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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING OPPOSITION

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Sir:

We hereby request that the time for filing a verified opposition against the above-identified application be extended for a period of 30 days to and including January 17, 2002, pursuant to this request and for the reasons set forth hereinafter.

The parties are exploring settlement options which, if successful, will remove the need for formal opposition proceedings. M. Nicolas Loufrani, attorney of record for Applicant, has agreed to the granting of this additional extension.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Extension of Time for Filing Opposition was mailed via first class mail, postage prepaid to Applicant's attorney, M. Nicolas Loufrani, Smiley Licensing Corporation, 138 Spring Street, New York, New York 10012-3854 this 18th of December, 2001.



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