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Mailed: December 18, 2012

Cancellation No. 92052146

Corporacion Habanos, S.A.  
and Empresa Cubana del  
Tabaco, d.b.a. Cubatabaco

v.

Abraham Flores joined as  
party respondent with Juan  
E. Rodriguez

**M. Catherine Faint,  
Interlocutory Attorney**

Plaintiff's motion for sanctions filed November 21,  
2012 is noted.

**Motion to Substitute**

On November 30, 2012, Juan E. Rodriguez filed a motion  
to substitute the current owner of record, Abraham Flores  
for Juan E. Rodriguez.<sup>1</sup> On November 25, 2012, Juan E.  
Rodriguez assigned Registration No. 3542236 to Abraham  
Flores, said assignment being recorded with the USPTO at  
Reel 4905/Frame 0873 on November 25, 2012.

When there has been an assignment of a mark which is  
the subject of, or relied upon in, an inter partes

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent's notices of compliance filed October 22, 2012 are  
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proceeding before the Board the assignee may be joined or substituted, as may be appropriate, upon motion granted by the Board, or upon the Board's own initiative. When the assignment is recorded in the Assignment Division of the Patent and Trademark Office, the assignee may be substituted as a party if the assignor is no longer in existence. See TBMP § 512.01.

Accordingly, the motion is hereby granted and Abraham Flores is hereby joined as respondent in this proceeding.

**Motion for Sanctions**

Proceedings herein are suspended pending disposition of petitioner's motion (filed November 21, 2012) for sanctions. Any paper filed during the pendency of this motion which is not relevant thereto will be given no consideration. See Trademark Rule 2.127(d).

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