

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

NATASHA (SHOECAT, INC.), Respondent-Appellant,

-versus-

GOLDEN ABC, INC., Opposer-Appellee. Appeal No. 14-2013-0032

IPC No. 14-2009-00246 Opposition to: Application No. 4-2009-500108 Date Filed: 09 March 2009 Trademark: SKETCHES

ORDER

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings¹, this Office issued an Order on 25 September 2013 referring this case to mediation. Subsequently, this Office received on 07 March 2014 a "MEDIATOR'S REPORT" with a copy of a "<u>COMPROMISE AGREEMENT</u>" dated 06 March 2014 executed by the parties.

The parties maintain that they desire to settle this case to their mutual benefit and satisfaction, without further proceedings and delay. The parties, thus, seek the approval of the COMPROMISE AGREEMENT.

In this regard, a review of the provisions of the compromise agreement shows that the agreement is not contrary to law, public policy, morals or good customs. In addition, the settlement of this case is consistent to the policy of encouraging the use of alternative dispute resolution methods and actively promoting party autonomy in the resolution of disputes or the freedom of the parties to make their own arrangements to resolve their disputes.²

Wherefore, premises considered, the MEDIATOR'S REPORT and the COMPROMISE AGREEMENT are hereby included in the records of this case. The compromise agreement executed by the parties is hereby approved. The parties are enjoined to faithfully comply with the provisions of their agreement. Accordingly, the instant appeal is hereby dismissed.

Let a copy of this Order and the records of this case be furnished and returned to the Director of Bureau of Legal Affairs for appropriate action. Let also the Director of Bureau of Trademarks and the library of the Documentation, Information and

Office Order No. 154, Series of 2010.

² Rep. Act No. 9285, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004.

Technology Transfer Bureau be furnished a copy of this Order for information, guidance, and records purposes.

SO ORDERED.

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RICARDO R. BLANCAFLOR Director General