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Proceeding	91234097
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In the Matter of US Serial Nos. 87181367, 871	181374, 87	7181840, 87181859
Mark: FITJOY WILD		
Application Filing Date: September 23, 2016		
Rudolf Wild GmbH & Co. KG &	)	
WILD Flavors, Inc.	)	
	)	
Opposers,	)	
v.	)	Opposition No. 91234097
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FITJOY Nutrition LLC by Assignment,	)	
from WoodBolt Distribution, LLC	)	
	)	
Applicant.	)	

# JOINT STATUS REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF SETTLEMENT AND MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDING

Pursuant to TBMP Section 510.03(a) and 37 CFR Section 2.117 (c), the parties, by and through their respective counsel, hereby respectfully request that all subsequent deadlines in the above proceeding be suspended for an additional 60 days to allow the parties to continue their settlement efforts.

Per it's Order entered on June 9, 2018, the Board requested a status report reciting the progress the parties have made towards resolving the matter for all further Motions to Suspend or Extend for Settlement filed in this proceeding. On May 12, 2021, the parties filed a Joint Status Report Regarding Status of Settlement and Motion to Suspend Proceeding. The parties request a further 60-day suspension of the proceeding and provide the below updated joint status report, as they are still involved in settlement discussions.

## 1. All dates on which the parties communicated, and the method of each communication.

The parties have exchanged numerous communications regarding this proceeding during the previous periods of suspension. The parties have exchanged written settlement proposals and have conducted business-to-business conferences regarding the same. Additionally, the parties' attorneys communicated via email regarding settlement numerous times in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, including the following dates: 06/5/2019; 07/17/2019; 07/19/2019; 07/23/2019; 07/25/2019; 07/31/2019; 10/23/2019; 10/28/2019; 10/29/2019; 10/30/2019; 11/6/2019; 11/7/2019; 05/12/2020; 05/14/2020; 10/30/2020; 11/2/2020; 11/10/2020; 11/11/2020; 11/11/2020; 01/28/2020; 02/1/2021; 02/5/2021; 02/9/2021; 02/10/2021; 04/28/2021; 05/5/2021; 05/12/2021; 06/30/2021.

#### 2. The general nature of each communication.

- June 5, 2019 Attorney for opposers sent draft settlement agreement to attorney for applicant.
- July 17, 2019 Attorney for applicant informed attorney for opposers that applicant had no intention to use the mark at issue and intended to abandon the mark.
- July 19, 2019 Attorney for opposers responded re: entering into a draft settlement agreement.
- July 23, 2019 Attorney for applicant responded and proposed not entering into a written settlement agreement.
- o July 25, 2019 Attorney for opposers acknowledged email.
- July 31, 2019 Attorney for opposers stated that they wanted to enter into a written settlement agreement.
- September 2019 Partner attorney for opposers returned from maternity leave.
- October 2019 Associate attorney for opposers left firm and partner attorney took over settlement discussions with attorney for applicant.

- October 23, 2019 Attorney for opposers emailed attorney for applicant requesting status of draft settlement agreement and inquired if applicant is agreeable to suspending the proceeding further.
- October 28, 2019 Attorney for opposers followed up with attorney for applicant; Attorney for applicant agreed to further suspend while parties attempt to finalize settlement.
- October 29, 2019 Attorney for opposers requested time to set up a call to further discuss settlement.
- October 30, 2019 Attorney for opposers provided available times to call.
- o November 6, 2019 Attorney for opposers suggested a call time.
- November 7, 2019 Attorneys communicated about rescheduling a call time, and attorney for opposers stated they will begin drafting the motion to suspend.
- o May 12, 2020 Attorney for applicant sent settlement proposal.
- May 14, 2020 Attorneys communicated regarding filing of joint status report.
- October 30, 2020 Attorney for opposers provided update regarding status of position on settlement proposal.
- o November 2, 2020; November 10, 2020; November 11, 2020 Attorneys communicated regarding draft status report and prior settlement discussions.
- o January 28, 2021; February 1, 2021 Attorneys communicated regarding draft status report and prior settlement discussions.
- o April 28, 2021; May 5, 2021 Attorneys communicated regarding draft status report and prior settlement discussions.
- o May 11, 2021; May 12, 2021 Attorneys communicated regarding review and approval of status report.
- O June 30, 2021 Associate attorney for opposers left firm and new associate attorney and partner attorney took over settlement discussions with attorney for applicant; Attorney for applicant alerted attorney for opposers that representation of applicant had ended and provided new representative information; Attorney for opposers communicated with new attorney for applicant regarding draft status report and prior settlement discussions.

#### 3. The issues that have been resolved.

Applicant has agreed to abandon all FITJOY WILD applications.

#### 4. The issues that remain to be resolved of that remain for trial.

The parties are negotiating regarding entering into a written settlement agreement.

#### 5. The proposed timetable for resolution of the remaining issues.

The parties anticipate finalizing settlement with the next 60 days. Given the information set forth above and the fact that the parties are diligently working towards finalizing settlement, the parties request that this proceeding be suspended for 60 days to allow the parties to complete the same.

<b>Expert Disclosures Due</b>	07/12/2021	09/12/2021
<b>Discovery Closes</b>	08/11/2021	10/11/2021
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	09/25/2021	11/25/2021
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	11/09/2021	01/09/2022
<b>Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due</b>	11/24/2021	01/24/2022
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	01/08/2022	03/08/2022
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	01/23/2022	03/23/2022
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	02/22/2022	04/22/2022
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	04/23/2022	06/23/2022
Defendant's Brief Due	05/23/2022	07/23/2022
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	06/07/2022	08/07/2022
<b>Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due</b>	06/17/2022	08/17/2022

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### **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing, JOINT STATUS REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF SETTLEMENT AND MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDING, has been served on the attorneys for Applicant via email, per the parties' agreement, sending said copy on July 6, 2021, to:

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