

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Cancellation No. 92044783

Big O Tires, Inc.

v.

O-OKA Corporation

Vionette Baez, Paralegal:

Petitioner consented motion filed (April 13, 2009) to suspend for sixty days so that the parties may continue their settlement negotiations is granted. Trademark Rule 2.127(a).

In view thereof, proceedings are suspended and will resume on June 13, 2009 without further notice from the Board.

The discovery and trial dates are reset in accordance with petitioner's April 13, 2009 motion.

The parties are reminded that there is a continuing obligation to provide good cause in the form of progress reports for any further extension or suspension request.

NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

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The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>
[http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242 FinalRuleChart.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf)

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>