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Spectrum Brands Pet LLC,)
and)
Tetra GmbH,)
	Opposition No. 91263503
Opposers)
) Serial No. 88/321,368
V.)
)
Dzmitry Sidarevich,)
)
Applicant)

OPPOSERS' MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 2.120(h)(2) and TBMP § 527.01(b), and in the alternative, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 2.120(h) and TBMP § 527.01(a), Opposers, Spectrum Brands Pet LLC and Tetra GmbH, request the Board issue sanctions against Applicant, Dzmitry Sidarevich, in the form of entering judgment against Applicant based on his failure to participate further in this proceeding. Applicant's counsel expressly informed Opposers' counsel that Applicant did not intend to continue with the proceeding. Based on the same, Opposers have attempted, in good faith, on multiple occasions and without success, to contact Applicant's counsel to properly terminate the proceeding, thus prompting Opposers' filing of this Motion for Sanctions.

I. Background

On July 8, 2020, Opposers filed a Joint Notice of Opposition against Applicant's application, Application Serial No. 88321368, for the mark VETRAPET & Design (hereinafter "the Application"). Applicant's Answer was due August 17, 2020. Due to

Applicant's failure to file an Answer in the proceeding, the Board issued a Notice of Default on August 28, 2020. On September 28, 2020, Applicant filed his Answer along with a motion requesting the Board set aside the Notice of Default and resume the proceeding. Opposers filed a brief in response to Applicant's motion on October 19, 2020, and the Board granted Applicant's motion on January 19, 2021.

II. Legal Standard

A motion for sanctions is appropriate, in part, where a party expressly informs another party that it will no longer participate in a proceeding, thereby leading to the initial party no longer engaging in the proceeding and disregarding deadlines and procedure, including but not limited to, by not engaging in conferences, exchanging documents, or providing other information requested. *See* TBMP § 527.01(b). Sanctions are also appropriate where "a party refuses to participate in a discovery conference under 37 C.F.R. § 2.120". *See* TBMP § 527.01(a).

III. Argument

Applicant has refused to participate further in this proceeding, thereby preventing the proceeding from either substantively moving forward, or being terminated in any way other than through Board Order. Specifically, based on the Board's previous resumption of the proceeding, Applicant and Opposers' (hereinafter collectively "the Parties") Discovery Conference deadline was February 5, 2021. Opposers reached out to Applicant's counsel multiple times in advance of this deadline to schedule the conference (see Exhibit A attached hereto, showing correspondence relating to scheduling the conference). On February 2, 2021, Applicant's counsel responded to Opposers' latest reminder by informing Opposers that his client informed him that "they will be abandoning the defense of this matter and will be

abandoning the application in question. As such, it appears that no discovery conference will be necessary" (see Exhibit B attached hereto, containing correspondence from Applicant's counsel). Based on this information, and on the same day, Opposer requested confirmation that Applicant would promptly be filing a motion to abandon the Application, thereby allowing the proceeding to be terminated. Opposers did not receive a response, and after sending a reminder which still elicited no response, on February 19, 2021, Opposers informed Applicant's counsel that, given Applicant appeared unwilling to file a motion to withdraw the Application, the Parties must proceed with the Discovery Conference (see Exhibit C attached hereto). In response to this correspondence, also on February 19, Applicant's counsel informed Opposers' counsel that "I don't want you to waste resources on your clients behalf on your end. Let me call the client real quick maybe I'll get him to sign off on the withdrawal of the application today tomorrow, so that it will spare you the effort of continuing with the opposition" (see Exhibit D attached hereto).

Based on the above exchange, Opposers allowed Applicant additional time to proceed with filing a motion to withdraw the Application. However, after noting a motion had not been filed, and after receiving no further correspondence from the other side, Opposers sent a status inquiry to Applicant's counsel on February 25, 2021. In response, Applicant's counsel informed Opposers' counsel that Applicant was withdrawing, and that he was waiting for his client to return the signed withdrawal document. He further stated that, in light of the same, there was "no need for discovery conference participation on [his] end" (see Exhibit E). Based on this further information, Opposers' counsel requested confirmation whether Applicant would agree to a 30-day suspension of the proceeding to pause the deadlines while Applicant worked on filing the motion to withdraw the Application. Opposers' counsel sent

this correspondence on February 26, 2021, and after having sent various reminders to Applicant's counsel in March and April, including lastly calling and leaving a message for Applicant's counsel on April 16, 2021, Opposer still has not received any further communication from Applicant's counsel regarding this matter (see Exhibit F).

Despite the presence and passing of various proceeding deadlines, including the Discovery Conference and Initial Disclosures deadlines thus far, Applicant appears to have abandoned his defense of this opposition. Based on Applicant's counsel's express previous statement that Applicant would be abandoning defense of the Application in this proceeding, combined with Applicant's counsel's above-discussed actions (or lack thereof), Opposers understand that Applicant will not proceed further in this proceeding, including by not participating in the discovery portion of the proceeding, which is set to close August 4, 2021. In light of the same, sanctions should be entered against Applicant, including in the form of entering judgment against Applicant. Opposers acknowledge that judgment is a harsh remedy, but "it is justified where there is a strong showing of willful evasion and no less drastic remedy would be effective." See Fifth Generation Inc. v. Titomirov Vodka LLC, 2019 U.S.P.Q.2d 418666, 2019 BL 418666 at Pg. 5 (T.T.A.B. 2019) (Board granted opposerpetitioner's motion for sanctions in form of judgment against applicant-registrant where applicant-registrant willfully evaded its discovery obligations). Here, Applicant has willfully evaded participating further in the proceeding, including, but not limited to, by ignoring Opposers' various attempts to reach Applicant's counsel, never participating in the Discovery Conference, and making no effort to participate in the current discovery phase of the proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Opposition No. 91263503 Serial No. 88/321,368

Given Applicant's express statement that he would be abandoning defense of the Application, and Applicant's disregard for proceeding deadlines and procedure, including, but not limited to, participating in the Discovery Conference, exchanging Initial Disclosures, or participating in the discovery phase thus far, Opposers respectfully request the Board issue sanctions against Applicant in the form of entering judgment against Applicant based on his failure to participate further in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 9, 2021

By:

Michelle L. Zimmermann Stella M. B. Ferraro

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

I hereby certify that a copy of this attached OPPOSERS' MOTION FOR SANCTIONS was filed electronically with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board on June 9, 2021.

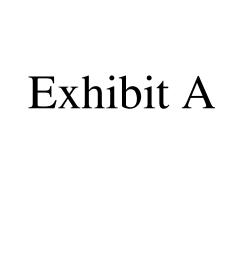
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I hereby certify that a copy of this attached OPPOSERS' MOTION FOR SANCTIONS was served upon the following individual by email on June 9, 2021:

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 Cc:
 Surber, Robin; Ferraro, Stella

Subject: RE: Tetra GmbH and Spectrum Brands Pet LLC v. Dzmitry Sidarevich - U.S. Opposition No. 91263503 (Leydig

Ref: 743423)

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:19:20 AM

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I am waiting for the client to return to me his signed application to withdraw. He is withdrawing.

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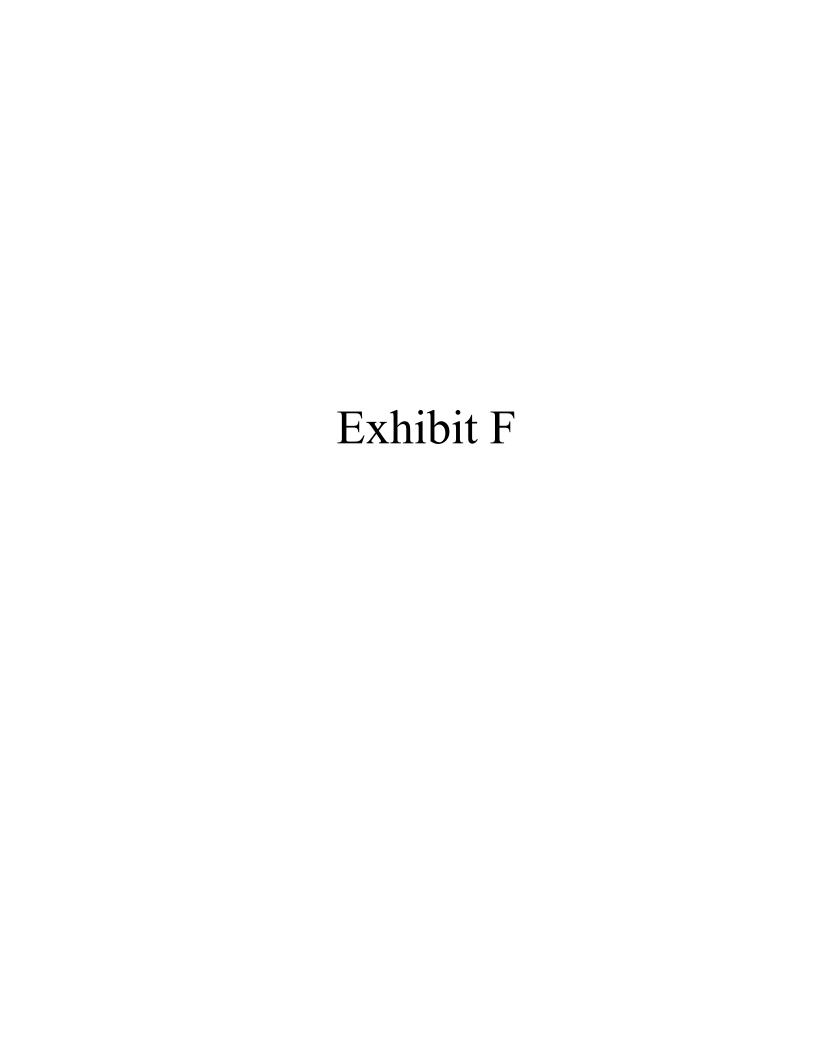
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Final reminder

Dear Sergei,

If we do not receive a response from you either (a) withdrawing your client's application or (b) setting a date for the parties' discovery conference by April 7, 2021, we will be forced to recommend our client take steps to protect its rights and press forward with this opposition.

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Second reminder

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Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 11:12 AM

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Sergei, please confirm if we are suspending these proceedings while your client decides if it will withdraw the application, or if we need to proceed.

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From: Zimmermann, Michelle L < <u>mzimmermann@leydig.com</u>>

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Dear Sergei,

Thank you for those updates. In light of the pending withdrawal, would your client agree to a suspension of the proceedings to hold the other deadlines in abeyance? We propose a 30-day suspension. Please confirm you agree and we can file the motion.

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From: Sergei Orel < sergeiorel@yahoo.com>

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In view of my previous email - no need for discovery conference participation on my end.

Sergei

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On Thursday, February 25, 2021, 10:06 PM, Zimmermann, Michelle L <<u>mzimmermann@leydig.com</u>> wrote: