

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Release No. 97415 / May 1, 2023

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-21382

In the Matter of

KIWA BIO-TECH PRODUCTS GROUP
CORPORATION

ORDER GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME

On April 20, 2023, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order instituting administrative proceedings (“OIP”) against Kiwa Bio-Tech Products Group Corporation (“Respondent”) pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.¹ On April 28, 2023, Respondent requested an extension of time until May 31, 2023, to file an answer to the OIP. Respondent cites its inability to obtain contact information for counsel for the Division of Enforcement as a basis for the requested extension.²

On March 18, 2020, the Commission issued an order providing that, pending further order of the Commission, reasonable requests for extensions of time will not be disfavored as stated in Commission Rule of Practice 161.³ Under the circumstances, it appears appropriate to

¹ *Kiwa Bio-Tech Prods. Grp. Corp.*, Exchange Act Release No. 97334, 2023 WL 3038830 (Apr. 20, 2023); *see* 15 U.S.C. § 78l(j).

² Respondent states that it attempted to obtain this information by, among other things, contacting staff at the Office of Administrative Law Judges. Respondent’s attention is directed to the OIP, which set this matter “before the Commission,” not an administrative law judge. *Kiwa Bio-Tech Prods. Grp.*, 2023 WL 3038830, at *2; *see also* Rule of Practice 110, 17 C.F.R. § 201.110 (providing that “[a]ll proceedings shall be presided over by the Commission” unless the Commission “so orders”).

³ *In re Pending Administrative Proceedings*, Exchange Act Release No. 88415, 2020 WL 1322001 (Mar. 18, 2020), <https://www.sec.gov/litigation/opinions/2020/33-10767.pdf>.

grant the requested extension for good cause shown.⁴ Therefore, it is ORDERED that the time for Respondent to file an answer to the OIP is extended to May 31, 2023.⁵

The parties' attention is directed to the e-filing requirements in the Rules of Practice.⁶

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Vanessa A. Countryman
Secretary

⁴ 17 C.F.R. § 201.161.

⁵ Respondent's attention is directed to the eFAP system, which includes copies of documents that were to be served with the OIP, including guidance documents and the service list in this proceeding. The service list contains contact information for Division counsel Sandhya C. Harris.

⁶ *Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice*, Exchange Act Release No. 90442, 2020 WL 7013370 (Nov. 17, 2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 86,464, 86,474 (Dec. 30, 2020), <https://www.sec.gov/rules/final/2020/34-90442a.pdf>; *Instructions for Electronic Filing and Service of Documents in SEC Administrative Proceedings and Technical Specifications*, <https://www.sec.gov/efapdocs/instructions.pdf>. The amendments impose other obligations such as a redaction and omission of sensitive personal information requirement. *Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice*, 85 Fed. Reg. at 86,465–81.