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August 31, 2021

Opposition No. 91267740

*Carpathian Springs S.A. and Valvis Holding
S.A.*

v.

Sun Stars & Sons Pte. Ltd.

Victoria von Vistauxx, Paralegal Specialist:

1. Proof of Service

Applicant's answer to the notice of opposition and its counterclaim filed on August 30, 2021, fails to include proof of service on the other party or parties, as required by Trademark Rule 2.119(a). The Board accepts this filing. However, any future submission that does not include proof of service may be denied consideration.

Copies of all submissions filed in this proceeding must be served upon the other party or parties, and accompanied by a statement signed by the attorney or other authorized representative, attached to or appearing on the original submission when filed, clearly stating the date and manner in which service was made. *See* Trademark Rule 2.119(a); TBMP § 113.03. The statement will be accepted as prima facie proof of service, must be signed and dated, and should take the form of a certificate of service as follows:

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing (insert title of submission) has been served on (insert name of opposing counsel or party) by forwarding said copy on (insert date of mailing), via email (or insert other appropriate method of delivery) to: (set out name, and address or email address of opposing counsel or party).

Signature _____
Date _____

2. Answer and Counterclaim

On August 30, 2021, Applicant filed an answer to the notice of opposition and a counterclaim to cancel Opposers' pleaded Registrations, namely, Registration Nos. 4619128 and 6031945. 10 TTABVUE. Applicant submitted the required fee.

Opposers and counterclaim defendant are allowed until **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this order to file an answer to the counterclaim. *See* Trademark Rule 2.106(b)(3)(iii).

In accordance with the Trademark Rules of Practice, the parties' obligation to hold their discovery conference by the deadline stated in the prior order is stayed, and conferencing, disclosure, discovery and trial periods are reset as indicated below. *See* Trademark Rule 2.121(b)(2).

Deadline for Discovery Conference	10/30/2021
Discovery Opens	10/30/2021
Initial Disclosures Due	11/29/2021
Expert Disclosures Due	3/29/2022
Discovery Closes	4/28/2022
Pretrial Disclosures Due for Party in Position of Plaintiff in Original Claim	6/12/2022
30-day Trial Period Ends for Party in Position of Plaintiff in Original Claim	7/27/2022
Pretrial Disclosures Due for Party in Position of Defendant in Original Claim and in Position of Plaintiff in Counterclaim	8/11/2022
30-day Trial Period Ends for Party in Position of Defendant in Original Claim, and in Position of Plaintiff in Counterclaim	9/25/2022

Pretrial Disclosures Due for Rebuttal of Party in Position of Plaintiff in Original Claim and in Position of Defendant in Counterclaim	10/10/2022
30-day Trial Period Ends for Rebuttal of Party in Position of Plaintiff in Original Claim, and in Position of Defendant in Counterclaim	11/24/2022
Pretrial Disclosures Due for Rebuttal of Party in Position of Plaintiff in Counterclaim	12/9/2022
15-day Trial Period Ends for Rebuttal of Party in Position of Plaintiff in Counterclaim	1/8/2023
Opening Brief for Party in Position of Plaintiff in Original Claim Due	3/9/2023
Combined Brief for Party in Position of Defendant in Original Claim and Opening Brief as Plaintiff in Counterclaim Due	4/8/2023
Combined Rebuttal Brief for Party in Position of Plaintiff in Original Claim and Brief as Defendant in Counterclaim Due	5/8/2023
Rebuttal Brief for Party in Position of Plaintiff in Counterclaim Due	5/23/2023
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	6/2/2023

When parties stipulate to the rescheduling of a deadline for pretrial disclosures and subsequent testimony periods or to the rescheduling of the closing date for discovery and the rescheduling of subsequent deadlines for pretrial disclosures and testimony periods, a stipulation presented in the form used in a trial order, signed by the parties, or a motion in said form signed by one party and including a statement that every other party has agreed thereto, shall be submitted to the Board through ESTTA, with the relevant dates set forth and an express statement that all parties agree to the new dates. *See* Trademark Rule 2.121(d).

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).

TIPS FOR FILING EVIDENCE, TESTIMONY, OR LARGE DOCUMENTS

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.¹ 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.

¹ To facilitate accuracy, ESTTA provides thumbnails to view each page before submitting.