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the assistance of Judge Papas. Judge Papas has recommended that the parties obtain an extension of pending written discovery obligations and pretrial dates with the Court to facilitate the settlement discussions.

- 3. I have conferred with counsel for A-B and Judge Papas, and we agree that the requested extension would permit the parties to engage in further settlement discussions without incurring significant costs, feees, and fees associated with discovery.
- 4. United Brands' discovery responses are currently due on June 15, 2012, and A-B's are due on July 8, 2012, thereby requiring the parties to expend considerable time and resources on responding to discovery and document production, including electronic discovery, while the parties are continue to mediate. I have conferred with counsel for A-B, and we have most recently agreed to continue the discovery deadlines for two weeks; however, a modest continuance of the pretrial dates is necessary to accommodate such a discovery deadline continuance.
- 5. I understand that counsel for A-B and our office agree wth Judge Papas's assessment that the significant expenditures of resources and efforts in discovery resposnes and document production will likely make settlement more difficult in this case.
- 6. This is the second request to continue pretrial dates, and the first joint motion to continue pretrial dates. The original request was sought in connection with the setting of the mediation to coordinate with Judge Papas's schedule.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 15th day of June, 2012 at San Diego, California.

Dated: June 15, 2012 **DLA PIPER LLP (US)**

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