

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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**Opposition No. 91204465
(PARENT CASE)**

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BLANCO GmbH + Co KG

v.

Vito Laera

Cancellation No. 92054358

Vito Laera

v.

Blanco GmbH + Co KG

Jennifer Krisp, Interlocutory Attorney:

Discovery and Settlement Conference

The Board notes the request for the participation of a Board attorney in the parties' discovery and settlement conference, filed by Vito Laera on October 1, 2012.¹

¹ Mr. Laera's filing includes a statement which is incomprehensible, namely, "I would like to withdraw from all 'oppositions,' with consent, so we can focus on the core case, cancellation No. 92054358." Inasmuch as this statement is

In its September 25, 2012 order, the Board clearly suspended proceedings pending disposition of the motions to dismiss filed by Mr. Laera, and clearly stated that any paper filed during the pendency of the motions which is not relevant thereto will be given no consideration. Thus, in view of said suspension, the Board will not entertain the request for or schedule the discovery and settlement conference at this time, and will address the request only in the event that it resumes proceedings.

Service Copies

The Board notes the notification of returned service copies, filed by BLANCO GmbH+Co KG on October 2, 2012. Mr. Laera is under a continuing obligation to assure that the Board is apprised of his current and valid street address. If a party fails to provide this information, default judgment may be entered against that party. Moreover, it is highly unusual for a large number of mailings to be returned by the U.S. Postal System. Furthermore, applicant acknowledged in its September 28, 2012 filing that "a problem with the USPS" had "been resolved." Accordingly, Mr. Laera is and was aware of a problem, and is under obligation to take steps to address and rectify the situation immediately.

incomprehensible, and does not properly or clearly set forth either an action on Mr. Laera's part or a request for relief from

Mr. Laera's service issues have caused undue delay and have occasioned a burden on the Board's resources. To avoid further unnecessary delay, the Board orders as follows:

- 1) The parties shall serve each other with service copies of all motions, briefs and papers filed in these consolidated proceedings using the option provided for in Trademark Rule 2.119(b)(6), that is, by electronic mail, AND shall also and simultaneously serve said service copies by First Class Mail, postage prepaid;
- 2) The parties are directed, within seven (7) days of the mailing date of this order, to contact each other to confirm that their respective electronic mail correspondence addresses of record are correct and current, and that the opposing party is aware of said correct and current address(es).

Proceedings remain suspended pursuant to Trademark Rule 2.127(d).

the Board, said statement shall be given no consideration at this time.