

ENTERED

December 31, 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

CLADirect, Inc.,	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. H-19-553
	§	
BARIVEN S.A., PDVSA SERVICES,	§	
B.V., and PDVSA SERVICES, INC.,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSING

In July 2020, Defendants Bariven S.A., PDVSA Services, B.V., and PDVSA Services, Inc. moved to stay all proceedings in this action for 180 days (Document No. 37) due to the ongoing unrest in the Republic of Venezuela between the competing governments of Mr. Guaidó and Mr. Maduro, both of whom claim to have authority to appoint the Board of Directors of Venezuela's state-owned oil company, which owns Defendants. When the pending motion was filed, Defendants represented that Plaintiff's counsel needed to confer with her client before stating whether Plaintiff agreed with the motion and that an update would be provided after counsel for Plaintiff had done so. The Court finds no record of any update, and more than 180 days have now expired.

This case was filed in state court on October 15, 2018. Since its removal to this Court the parties repeatedly have sought and been granted stays because the conflict in Venezuela has made it

impracticable to proceed. Now more than two years after the case was filed, the parties have not indicated that circumstances have changed such as to remove the impediment to proceeding. Accordingly, for administrative reasons only, it is

ORDERED that this case is administratively CLOSED without prejudice, subject to being reinstated on the Court's active docket on the motion of any party. Upon filing such motion, movant shall attach a copy of this Order.

The Clerk will enter this Order, providing a correct copy to all parties of record.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on this 31st day of December, 2020.


EWING WERLEIN, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE