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BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Proceeding	91194697
Party	Defendant Sulzer Mixpac AG
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

In the Matter of Application No. 77848315
Filed: October 14, 2009
For the Mark: Pink Mixing Tip Configuration in International Class 10
Published in the Official Gazette: April 20, 2010

Pac-Dent International, Inc.,)	
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Opposer,)	
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v.)	Opposition No. 91194697
)	
Sulzer Mixpac AG,)	
)	
Applicant.)	

United States Patent and Trademark Office
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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**MOTION TO STAY THE OPPOSITION AND SUSPEND PROCEEDING
PENDING OUTCOME OF CIVIL ACTION**

Applicant Sulzer Mixpac AG (“Sulzer” or “Applicant”), by its undersigned counsel, K&L Gates LLP, respectfully submits this reply to Opposer’s Opposition of Applicant’s mark.

In support of its reply, Applicant states as follows:

**I.
INTRODUCTION**

Sulzer filed suit against Opposer based upon trademark and patent infringement in the United States District Court Southern District of New York (“District Court”) in *Sulzer Mixpac USA, Inc. and Sulzer Mixpac AG vs. Pac-Dent International Inc., Pac-Dent, Inc., Pac-Dent International (Suzhou), Ltd. and Daniel Y. Wang*, No. 09-Civ 10430-(DAB) on March 18, 2010 (the “Civil Action”). A copy of an Order To Show

Cause For Preliminary Injunction With Temporary Restraining Order issued by the District Court preventing further sale of Defendant's products is enclosed as Exhibit A. The Temporary Restraining Order has been extended with the consent of Opposer.

In response, Opposer has filed an Opposition against Applicant's Pink Mixing Tip, U.S. App. No. 77848315, with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ("Board"). Because the outcome of the Civil Action will have a bearing on the Opposition, granting Applicant's Motion to Stay the Opposition and suspension of the subject proceeding is appropriate.

II. **ARGUMENT**

If it comes to the attention of the Board that a party or parties to a case pending before the Board are involved in a civil action that may have bearing on the Board case, the Board has the authority to suspend the proceeding until the final determination of the civil action. 37 CFR § 2.117; TMBP § 510.02(a). The rationale is that to the extent that a civil action in a Federal district court involves issues in common with those in a proceeding before the Board, the decision of the Federal district court is often binding on the Board, while the decision of the Board is not binding upon the court. TMBP § 510.02(a); *see e.g., Goya Foods Inc. v. Tropicana Products, Inc.*, 846 F.2d 848, 6 U.S.P.Q.2d 1950, 1954 (2d Cir. 2988).

Applicant and Opposer are both parties to the Civil Action. The Civil Action will determine whether Opposer's product is confusingly similar to, and infringes, Applicant's Pink Mixing Tip configuration mark. Accordingly, the rulings and findings in the Civil Action will have a bearing on, if not be dispositive of, the principal issues involved in this Opposition proceeding. Applicant seeks to suspend this proceeding to avoid the

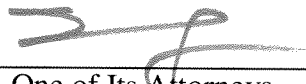
unnecessary burden on the Board and the parties of litigating in multiple proceedings. As such, it is in the interest of judicial economy that the Board suspend this proceeding until the final determination of the Civil Action.

III.
CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Board suspend the above-captioned Opposition proceeding pending disposition of the Civil Action.

Dated: June 7, 2010.

SULZER MIXPAC AG
Applicant

By:  _____
One of Its Attorneys

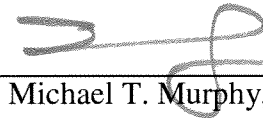
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby certifies that he caused a copy of **SULZER MIXPAC AG'S MOTION TO STAY THE OPPOSITION AND SUSPEND PROCEEDING PENDING OUTCOME OF CIVIL ACTION** to be served upon:

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by first class mail, proper postage prepaid, this 21ST day of June, 2010.



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EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SULZER MIXPAC USA, INC. and SULZER
MIXPAC AG,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

PAC-DENT INTERNATIONAL INC.,
PAC-DENT, INC.,
PAC-DENT INTERNATIONAL (SUZHOU), LTD.,
DANIEL Y. WANG

Defendants.

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1:09-cv-10430-DAB

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION WITH
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER

Upon the declarations of Richard Wilson, Armin Heggin and Stefan Kluthe sworn to the 16th day of March __, 2010 and accompanying exhibits, and upon the copy of the amended complaint hereto annexed, it is

ORDERED that the above named Defendants show cause before The Honorable Deborah A. Batts, U.S.D.J. at Room 248, United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, in the City, County and State of New York, on April 1, 2010, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon thereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, why an order should not be issued pursuant to Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

- a. Enjoining Defendants and each and every of them, and their representatives, servants, agents, employees, officers, directors, partners, attorneys, subsidiaries and all persons under their control or in active concert or participation with them, from selling, offering for sale, distributing or advertising dental mixing tips that

infringe the Mixpac Colored Dome Mark, or embody the Trade Dress of Mixpac's mixing tips including on the internet or any websites controlled by Defendants, or from passing off or otherwise representing to the public in any way that any mixing tip sold by them emanates from or is related in source or sponsorship or any other way to Mixpac.

- b. Ordering Defendants and all their representatives, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, partners, attorneys, subsidiaries and all persons under its control or in active concert or participation with them, to preserve during the pendency of this action all copies of the infringing mixing tips or inventory and records relating thereto, and all advertising therefor;

and it is further

ORDERED that, sufficient reason having been shown therefor, pending the hearing of plaintiff's application for a preliminary injunction, pursuant to Rule 65, Fed. R. Civ. P., and 15 U.S.C. § 1116, the Defendants and each and every of them, and their representatives, servants, agents, employees, officers, directors, partners, attorneys, subsidiaries and all persons under its control or in active concert or participation with them are temporarily restrained from selling, offering for sale, distributing or advertising dental mixing tips that infringe the Mixpac Colored Dome Mark, or embody the Trade Dress of Mixpac's mixing tips including on the internet or any websites controlled by defendants; from passing off or otherwise representing to the public in any way that any mixing tip sold by them emanates from or is related in source or sponsorship or any other way to Mixpac.

ORDERED that Defendants shall preserve during the pendency of this action all copies of the infringing mixing tips or inventory in their possession or control, and all documents or records relating thereto and advertising therefore, and it is further

ORDERED that security in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 in cash to be deposited by wire transfer with the Clerk of the Court before March 24, 2010 at 4:00 o'clock in the fore noon of that day and that such security is found to be sufficient; and it is further

ORDERED that personal service of a copy of this order and annexed affidavits upon the Defendants or their attorneys on or before 4: o'clock in the after noon, of March 23, 2010 shall be deemed good and sufficient service thereof; and it is further

ORDERED that the defendants shall respond to all discovery demands served on them on the days demanded and not later than 8 days after issuance of this Order.

New York, New York
March 19, 2010

Deborah A. Betts
United States District Judge