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In re the Application of:

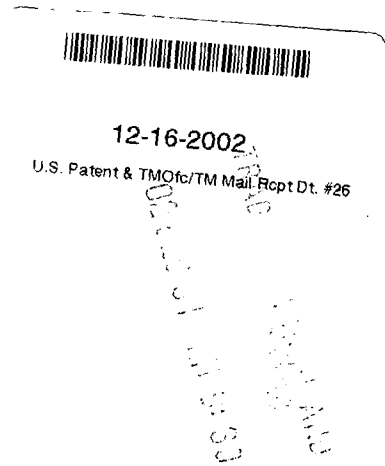
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**REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks
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Sir:

Your Petitioner, BEST SOFTWARE, INC., a corporation of the State of Virginia, located and doing business at 11413 Isaac Newton Square, Reston, Virginia 22090, through its undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully requests a further extension of time, to and including **January 15, 2003**, to file a Notice of Opposition against the above-identified application.

The extension is needed to allow Petitioner to continue its investigation to determine if opposition is warranted, to confer with counsel, and to prepare the opposition papers, if necessary.

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This request is not made for the purpose of unduly delaying proceedings in the Patent and Trademark Office.

This request is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

BEST SOFTWARE, INC.

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