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October 9, 2019 Cancellation No. 92067821 Certified Origins, Inc. v.

Park Roots Company LLC

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The parties' stipulated motion filed September 27, 2019 to substitute is noted.<sup>1</sup> The parties' wish to substitute Certified Origins, Inc. (Delaware) in place of Certified Origins, Inc. (California) for Petitioner. Effective July 26, 2019, Certified Origins, Inc. (California) merged with and into Certified Origins, Inc. (Delaware). A document reflecting the merger and the assignment of Petitioner's pleaded application was recorded on September 17, 2019 in the USPTO's Assignment Division at Reel 6747/Frame 0440. In view thereof, Certified Origins, Inc. (Delaware) is hereby substituted as a party plaintiff in this proceeding. *See Mason Engineering & Design Corp. v. Matson Chemical Corp.*, 225 USPQ 956, 957 nn.2-3 (TTAB 1985).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petitioner filed a certificate of service for this motion on October 1, 2019. Petitioner should ensure that all future filings are double-spaced, in compliance with Trademark Rule 2.126(a)(1).

The parties' stipulated motion, filed October 2, 2019, to resume proceedings and to extend disclosure, discovery, and trial dates is granted.<sup>2</sup> Trademark Rule 2.127(a).<sup>3</sup>

Proceedings are resumed and trial dates are reset in accordance with the parties' motion, as follows:

Expert Disclosures Due	12/21/2019
Discovery Closes	1/20/2020
Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures Due	3/5/2020
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	4/19/2020
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures Due	5/4/2020
Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/18/2020
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures Due	7/3/2020
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	8/2/2020
Plaintiff's Opening Brief Due	10/1/2020
Defendant's Brief Due	10/31/2020
Plaintiff's Reply Brief Due	11/15/2020
Request for Oral Hearing (optional) Due	11/25/2020

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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. Trademark Rule 2.121(d). <sup>3</sup> This order supersedes the Board order of September 19, 2019 which granted an inadvertently filed suspension request.

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).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> To facilitate accuracy, ESTTA provides thumbnails to view each page before submitting.