

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Opposition No. 91196222

ESP Co., Ltd. and E.S.P.  
Shibuya Enterprises, Inc.  
d/b/a ESP Guitar Company

v.

Essential Sound Products Inc.

**M. Catherine Faint,  
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On June 17, 2011 the Board held a telephone conference involving Bradley Rothschild, counsel for ESP Co., Ltd. and E.S.P. Shibuya Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a ESP Guitar Company, and Stephon Johnson, counsel for Essential Sound Products Inc.

On May 27, 2011, opposer filed a motion for discovery sanctions. On June 13, 2011, applicant filed a paper titled as a "response to motion for discovery sanctions" in the ESTTA cover page. Mr. Rothschild brought to the Board's attention that applicant's response to the motion for sanctions appeared to have been filed on June 13, 2011, but the copy shown in the Board's electronic file appeared only as a blank page. Mr. Rothschild stated he had received a service copy of what may have been the intended response, but that copy was incorrectly captioned.

The parties consented to a reopening of applicant's time to file a response to the motion for sanctions and the Board

grants the reopening of time. Accordingly, applicant is allowed until Monday, June 20, 2011 to file and serve its response to the motion for sanctions. A reply brief, if any, is due in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

Proceedings are otherwise suspended for consideration of the motion for discovery sanctions.

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