

EXHIBIT B

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: June 7, 2011
Cancellation No. 92052714
GoDaddy.com, Inc.
v.
Petroliam Nasional Berhad

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By order dated May 25, 2011, the Board granted, in part, and denied, in part, petitioner's combined motion to compel discovery and test the sufficiency of responses to requests for admission filed on March 4, 2011. By the same order, the Board required the parties to submit copies of the pleadings in a civil action between the parties in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Oakland division.¹

On May 26, 2011, petitioner filed copies of the pleadings in the civil action, as requested by the Board.

¹ Case 4:09-cv-05939, styled *Petroliam Nasional Berhad v. GoDaddy.com, Inc.*, filed on or about September 29, 2010.

A review of the pleadings in the civil case indicates that a decision by the district court could be dispositive of, or have a bearing on, the issues in this proceeding.² Specifically, the Board notes that respondent (plaintiff in the civil action) has pleaded ownership of the subject registration herein and relies on its registration as a basis for its asserted claims. The Board additionally notes that petitioner (defendant in the civil action) has asserted an affirmative defense contesting the validity of respondent's pleaded registration. Accordingly, since the validity of respondent's subject registration is at issue in the civil action, a decision by the district court may have a bearing on the issues in this proceeding.³

Accordingly, these proceedings are suspended pending final disposition of the civil action between the parties, including all appeals. Trademark Rule 2.117(a).

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the interested party should notify the Board

²Moreover, to the extent that a civil action in a Federal district court involves issues in common with those in a Board proceeding, the district court decision would be binding on the Board, whereas the Board decision is merely advisory to the district court. See *American Bakeries Co. v. Pan-O-Gold Baking Co.*, 2 USPQ2d 1208 (D.C. Minn. 1986). Further, Board decisions are appealable to the district court. See Section 21 of the Trademark Act, and *Goya Foods, Inc. v. Tropicana Products Inc.*, 846 F.2d 848, 6 USPQ2d 1950, at 1953 (2d Cir. 1988).

³The Board further notes that the decision by the district court may also have a bearing on petitioner's standing to bring this action.

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so that this case may be called up for appropriate action. Upon resumption of these proceedings, if necessary and appropriate, the Board will set the time in which respondent must provide responses to the discovery requests compelled by the Board's May 25, 2011 order.

During the suspension period the Board should be notified of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.