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Cancellation No. 92073318

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CELSIUS HOLDINGS, INC. Petitioner v. EVLUTION NUTRITION, LLC, Registrant

In re Reg. Nos: 4,634,529; 5,420,185 and 5,420,186

MOTION TO SUSPEND FOR CIVIL ACTION

Pursuant to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Manual of Procedure Rule 510.02 and 37 C.F.R. § 2.117, Registrant, Evlution Nutrition, LLC ("Registrant"), hereby requests that Cancellation Proceeding No. 92073318 (the "Proceeding") be suspended pending the outcome of civil action Case No. 20-cv-60159-BB, pending before the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida between Registrant and Petitioner, Celsius Holdings, Inc. ("Petitioner"). Registrant believes that the issues set forth in the civil action will have direct bearing on the issues presented in the Proceeding.

Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Civil Complaint and Cover Sheet filed on January 24, 2020, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida (the "Complaint"). A copy of the Complaint was served on Petitioner shortly after it was filed with the Court.

The Board may suspend proceedings when the parties are engaged in a civil action that may have a bearing on the case. 37 C.F.R. § 2.117; TBMP § 510.02; *see e.g. Ohanian v. Tekno Products, Inc.,* 2019 WL 3667659 at *1 (TTAB Jan. 25, 2019) ("It is the policy of the Board to

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suspend proceedings when the parties are involved in a civil action which may be dispositive of or have a bearing on the Board case"). Here, the same parties to the Proceeding also are parties to the civil action, and the marks involved in both proceedings overlap. Prior to Petitioner's filing of the Proceeding, Registrant sent Petitioner a letter demanding that it cease and desist use of marks confusingly similar to the registrations at issue here. The parties then commenced settlement negotiations. Petitioner preemptively instituted the Proceeding when it became clear the parties would be unable to resolve their dispute and Registrant would be filing a civil action. In the civil action, Registrant has alleged trademark infringement of the marks Petitioner now seeks to cancel and Petitioner will have the opportunity to present the same arguments in that case as it has here.

As the issues that are the subject of the civil action bear directly on the issues and allegations of the Proceeding, Registrant respectfully requests that the Proceeding be suspended immediately.

Dated: February 4, 2020

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Respectfully submitted,

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Signature <u>/s/Carolina L. Musso</u> Date <u>February 4, 2020</u>

EXHIBIT A

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