# EXHIBIT 2003

Minutes of Hearing RE: Scheduling Conference (Docket No. 80)

Meridian Ex. 2003
ToughBuilt v. Meridian
IPR2025-01461

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

| Case No. | 2:24-cv-01840-JWH(JDEx) | Date | February 28, 2025 |
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| Title | *Meridian International Co., Ltd. v. ToughBuilt Industries, Inc.* | | |

Present: The Honorable JOHN W. HOLCOMB, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

| Clarissa Lara | Debbie Hino-Spaan |
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| Deputy Clerk | Court Reporter |
| Attorney(s) Present for Plaintiff(s): Scott Adam Penner, Regis C. Worley, Jr. | Attorney(s) Present for Defendant(s): Ramsey M. Al-Salam |

**Proceedings: HEARING RE: PLAINTIFF'S MOTIONS TO DISMISS SECOND AMENDED COUNTERCLAIMS [71 & 76]; SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

Counsel state their appearances. The Court confers with counsel. For the reasons stated in open court, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss [ECF Nos. 71 & 76] is **GRANTED in part** and **DENIED in part**. Plaintiff's Motion is **DENIED** to the extent that it seeks the dismissal of Defendant's Counterclaims pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff's Motion is **GRANTED** to the extent that it seeks to strike the affirmative defense of Standing pursuant to Rule 12(f), and it is **DENIED** to the extent that it seeks to strike the License affirmative defense. Defendant's request for sanctions is **DENIED**.

2. Each party is **GRANTED** leave to file two Summary Judgment Motions.

3. The following claim construction schedule is **SET**:

| EVENT | DATE |
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| Deadline for Meridian to Answer ToughBuilt's Counterclaims | March 21, 2025 |
| Infringement Contentions & Accompanying Production | March 21, 2025 |
| Invalidity Contentions & Accompanying Production | April 28, 2025 |
| Exchange of Terms for Construction (maximum of 8 terms per side) | May 12, 2025 |
| Exchange of Preliminary Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence | May 26, 2025 |
| Opening Claim Construction Briefs | June 9, 2025 |
| Responsive Claim Construction Briefs | June 23, 2025 |
| Claim Construction Hearing (in Person) | Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. |

4. The Court will issue a separate trial scheduling order after the claim construction process is complete.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**