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Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Opposition No. 91220573

Miss Universe L.P., LLLP

v.

Linda Grandia

**Nicole Thier, Paralegal Specialist:**

On September 4, 2015, Applicant was allowed thirty days to submit a motion which complies with Trademark Rules 2.19(b) and Patent and Trademark Rule 11.116.

On September 28, 2015, Applicant filed a response to the Board's motion stating that Applicant is aware and consents to the withdrawal of her attorney of record and furthermore, Applicant wishes to represent itself in this proceeding.

Accordingly, the Board's records are updated to reflect Linda Grandia as a pro se Applicant.

Accordingly, proceedings herein are resumed and trial dates are set as indicated below.

Expert Disclosures Due	<b>1/1/2016</b>
Discovery Closes	<b>1/31/2016</b>
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	<b>3/16/2016</b>
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	<b>4/30/2016</b>
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	<b>5/15/2016</b>
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	<b>6/29/2016</b>

Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures  
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends

7/14/2016  
8/13/2016

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 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.

**Pro Se Information for Applicant**

It appears that applicant intends to represent itself. Applicant may do so. However, it should be noted that while Patent and Trademark Rule 11.14 permits a company to represent itself, it is generally advisable for a person who is not acquainted with the technicalities of the procedural and substantive law involved in a Board proceeding to secure the services of an attorney who is familiar with such matters. The Patent and Trademark Office cannot aid in the selection of an attorney. If applicant does not retain counsel, then applicant will have to familiarize itself with the rules governing this proceeding. Strict compliance with the Trademark Rules of Practice and all other applicable rules is expected of all parties, even those representing themselves.

Applicant may refer to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure (TBMP) and the Trademark Rules of Practice, both available on the Board's website at <http://www.uspto.gov>. The Board's homepage provides electronic access to these and other materials including the Board's standard protective order,

answers to frequently asked questions, the ESTTA filing system, and TTABVUE for case status and prosecution history.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing (insert title of document) was served upon (insert name of party) by forwarding said copy, via (insert method of delivery) to (insert name).