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Opposition No. 91220731

Renaissance Hotel Holdings, Inc.

v.

GLA Head Office¹

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Opposer's consented motion (filed April 20, 2015) to suspend proceedings for sixty days is noted.

Opposer seeks a sixty day suspension to allow the parties' time to discuss settlement. However, the Trademark Rules places on the parties a shared responsibility to conference, to discuss the scope of discovery, to plan for disclosures, to conduct discovery, and to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss settlement, as explained in the Board's institution order of February 23, 2015. The Board notes that in the instant request for suspension, the Opposer has indicated that the parties have not yet held their discovery conference as required by Trademark Rule 2.120(a)(1) and (a)(2).

Inasmuch as the parties request for suspension of this proceeding is to continue their settlement discussion, the Board does not find a good cause to

¹ Applicant's answer to the notice of opposition (filed March 2, 2015) is noted.

delay the parties required conference to allow for settlement talks when the parties are required to discuss settlement in the conference. See “Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules,” 72 Fed. Reg. 42242, 42245 (Aug. 1, 2007).

Accordingly, Opposer’s consented motion to suspend proceedings for sixty day is denied.

Conferencing, disclosure, discovery and all trial dates remain as set in the Board’s February 23, 2015 institution order.