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Opposition No. 91267250

Hundred Acre Wine Estate, LLC

v.

Hawkes Bay Wine Investments Limited

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Opposer's motion, filed July 1, 2022, to extend discovery, disclosure, and trial dates for sixty days is granted as conceded. Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Accordingly, trial dates are reset as set forth in the trial schedule shown below.

Nonetheless, because the current discovery impasse between the parties has continued without resolution since at least December 28, 2021, 21 TTABVue 4, no further extensions to the discovery period will be allowed without an inter partes discussion first with the Interlocutory Attorney assigned to this matter. Should either party seek to extend the discovery period, that party should contact the Board.¹

Trial dates are reset as follows:

Expert Disclosures Due	9/6/2022
Discovery Closes	10/6/2022

¹ Elizabeth Winter may be reached at 571-272-9240 or elizabeth.winter@uspto.gov.

Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	11/20/2022
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	1/4/2023
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	1/19/2023
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	3/5/2023
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	3/20/2023
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	4/19/2023
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	6/18/2023
Defendant's Brief Due	7/18/2023
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	8/2/2023
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	8/12/2023

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