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March 21, 2022

Opposition No. 91266269

Pai Skincare Limited

v.

Tara Brands, LLC

Veronica P. White, Lead Paralegal Specialist:

Applicant's consented motion, filed March 14, 2022, to suspend this proceeding for an additional 30-days to allow the parties to continue with their settlement negotiations is noted.

Inasmuch as Applicant has provided a detailed report of the parties' settlement efforts, the Board finds that the motion complies with the Board's previous requirement and has shown good cause. Accordingly, Applicant's consented motion is granted and proceedings herein remain suspended, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. *See* Trademark Rules 2.117(c) and 2.127(a); and TBMP § 605.02.

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. The motion must set forth both **the required status report and a proposed trial schedule**. For further explanation of this requirement, the parties are referred to the Board order issued February 17, 2022.¹ Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend may be denied, even if agreed to by the parties.

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.² *See* Trademark Rule 2.18(b)(1).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, proceedings shall resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon the schedule set forth below.

An answer must be filed through ESTTA, the Board's Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals. *See* Trademark Rule 2.106(b)(1). Conferencing, disclosure, discovery, and trial dates are reset as follows:

Time to Answer	4/13/2022
Deadline for Discovery Conference	5/13/2022
Discovery Opens	5/13/2022
Initial Disclosures Due	6/12/2022
Expert Disclosures Due	10/10/2022
Discovery Closes	11/9/2022
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	12/24/2022
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	2/7/2023
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	2/22/2023
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	4/8/2023
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	4/23/2023
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	5/23/2023
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	7/22/2023
Defendant's Brief Due	8/21/2023

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² If the parties are (or during the pendency of this proceeding become) parties to another proceeding involving the subject application, the parties must notify the Board so the Board can consider whether consolidation or suspension of proceedings is appropriate.

Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due

9/5/2023
9/15/2023

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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The Board requires each submission to meet the following criteria before it will be considered: 1) pages must be legible and easily read on a computer screen; 2) page orientation should be determined by its ease of viewing relevant text or evidence, for example, there should be no sideways or upside-down pages; 3) pages must appear in their proper order; 4) depositions and exhibits must be clearly labeled and numbered – use separator pages between exhibits and clearly label each exhibit using sequential letters or numbers; and 5) the entire submission should be text-searchable. Additionally, submissions must be compliant with Trademark Rules 2.119 and 2.126. Submissions failing to meet all of the criteria above may require re-filing. **Note:**

Parties are strongly encouraged to check the entire document before filing.³ The Board will not extend or reset proceeding schedule dates or other deadlines to allow time to re-file documents. For more tips and helpful filing information, please visit the [ESTTA help](#) webpage.

³ To facilitate accuracy, ESTTA provides thumbnails to view each page before submitting.