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Cancellation No. 92053556
Registration Nos. 3531241
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NEW YORK, NY 10017 UNITED STATES

K2 Professional Services Inc.
and K2 Professionals, Inc.

v.

Fionnoel AG

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A petition to cancel the above-identified registrations and a motion to suspend proceedings pending final determination of a civil action between the parties are noted.¹ A service copy of the petition for cancellation was forwarded to registrant (defendant) by the petitioner (plaintiff). An electronic version of the petition for cancellation is viewable in the electronic file for this proceeding via the Board's TTABVUE system: <http://ttabvue.uspto.gov/ttabvue/>.

Proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Trademark Rules of Practice, set forth in Title 37, part 2, of the Code of Federal Regulations ("Trademark Rules"). These rules may be viewed at the USPTO's trademarks page: <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/index.jsp>. The Board's main webpage (<http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/index.jsp>) includes information on amendments to the Trademark Rules applicable to Board proceedings, on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Frequently Asked Questions about Board proceedings, and a web link to the Board's manual of procedure (the TBMP).

In the involved registration, registrant has designated Lawrence Abelman of Abelman, Frayne & Schwab as its representative in the United States on whom may be served notices affecting this registration. If the registrant chooses to be represented by counsel in this proceeding, a power of attorney to that effect may be filed, or registrant's chosen counsel may simply make an appearance pursuant to Trademark Rule 2.17.

¹ Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-11787-NMG, filed in the District of Massachusetts.

Registrant's copy of any communication from the Board will be sent to registrant's domestic representative until counsel is appointed or makes an appearance on behalf of registrant. See Trademark Rule 2.119(d).

Plaintiff must notify the Board when service has been ineffective, within 10 days of the date of receipt of a returned service copy or the date on which plaintiff learns that service has been ineffective.

Plaintiff has no subsequent duty to investigate the defendant's whereabouts, but if plaintiff by its own voluntary investigation or through any other means discovers a newer correspondence address for the defendant, then such address must be provided to the Board. Likewise, if by voluntary investigation or other means the plaintiff discovers information indicating that a different party may have an interest in defending the case, such information must be provided to the Board. The Board will then effect service, by publication in the Official Gazette if necessary. See Trademark Rule 2.118. In circumstances involving ineffective service or return of defendant's copy of the Board's institution order, the Board may issue an order noting the proper defendant and address to be used for serving that party.

The Board's Standard Protective Order is applicable to this case, but the parties may agree to supplement that standard order or substitute a protective agreement of their choosing, subject to approval by the Board. The standard order is available for viewing at:

<http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/process/appeal/guidelines/stndagmnt.jsp>. Any party without access to the web may request a hard copy of the standard order from the Board. The standard order does not automatically protect a party's confidential information and its provisions must be utilized as needed by the parties. See Trademark Rule 2.116(g).

Information about the discovery phase of the Board proceeding is available in chapter 400 of the TBMP. By virtue of amendments to the Trademark Rules effective November 1, 2007, the initial disclosures and expert disclosures scheduled during the discovery phase are required only in cases commenced on or after that date. The TBMP has not yet been amended to include information on these disclosures and the parties are referred to the August 1, 2007 Notice of Final Rulemaking (72 Fed. Reg. 42242) posted on the Board's webpage. The deadlines for pretrial disclosures included in the trial phase of the schedule for this case also resulted from the referenced amendments to the Trademark Rules, and also are discussed in the Notice of Final Rulemaking.

The parties must note that the Board allows them to utilize telephone conferences to discuss or resolve a wide range of interlocutory matters that may arise during this case. In addition, the assigned interlocutory attorney has discretion to require the parties to participate in a telephone conference to resolve matters of concern to the Board. See TBMP § 502.06(a) (2d ed. rev. 2004).

The TBMP includes information on the introduction of evidence during the trial phase of the case, including by notice of reliance and by taking of testimony from witnesses. See TBMP §§ 703 and 704. Any notice of reliance must be filed during the filing party's assigned testimony period, with a copy served on all other parties. Any testimony of a witness must be both noticed and taken during the party's testimony period. A party that has taken testimony must serve on any adverse party a copy of the transcript of such testimony, together with copies of any exhibits introduced during the testimony, within thirty (30) days

after the completion of the testimony deposition. See Trademark Rule 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing after briefing is not required but will be scheduled upon request of any party, as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

The motion to suspend the proceeding pending final determination of a civil action between the parties is hereby granted as well taken. It is the policy of the Board to suspend proceedings when the parties are involved in a civil action, which may be dispositive of or have a bearing on the Board case. See Trademark Rule 2.117(a).

Accordingly, proceedings are instituted but are suspended pending final disposition of the civil action between the parties. Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the parties shall so notify the Board and call this case up for any appropriate action. During the suspension period, the parties shall notify the Board of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.

ESTTA NOTE: For faster handling of all papers the parties need to file with the Board, the Board strongly encourages use of electronic filing through the Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals (ESTTA). Various electronic filing forms, some of which may be used as is, and others which may require attachments, are available at <http://estta.uspto.gov>.