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March 26, 2019

Opposition No. 91236616

*Patron Spirits International AG*

*v.*

*Clos Lachance Wines, LLC*

**Lalita Webb, Paralegal Specialist:**

Applicant's consented motion filed March 18, 2019, to suspend this proceeding for ninety (90) days is granted. The parties are reminded that there is a continuing obligation to provide good cause in the form of detailed progress reports for any further extension or suspension requests.

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. *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).

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.

Time to Answer	6/16/2019
Deadline for Discovery Conference	7/16/2019
Discovery Opens	7/16/2019
Initial Disclosures Due	8/15/2019
Expert Disclosures Due	12/13/2019
Discovery Closes	1/12/2020
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	2/26/2020
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	4/11/2020
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	4/26/2020
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/10/2020
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	6/25/2020
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	7/25/2020
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	9/23/2020
Defendant's Brief Due	10/23/2020
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	11/7/2020
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	11/17/2020

Applicant is allowed until **June 16, 2019**, in which to answer the notice of opposition. An answer must be filed through ESTTA, the Board's Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals. *See* Trademark Rule 2.106(b)(1)/2.114(b)(1).

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).