

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
P.O. Box 1451
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Mailed: February 18, 2005

Opposition No. 91155854

Best Software Inc.

v.

BEST GmbH

Janice D. Hyman, Paralegal Specialist:

Applicant's consented motion to suspend proceedings filed October 12, 2004 is hereby granted.

Because the parties are continuing negotiation for possible settlement of this case, proceedings herein are suspended until **six months** from the mailing date of this action, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, upon conclusion of the suspension period, proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set out below.

Applicant is allowed **THIRTY DAYS** from resumption in which to answer the notice of opposition. The parties are allowed the same THIRTY DAYS in which to serve responses to

any outstanding discovery requests. Trial dates, including the close of discovery, are reset as follows:

Proceedings resume:	August 18, 2005
Discovery period to close:	January 16, 2006
Thirty-day testimony period for party in position of plaintiff to close:	April 16, 2006
Thirty-day testimony period for party in position of defendant to close:	June 15, 2006
Fifteen-day rebuttal testimony period to close:	July 30, 2006

In each instance, a copy of the transcript of testimony together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party within thirty days after completion of the taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.