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January 14, 2025

Opposition No. 91288437

*Ridge Vineyards, Inc.*

*v.*

*Louis Dreyfus Company Juices NA LLC*

**Nedra Gardner, Paralegal Specialist:**

Opposer's consented motion, filed January 6, 2025, to suspend this proceeding for 60 days is granted for good cause shown.

The parties are reminded that any future motion to extend or suspend must be accompanied by a detailed report. The report must set forth what progress the parties have made towards settlement during the previous period of suspension or extension. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend may not be approved, even though agreed to by the parties.

Because the parties are negotiating for a possible settlement of this case, proceedings are suspended up to, and including March 6, 2025, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time.[1] *See* Trademark Rules 2.117(c) and 2.127(a); and TBMP § 605.02.

[1] If either one or more of the parties are (or during the pendency of this proceeding become) a party or parties to another Board proceeding, a civil action, or an expungement or

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. *See* Trademark Rule 2.18(c).

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

Proceedings Resume: **3/7/2025**

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| Time to Answer | 3/8/2025 |
| Deadline for Discovery Conference | 4/7/2025 |
| Discovery Opens | 4/7/2025 |
| Initial Disclosures Due | 5/7/2025 |
| Expert Disclosures Due | 9/4/2025 |
| Discovery Closes | 10/4/2025 |
| Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due | 11/18/2025 |
| Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends | 1/2/2026 |
| Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due | 1/17/2026 |
| Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends | 3/3/2026 |
| Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due | 3/18/2026 |
| Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends | 4/17/2026 |
| Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due | 6/16/2026 |
| Defendant's Brief Due | 7/16/2026 |
| Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due | 7/31/2026 |
| Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due | 8/10/2026 |

An answer must be filed through ESTTA, the Board's Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals. *See* Trademark Rule 2.106(b)(1).

reexamination proceeding involving the subject application or registration, or involving common questions or law or fact, the parties must notify the Board so the Board may consider whether it is appropriate to consolidate proceedings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a), and/or suspend proceedings under Trademark Rule 2.117(a) or (c).

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). All motions and briefs, including final briefs on the case, should utilize citations to the TTABVUE record as explained in TBMP § 801.03. 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.[2] 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.

[2] To facilitate accuracy, ESTTA provides thumbnails to view each page before submitting.