



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

SBJ MARIKINA SHOE  
EXCHANGE CORP.,

Respondent-Appellant,

-versus-

NEXT JEANS, INC.,

Opposer-Appellee.

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Appeal No. 14-2013-0008

Inter Partes Case No. 14-2009-00126

Opposition to:

Application No. 4-2008-012245

Date Filed: 07 October 2008

Trademark: NXXT

ORDER

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings<sup>1</sup>, this Office issued on 31 May 2013 an Order referring this case to mediation. On 13 August 2013, the IPOP HL Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Services submitted a "MEDIATOR'S REPORT" stating the settlement of this case and a copy of the "COMPROMISE AGREEMENT" entered by the parties.

A scrutiny of the COMPROMISE AGREEMENT shows that the parties have agreed to amicably settle this case and are seeking the approval of the compromise agreement. In this regard, the COMPROMISE 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.<sup>2</sup>

Wherefore, premises considered, the MEDIATOR'S REPORT is hereby noted and included in the records. The COMPROMISE AGREEMENT entered into by the parties is approved. Accordingly, the appeal is hereby dismissed and the parties are enjoined to strictly comply with the terms of the COMPROMISE AGREEMENT.

Let a copy of this Order and the records of this case be furnished and returned to the Director of the Bureau of Legal Affairs for appropriate action. Further, let also the Director of the Bureau of Trademarks, the IPOP HL ADR

<sup>1</sup> Office Order No. 154, Series of 2010.

<sup>2</sup> Rep. Act No. 9285, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004.

Services, and the library of the Documentation, Information and Technology Transfer Bureau be furnished a copy of this Order for information, guidance, and records purposes.

SO ORDERED.

**AUG 16 2013**

Taguig City.

  
RICARDO R. BLANCAFLOR  
Director General