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REQUEST FOR NINETY DAY (90) EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

NOW COMES, *ABT*, *Inc.*, a North Carolina Corporation, with a mailing address at 259 Murdock Road, Post Office Box 837, Troutman, North Carolina 28166, by its undersigned attorneys, Henry B. Ward, III, Dickson M. Lupo, Larry C. Jones, Bruce J. Rose, and Jason M. Sneed, members of the firm of ALSTON & BIRD LLP, Bank of America Plaza, 101 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28280-4000, (704) 444-1000, hereby requests that its time for opposing the above-identified trademark application be extended for a period of ninety (90) days, from December 26, 2003, up to and including March 24, 2004.

This extension of time is requested in order to afford a sufficient opportunity for

Petitioner to complete an investigation as to the implications of the publication of the above-

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identified application. Given the pendency of existing litigation between the parties, a ninety (90) day extension is requested because Petitioner realistically believes that the investigation of this matter cannot be completed within a shorter period of time. Accordingly, favorable action on this request is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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