

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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Opposition Nos. **91156252**
91156314
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Shen Manufacturing Company
Incorporated

v.

The Ritz Hotel, Limited

Peter Cataldo, Administrative Trademark Judge:

Applicant's communication (filed on October 24, 2005) perfecting its counterclaim by submitting the required fee and clarifying its name as party defendant is noted. Based upon the showing made therein, applicant's counterclaim will be given consideration herein and its name has been changed in the caption of this proceeding. In addition, opposer's answer to applicant's counterclaim and cross-counterclaim is noted and made of record.

Applicant's motion (filed on September 30, 2005) to consolidate the instant proceeding with the above-referenced oppositions and to suspend the proceeding

pending final determination of a civil action between the parties is hereby granted as well taken. It is the policy of the Board to consolidate proceedings involving parties, marks and issues in common. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a). See also TBMP §511 (2d ed. rev. 2004) and the authorities cited therein. It is further the policy of the Board to suspend proceedings when the parties are involved in a civil action, which may be dispositive of or have a bearing on the Board case. See Trademark Rule 2.117(a).

Accordingly, proceedings herein are consolidated and suspended pending final disposition of the civil action between the parties.

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the interested party should notify the Board so that this case may be called up for appropriate action. During the suspension period the Board should be notified of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.