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June 23, 2023

Opposition No. 91241417 (parent)

Opposition No. 91241418

Opposition No. 91270668

Ridge Tool Company

v.

The Ridge Wallet LLC

Opposition No. 91241419

Opposition No. 91241420

Opposition No. 91270669

RIDGID, Inc.

v.

The Ridge Wallet LLC

Lalita Webb, Paralegal Specialist:

On June 22, 2023, the parties' filed a stipulated motion to further suspend in view of the parties' settlement discussions (57 TTABVUE).

The Board notes that the parties have submitted numerous requests to suspend since June 14, 2018. In the order of April 24, 2023, the parties were advised that any future motion to extend or suspend must be supported by a **detailed report** to establish good cause (56 TTABVUE). In the present request, the parties state the

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following: “The parties remain engaged in ongoing settlement negotiations. The parties are working to arrange a potential discussion between the business representatives of each party to discuss the outstanding issues in the settlement.”

The parties’ motion filed June 22, 2023 is granted, however the parties are hereby advised that no further requests for extension of time or suspension will be granted, even if consented, unless the parties report to the Board, in significant detail on the progress of any ongoing settlement negotiations. For further explanation of this requirement, the parties are referred to the Board order issued April 24, 2023.

Absent the required status report, a motion to suspend or extend may be denied, even if consented to by the parties. If the Board denies such a motion, dates may remain as previously set. *See* TBMP § 509.01(a).

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	8/24/2023
Deadline for Discovery Conference	9/23/2023

Discovery Opens	9/23/2023
Initial Disclosures Due	10/23/2023
Expert Disclosures Due	2/20/2024
Discovery Closes	3/21/2024
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	5/5/2024
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/19/2024
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	7/4/2024
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	8/18/2024
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	9/2/2024
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	10/2/2024
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	12/1/2024
Defendant's Brief Due	12/31/2024
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	1/15/2025
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	1/25/2025

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).

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¹ To facilitate accuracy, ESTTA provides thumbnails to view each page before submitting.