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Opposition No. 91231574

Institut National de l'Origine et de la Qualite

v.

The Osage Group

Nicole Thier, Paralegal Specialist:

Opposer's consented motion, filed September 26, 2017, to suspend this proceeding for 90 days is granted.

Because the parties are negotiating for a possible settlement of this case, proceedings are suspended, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time.¹ *See* Trademark Rule 2.117(c), and 2.127(a); and TBMP § 605.02).

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys have a change of address or email address, the Board should be so informed. *See* Trademark Rule 2.18(b)(1).

¹ The parties should note that if proceedings are suspended for a lengthy period of time pursuant to the filing of several motions to suspend for settlement, the Board retains discretion to condition the approval of any future consented or stipulated motion to suspend on a party or the parties providing necessary information about the status of settlement talks, discovery activities, or trial activities, as may be appropriate. *See* Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, upon conclusion of the suspension period, proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set forth below.

Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	12/26/2017
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	2/9/2018
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	2/24/2018
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	4/10/2018
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	4/25/2018
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	5/25/2018
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	7/24/2018
Defendant's Brief Due	8/23/2018
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	9/7/2018
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	9/17/2018

Generally, the Federal Rules of Evidence apply to Board trials. Trial testimony is taken and introduced out of the presence of the Board during the assigned testimony periods. The parties may stipulate to a wide variety of matters, and many requirements relevant to the trial phase of Board proceedings are set forth in Trademark Rules 2.121 through 2.125. These include pretrial disclosures, the manner and timing of taking testimony, matters in evidence, and the procedures for submitting and serving testimony and other evidence, including affidavits, declarations, deposition transcripts and stipulated evidence. Trial briefs shall be submitted in accordance with Trademark Rules 2.128(a) and (b). Oral argument at final hearing will be scheduled only upon the timely submission of a separate notice as allowed by Trademark Rule 2.129(a).