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Opposition No. 91179160

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA)

v.

LIGGETT GROUP LLC

Opposition No. 91188166

LIGGETT GROUP LLC

v.

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA)

Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

These cases now come up on opposer's stipulated motion to consolidate filed on February 25, 2009. A review of the pleadings in the above-identified opposition proceedings indicates that the parties are the same and the proceedings involve substantially identical questions of fact and law.

The Board has reviewed the cases and agrees that consolidation is appropriate. Accordingly, opposer's consented motion to consolidate is granted and Opposition Nos. 91179160 and 91188166 may be presented on the same records and briefs. The record will be maintained in Opposition No. **91179160** as the "parent" case, but all papers filed in these cases should include both proceeding numbers

Oppositon Nos. 91179160 and 91188166

in ascending order. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a); and TBMP §511 (2d ed. rev. 2004).

Despite being consolidated, each proceeding retains its separate character. The decision on the consolidated cases shall take into account any differences in the issues raised by the respective pleadings and a copy of the decision shall be placed in each proceeding file.

The parties are further advised that they are to periodically inform the Board if any subsequent oppositions are instituted which involve the same parties and the same issues.

Dates otherwise remain suspended pending disposition of the motion to dismiss pending in Opposition No. 91179160. Ligget Group's response to FIFA's motion to dismiss (filed January 30, 2009) remains due April 20, 2009.
