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November 18, 2019

Opposition No. 91241401

Marine Acquisition Corp.

v.

Hirschmann Automotive GmbH

Lalita Webb, Paralegal Specialist:

Opposer's consented motion filed November 14, 2019, to suspend this proceeding for ninety (90) days is granted.¹ The parties are advised that any future motion to extend or suspend must include a report on the progress of the parties' settlement efforts to establish good cause for any further extension or suspension. Such report must include: a recitation of issues that have been resolved and issues that remain to be resolved, and a firm timetable for resolution. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend may not be approved, even though agreed to by the parties.

¹ The parties are reminded that there is a continuing obligation to provide a report on the progress of the parties' settlement efforts to establish good cause for any further extension or suspension. Such report must include: a recitation of issues that have been resolved and issues that remain to be resolved, and a firm timetable for resolution. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend may not be approved, even though agreed to by the parties.

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.

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| Time to Answer | 3/2/2020 |
| Deadline for Discovery Conference | 4/1/2020 |
| Discovery Opens | 4/1/2020 |
| Initial Disclosures Due | 5/1/2020 |
| Expert Disclosures Due | 8/29/2020 |
| Discovery Closes | 9/28/2020 |
| Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due | 11/12/2020 |
| Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends | 12/27/2020 |
| Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due | 1/11/2021 |
| Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends | 2/25/2021 |
| Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due | 3/12/2021 |
| Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends | 4/11/2021 |
| Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due | 6/10/2021 |
| Defendant's Brief Due | 7/10/2021 |
| Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due | 7/25/2021 |
| Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due | 8/4/2021 |

Applicant is allowed until **March 2, 2020**, 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).