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The Board has received the request to extend time to oppose filed on October 10, 2003 on behalf of Idecl Pharmaceutical Corp.

However, the request had not been associated with the file of this case at the time the subject application matured into Registration No. 2771553. The Board regrets this situation, but it is without authority to vacate the issuance of said registration.

Accordingly, the Board will forward the application file to the Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks for consideration of the cancellation of the inadvertently issued registration, following which further appropriate action will be taken with respect to the request to extend time to oppose.

Potential opposer need not continue to file requests to extend time to oppose.