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BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

HERA, LLC,

Opposer,

v.

EC&C TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

Applicant.

Opposition No. 91161648

Opposition No. 91161633

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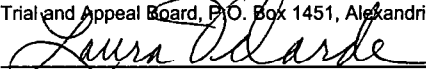
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APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
AND FOR SUSPENSION OF THESE PROCEEDINGS

Applicant, EC&C Technologies, Inc., by and through its counsel, hereby moves in these consolidated cases for Summary Judgment pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 maintaining that the Opposition filed by Opposer, Hera LLC, should be dismissed as a matter of law, there being no genuine issue as to any material fact. Since Applicant's pending applications are "intent-to-use" and Applicant relies on the filing dates of these applications to establish prior rights to the trademarks, it is understood that the Summary Judgment would be conditional upon Applicant subsequently satisfying the requirements for registration.

Applicant also requests that, pursuant to Rule 2.127(d), the Board suspend these proceedings pending determination of its Motion For Summary Judgment as of the date of submission of this motion. In the event the Board denies the Applicant's Motion for Summary Judgment, Applicant hereby requests that the testimony periods be reset no

sooner than sixty (60) days after disposition of this motion.

This Motion is made on the grounds that Applicant's intent-to-use Applications Serial Nos. 78/2295543 and 78/295514 establish priority of right as against the Opposer and that Ammonia On Demand has become generic and cannot serve to distinguish any single source for the goods.

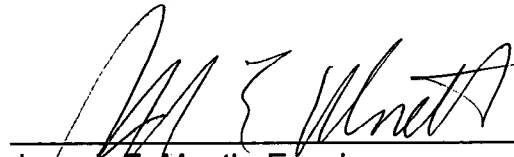
Applicant's Motion is supported by:

- (I) Applicant's Memorandum in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment;
- (II) Declaration of Joseph E. Mueth and Exhibits Thereto;
- (III) Declaration of Herbert Spencer and Exhibits thereto; and
- (IV) The pleadings herein

Wherefore, Applicant respectfully prays that its Motion for Summary Judgment be conditionally granted, and that the Oppositions be dismissed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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APPLICANT'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
ITS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

1. Introduction

Applicant has moved, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 56 for Summary Judgment, based on the material facts as to which there are no genuine issues to be tried. As a matter of law, these consolidated Oppositions against U.S. Trademark Applications Serial No. 78/295543 and 78/295514 (hereinafter, the applications) for "AOD" and "Ammonia On Demand" should be dismissed.

THE PRESENT OPPOSITION PROCEEDINGS ARE RIPE FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT

Summary judgment is appropriate in a trademark opposition proceeding where, as here, there are no genuine issues of material fact to be tried. In the seminal case of Pure Gold, Inc. v. Syntex (U.S.A.), Inc., 222 USPQ 741 (Fed. Cir. 1984), the Federal Circuit affirmed the TTAB's grant of summary judgment in an opposition proceeding. Citing Exxon Corp. v. National Food Line Corp., 198 USPQ 407, 408 (CCPA 1978), the Federal Circuit explained that the basic purpose of summary judgment is that of judicial economy. It is against the public interest to conduct useless trials, and where the time and expense of a full trial can be avoided by the summary judgment procedure, such action is favored.

In the present proceeding, the presentation of more evidence than is already available in connection with this motion could not reasonably be expected to change the conclusion that Applicant is entitled to prevail against the Oppositions.

In Pure Gold, the Court encouraged the disposition of matters before the TTAB by summary judgment as follows:

"The practice of the U.S. Claims Court and the former U.S. Court of Claims in routinely disposing of numerous cases on the basis of cross-motions for summary judgment has much to commend it. The adoption of similar practice is to be encouraged in inter partes cases before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, which seem particularly suitable to this type of disposition. Too often we

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