

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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In re Ela Medical

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On March 21, 2003, applicant filed a paper requesting that the Board suspend action on the appeal, pending receipt of an executed letter of consent from SciMed Life Systems, the owner of cited Registration No. 1,912,406, cited by the Trademark Examining Attorney as a Section 2(d) bar to registration of applicant's mark.

The request to suspend is granted. Proceedings herein are **suspended until three months** from the date of mailing of this letter. At that time, the Board expects that applicant will file its appeal brief. However if applicant still requires more time to obtain the consent agreement, it must provide further detail as to the status of negotiations.

This case will not be suspended indefinitely for the purpose of allowing applicant time to obtain the sought-after consent agreement.