

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Cancellation No. 92055064

Y.P. Golan Trade Ltd.

v.

Moroccanoil, Inc.

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This case now comes up for consideration of respondent's motion (filed March 12, 2012) to suspend this case pending final determination of two civil actions in federal district court. The motion is fully briefed.

Trademark Rule 2.117(a) provides that "[w]henever it shall come to the attention of the ... Board that a party or parties to a pending case are engaged in a civil action...which may have a bearing on the case, proceedings before the Board may be suspended until termination of the civil action."

After reviewing the parties' arguments and the involved civil action pleadings, the Board finds that the civil actions at issue may have a bearing upon the above-captioned proceeding in that respondent is involved in one and the rights to its marks are at issue in the federal action and

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both parties are involved in the other civil action which may determine the parties' rights to the mark(s) at issue in this proceeding. In the interest of judicial economy and consistent with the Board's inherent authority to regulate its proceedings to avoid duplicating the efforts of the district courts and the possibility of reaching an inconsistent conclusion, suspension is appropriate. See TBMP Section 510.02(a) (3d ed. 2011).

In view thereof, respondent's motion to suspend is hereby granted. Proceedings herein are suspended pending final disposition, including any and all appeals and remands, of the two civil actions referenced in respondent's motion.<sup>1</sup>

Within twenty days after the final determination of both civil actions, the parties should notify the Board so that this case may be called up for appropriate action.

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<sup>1</sup> During the suspension period the Board should be notified of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.

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