

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

MULTI-COLOR CORPORATION,
Petitioner

v.

BROOK & WHITTLE LIMITED,
Patent Owner.

PGR2025-00025
Patent 11,961,422 B2

Before JOHN G. NEW, KIMBERLY McGRAW and
SHELDON M. McGEE, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

McGRAW, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

ORDER
Conduct of the Proceeding
37 C.F.R. § 42.5(c)(2)

A conference call was held March 27, 2026 to discuss the parties' joint request to hold the proceeding in abeyance based on Petitioner's filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and to consider extending the deadline for issuing the Final Written Decision for good cause. Ex. 3005.

During the call, Petitioner's counsel informed the Board that Petitioner is undergoing a corporate reorganization, which would be streamlined if litigation were held in abeyance until the reorganization is complete. Patent Owner does not oppose holding the proceeding in abeyance pending completion of the bankruptcy reorganization proceeding.

Petitioner's counsel stated that the earliest date that reorganization would be completed would likely not be until very late April or early May. The parties raised their concern regarding the deadlines for the remaining briefing and oral argument, discussed proposed possible extensions of time for these deadlines, and suggested that a six-week extension might be sufficient given the expected timeframe for completion of the reorganization.

Upon consideration of the parties' arguments, the parties are authorized to file, within five business days of this order, a joint motion to hold the proceeding in abeyance for a period up to six weeks. In order to facilitate rescheduling of the oral argument, including accounting for courtroom availability, the motion shall also include proposed dates that the parties are available for oral argument in early August 2026.

Given that the deadline for issuing the Final Written Decision is still approximately six months away, it is premature to determine if good cause exists to extend this deadline. Petitioner shall keep the Board informed as to any changes in the status of the bankruptcy proceeding.

For the foregoing reasons, it is

ORDERED that the parties are authorized to file, no later than five business days from this Order, a joint motion to stay the proceedings for up to six weeks; and

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall update the Board as to any changes in the status of the pending bankruptcy proceeding.

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