

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.

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On June 20, 2011, applicant filed its response to opposer's motion for sanctions. In that response, applicant refers to, "a lawsuit [filed by opposer] for trademark infringement against Applicant, in the state of California." The filing of the action raises the issue of whether the civil action will have a bearing on this opposition proceeding before the Board. See Trademark Rule 2.117(a); see also TBMP § 510.02(a) (3d ed. 2011) and cases cited therein.

Accordingly, the parties are allowed **twenty (20) days** from the mailing date of this order to provide the Board with a copy of the pleadings from the civil action, so that the Board may determine whether further suspension of proceedings herein is warranted. See Trademark Rule 2.117(a).

Proceedings are otherwise suspended pending disposition of opposer's motion for sanctions.¹ The motion will be decided in due course.

¹ Opposer may file its reply brief, if any, in support of its motion for sanctions in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.127(a).