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The request to extend time to oppose is granted until
3/7/2009 on behalf of potential opposer **NPBC, Inc.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the Trademark Trial and
Appeal Board at (571)272-8500 if you have any questions
relating to this extension.

New Developments at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

TTAB forms for electronic filing of extensions of time to
oppose, notices of opposition, petition for cancellation, notice
of ex parte appeal, and inter partes filings are now available
at <http://estta.uspto.gov>. Images of TTAB proceeding files can
be viewed using TTABVue at <http://ttabvue.uspto.gov>.

TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD RULE CHANGES

The USPTO has issued new rules pertaining to TTAB
proceedings. Parties are urged to familiarize themselves
with the new rules.

Among other changes, for any notice of opposition filed on
or after November 1, 2007, the new rules require an opposer
to provide proof of service of the notice of opposition
upon the applicant at the time the notice of opposition is
filed. Trademark Rule 2.101. (Parallel amendments to
Trademark Rule 2.111 require a petitioner to include proof
of service of the petition for cancellation.) Service may
be made by any of the means set out in Trademark Rule

2.119(b). A certificate of service is adequate proof of service; service by a process server is not necessary. A notice of opposition (or petition for cancellation) filed without a certificate of service will not be instituted.

The notice of final rulemaking and a chart summarizing the changes contained in the notice are available for viewing on the TTAB web page:

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf