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September 12, 2022

Opposition No. 91276956

The Cooking Guild LTD

v.

Long Zhang

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Applicant's motion, filed September 8, 2022, to accept its late-filed answer is GRANTED. Trademark Rule 2.127(a). Accordingly, Applicant's technical default is hereby set aside and Applicant's answer to the notice of opposition, filed September 8, 2022, is accepted and made of record and is now Applicant's operative pleading herein.

Trial dates remain as set as follows:

Deadline for Discovery Conference	10/3/2022
Discovery Opens	10/3/2022
Initial Disclosures Due	11/2/2022
Expert Disclosures Due	3/2/2023
Discovery Closes	4/1/2023
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	5/16/2023
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/30/2023
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	7/15/2023
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	8/29/2023
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	9/13/2023
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	10/13/2023

Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	12/12/2023
Defendant's Brief Due	1/11/2024
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	1/26/2024
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	2/5/2024

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