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Opposition No. 91248617

WeWork Companies Inc.

v.

Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.

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Proceedings were suspended on February 12, 2020, pending disposition of Applicant's motion to amend its answer and counterclaim. Opposer filed its response to Applicant's motion on February 21, 2020.¹ Then, on March 10, 2020, prior to Applicant's deadline to file a reply in support of its motion, Applicant filed a consent motion for suspension for settlement.

Because the parties are negotiating for a possible settlement of this case, proceedings are **suspended for thirty days**, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time.² See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

¹ Opposer's January 21, 2020, consented motion to extend time to respond to Applicant's motion is granted. Opposer's power of attorney and change of correspondence, both filed on January 21, 2020, are noted and Board records have been updated accordingly.

² The parties should note that if proceedings are suspended for a lengthy period of time pursuant to the filing of several motions to suspend for settlement, the Board retains discretion to condition the approval of any future consented or stipulated motion to suspend on a party or the parties providing necessary information about the status of settlement talks, discovery activities, or trial activities, as may be appropriate. Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

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.

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations within thirty days, proceedings will be automatically resumed without further notice from the Board. Applicant's reply in support of its motion to amend will be due **within two days** from the date of resumption.³

³ The Board notes Opposer's January 21, 2020, consented motion to extend. The Board will reset discovery and trial dates upon resolution of Applicant's pending motion to amend. Accordingly, a decision on the motion is deferred.