

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Opposition No. 91209891

Opposition No. 91211078

The GSI Group, LLC

v.

Sioux Steel Company

Amended Notice of Opposition Accepted

The Board first turns its attention to opposer's motion to amend notice of opposition, filed on May 16, 2013.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 (a), a party to an inter partes proceeding before the Board may amend its pleading once as a matter of course at any time before a responsive pleadings is served.

Inasmuch as there has been no responsive pleading filed in this case, opposer's amended notice of opposition is now opposer's operative pleading herein. As set forth below, applicant is allowed until **August 31, 2013** to file its answer to the amended notice of opposition.

Consolidated

Opposition Nos. 91209891 and 91211078

The Board notes opposer's consented motion filed June 13, 2013 in Opposition No. 91209891 to consolidate the above-captioned proceedings.

Because the parties are the same and the two proceedings involve common issues of law and fact, the Board believes that the interest of judicial economy will be served by consolidation of Opposition Nos. 91209891 and 91211078. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a) and TBMP § 511.

Accordingly, opposer's motion to consolidate is granted. Opposition Nos. 91209891 and 91211078 may be presented on the same records and briefs. The record will be maintained in Opposition No. **91209891** as the "parent" case, but all papers filed in these cases should include both proceeding numbers in ascending order. *Id.*

Trial dates, including applicant's answer to the amended notice of opposition, conferencing, disclosure, discovery and trial dates are reset as follows:¹

Amended Answer Due	8/31/2013
Deadline for Discovery Conference	9/30/2013
Discovery Opens	9/30/2013
Initial Disclosures Due	10/30/2013
Expert Disclosures Due	2/27/2014
Discovery Closes	3/29/2014
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures	5/13/2014
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/27/2014
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	7/12/2014
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	8/26/2014
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	9/10/2014
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	10/10/2014

¹ The Board notes and hereby updates its records to reflect applicant's change of correspondence filed May 17, 2013.

IN EACH INSTANCE, a copy of the transcript of testimony, together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party **WITHIN THIRTY DAYS** after completion of the taking of testimony. See Trademark Rule 2.125, 37 C.F.R. § 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b), 37 C.F.R. §§ 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129, 37 C.F.R. § 2.129.