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The extension of time to oppose is granted until **4/18/07** on behalf of potential opposer **Kabushiki Kaisha Volks**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board for any questions relating to this extension.

New Developments at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

Parties should also be aware of changes in the rules affecting trademark matters, including rules of practice before the TTAB. See Rules of Practice for Trademark-Related Filings Under the Madrid Protocol Implementation Act, 68 Fed. R. 55,748 (September 26, 2003) (effective November 2, 2003) Reorganization of Correspondence and Other Provisions, 68 Fed. Reg. 48,286 (August 13, 2003) (effective September 12, 2003). Notices concerning the rules changes are available at www.uspto.gov.

In particular, parties who file their first extension of time to oppose on or after November 2, 2003 should be aware of Trademark Rule 2.102(c), governing extension of time to oppose, which states as follows:

(c) The time for filing an opposition shall not be extended beyond 180 days from the date of publication. Any request to extend the time for filing an opposition must be filed before thirty days have expired from the date of publication or before the expiration of a previously granted extension of time, as appropriate. Requests to extend the time for filing an opposition must be filed as follows:

(1) A person may file a first request for either a thirty-day extension of time, which will be granted upon request, or a ninety-day extension of time, which will be granted only for good cause shown.

(2) If a person was granted a thirty-day extension of time, that person may file a request for an additional sixty-day extension of time, which will be granted only for good cause shown.

(3) After receiving one or two extensions of time totaling ninety days, a person may file one final request for an extension of time for an additional sixty days. The Board will grant this request only upon written consent or stipulation signed by the applicant or its authorized representative, or a written request by the potential opposer or its authorized representative stating that the applicant or its authorize representative has consented to the request, or a showing of extraordinary circumstances. No further extensions of time to file an opposition will be granted under any circumstances.

Note that the Board will not suspend the time for filing a notice of opposition for any reason. TBMP § 209.01 (2d ed. June 2003).

TTAB forms for electronic filing of extensions of time to oppose, notices of opposition, 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>.