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Opposition No. 91256448

*General Mills IP Holdings II, LLC*

*v.*

*Stocking-Plus, L.L.C.*

**Mary Beth Myles, Interlocutory Attorney:**

Opposer's August 10, 2020, motion to strike Applicant's affirmative defenses is **granted** as conceded, and Applicant's First and Second Affirmative Defense are **stricken**. See Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

Proceedings are resumed. Dates are hereby reset, and shown below:

<b>Deadline for Discovery Conference</b>	<b>10/19/2020</b>
<b>Discovery Opens</b>	<b>10/19/2020</b>
<b>Initial Disclosures Due</b>	<b>11/18/2020</b>
<b>Expert Disclosures Due</b>	<b>3/18/2021</b>
<b>Discovery Closes</b>	<b>4/17/2021</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due</b>	<b>6/1/2021</b>
<b>Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends</b>	<b>7/16/2021</b>
<b>Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due</b>	<b>7/31/2021</b>
<b>Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends</b>	<b>9/14/2021</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due</b>	<b>9/29/2021</b>
<b>Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends</b>	<b>10/29/2021</b>

<b>Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due</b>	<b>12/28/2021</b>
<b>Defendant's Brief Due</b>	<b>1/27/2022</b>
<b>Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due</b>	<b>2/11/2022</b>
<b>Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due</b>	<b>2/21/2022</b>

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