1	Defendant has filed its First Amended Defendant's Answer, Counterclaims
2	and Third-Party Complaint on September 6, 2005. Defendant requests a further
3	extension of time to file its Response to Plaintiff's Motion to September 21, 2005
4	or in the alternative the Defendant requests that Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss be
5	stricken in light of Defendant's filing of its First Amended Defendant's Answer.
6	A party may amend the party's pleading once as a matter of course at any
7	time before a responsive pleading is served. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
8	Rule 15(a); Ascon Properties, Inc. v. Mobil Oil Co. 866 F.2d 1149, 1160 (9th. Cir.
9	Cal. 1989). Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss is not a responsive pleading. FRCP 7(a)
10	defines "pleadings" as a complaint and answer; a reply to a counterclaim; an
11	answer to a cross-claim; and a third party complaint and answer. Anything else is a
12	motion or paper. The requirement in Rule 8(c) that a party set forth the affirmative
13	defenses listed in that rule applies only to responsive "pleadings," not to motions.
14	A motion to dismiss is not a pleading. <i>Morrison v. Mahoney</i> 399 F.3d 1042, 1046
15	(9 th Cir. Mont. 2005).
16	Defednant requests either an extension of time to September 21, 2005 for
17	the filing of its Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss or alternatively for
18	Plaintiff's Motion to be stricken in light of the filing of First Amended
19	Defendant's Answer, Counterclaims and Third-Party Complaint.
20	DATED this 6th day of September, 2005.
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23	By /s/ <u>FLOYD E. IVEY</u> FLOYD E. IVEY, WSBA #6888
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