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Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: January 22, 2008

Opposition No. 91180392

Anheuser-Busch, Incorporated

v.

Gordo Enterprises, Inc.

Elizabeth J. Winter, Interlocutory Attorney:

On January 7, 2008, the Board allowed applicant thirty days to show cause why default judgment should not be entered against it because of applicant's apparent loss of interest in this case.¹

In response thereto, applicant filed (on January 15, 2008) a motion requesting a sixty-day extension of time to find new counsel. Applicant's motion fails to indicate proof of service on opposer's counsel, as required by Trademark Rule 2.119, 37 C.F.R. § 2.119. Accordingly, applicant's motion will not be considered. However, applicant is allowed **TEN DAYS** from the mailing date of this order in which to serve a copy of its January 15, 2008 motion upon opposer's counsel and to submit proof of

¹ On November 21, 2007, the Board allowed applicant thirty days in which to appoint counsel or to advise the Board that applicant would represent itself in this proceeding.

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service thereof to the Board, failing which, the motion for an extension of time to appoint new counsel will be given no further consideration and judgment may be entered against applicant based on its apparent loss of interest in this case. Strict compliance with Trademark Rule 2.119, 37 C.F.R. § 2.119, is required by applicant in all future papers filed with the Board.

This proceeding remains otherwise SUSPENDED.

NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>

http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>