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In the Matter of Application Serial No. 8754620
For the Mark Pirate Strong

Patron Spirits International AG **Opposer/Plaintiff,** **v.** **Pirate Strong Rum Company LLC** **Applicant/Defendant.**	**Opposition No. 91238575**

MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL BY ATTORNEYS

The undersigned attorney and law firm hereby request permission to withdraw as counsel for Applicant Royston Hunte ("Defendant"), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c), Trademark Rule of Practice § 2.19(b), and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure ("TBMP") § 513.01. The grounds for the withdrawal are as follows:

Undersigned counsel has made repeated attempts to communicate with Defendant by phone and by email about this case. Defendant has been unresponsive, and has failed to otherwise cooperate with counsel to prepare a defense.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §10.40(a), the undersigned attorney has taken reasonable steps to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the Defendant, including giving due notice to the Defendant and allowing time for employment of other counsel.

As of January 12, 2018, this case is still in the pleading phase and Defendant's Answer is due January 31, 2018. All papers and property to which Defendant is entitled has been delivered to Defendant. Any unearned retainer funds have been refunded to Defendant.

The email address for the Defendant in this proceeding should be updated to roystonhunte@outlook.com

Wherefore, the undersigned counsel and law firm request to be relieved of all responsibility regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 12, 2018

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the day of January 12, 2018, a true copy of the foregoing **MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL BY ATTORNEYS** is being served by electronic mail addressed as follows:

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