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Opposition No. 91241866

Credit Sesame, Inc.

v.

Alibaba Group Holding Limited

Veronica P. White, Paralegal Specialist:

Applicant's consented motion, filed September 23, 2019, to further extend its time to file an answer to the notice of opposition, and to extend conference, disclosure, discovery and trial dates for an additional 90-days to allow the parties to continue their settlement efforts is noted.

The Board finds that the parties have complied with the Board's previous requirement and has shown good cause. Accordingly, the motion is granted.¹

Answer is due **December 21, 2019**. An answer must be filed through ESTTA, the Board's Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals. *See* Trademark Rule 2.106(b)(1).

¹ When parties stipulate to the rescheduling of a deadline for pretrial disclosures and subsequent testimony periods or to the rescheduling of the closing date for discovery and the rescheduling of subsequent deadlines for pretrial disclosures and testimony periods, a stipulation presented in the form used in a trial order, signed by the parties, or a motion in said form signed by one party and including a statement that every other party has agreed thereto, shall be submitted to the Board through ESTTA, with the relevant dates set forth and an express statement that all parties agree to the new dates. Trademark Rule 2.121(d).

The conference, disclosure, discovery and trial dates are reset as follows:

Deadline for Discovery Conference	1/20/2020
Discovery Opens	1/20/2020
Initial Disclosures Due	2/19/2020
Expert Disclosures Due	6/18/2020
Discovery Closes	7/18/2020
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	9/1/2020
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	10/16/2020
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	10/31/2020
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	12/15/2020
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	12/30/2020
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	1/29/2021
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	3/30/2021
Defendant's Brief Due	4/29/2021
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	5/14/2021
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	5/24/2021

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The parties are reminded that in the event that either party files a motion to extend or suspend any of these dates, they remain under obligation to support any such motion with a detailed report of the reasons therefor, including details of settlement efforts, if any. For further explanation of this requirement, the parties are referred to the Board order issued July 26, 2019.

As a final matter, the parties are also reminded that further use of the ESTTA “Consented Motions” option for purposes of filing a status report is not appropriate and the parties are, thus, required to submit a motion using the “General Filings” option and include the status report, and proposed schedule including all desired subsequent deadlines for any future motion to extend trial dates or to suspend this proceeding. **Any future motion to extend or suspend not filed in this manner, whether consented to or not, will be denied.**

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