues been joined in this case. Accordingly, if the parties agree to another extension or suspension for settlement, they will be expected to report to the Board on the progress of their settlement negotiations. Such report **must** include a recitation of issues that have been resolved, identification of the settlement activities which have occurred for **each month since December 2014**, including the dates upon which proposed settlement agreements have been provided for review (whether to in-house counsel or outside counsel), dates when the reviewed proposed settlement agreement has been provided to the adverse party, and dates when the adverse party has provided its comments,[1] issues that remain to be resolved, and a firm timetable for resolution. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend for settlement, even though agreed to by the parties, will not be granted.

[1] If no settlement activity has occurred for any month since December 2014, the parties must explain why no settlement activity occurred.

Finally, if the parties do seek another request to extend or suspend for settlement, the parties are **precluded** from employing the "consented motions form" option in ESTTA; instead, the parties **must** utilize the "general filings form" option and include a proposed trial schedule with their motion.