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Opposition No. 91155875

Performance Health, Inc
and Biofreeze Associates

v.

Wellness International
Network, Ltd.

David Mermelstein, Attorney:

Proceedings herein are **suspended** pending disposition of the plaintiff's motion to compel (filed on August 12, 2003), except as discussed below. The parties should not file any paper which is not germane to the motion to compel. See Trademark Rule 2.120(e)(2).

This suspension order does **not** toll the time for either party to respond to discovery requests which had been duly served prior to the filing of the motion to compel, nor does it toll the time for a party to appear for a discovery deposition which had been duly noticed prior to the filing of the motion to compel. See *Id.* The motion to compel will be decided in due course.

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