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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer Information

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Applicant Information

Application No	78732125	Publication date	09/12/2006
Opposition Filing Date	01/10/2007	Opposition Period Ends	01/10/2007
Applicant	Hernandez, Claudia G 13400 Saticoy Street #8 North Hollywood, CA 91605 UNITED STATES		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

01/10/2007

Class 003. First Use: 2005/09/20 First Use In Commerce: 2005/09/20
All goods and sevices in the class are opposed, namely: Skin Cream

Related Proceedings	Hernandez v. Eustaquio et al, and Related Counterclaim, United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. CV05-8616 AJG (SHx).		
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THE PARTIES

The Opposer is YOLANDA EUSTAQUIO ("Eustaquio"), owner of Promex Distributor, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, located at 1401 East 11th Avenue, Hialeah, Florida 33010. Eustaquio is also the registered owner of registered trademark for CREMA CUADRIDERMA, in International Class 005 for Cream For Itching And Inflammation, Anti-Fungus And Anti-biotic (Trademark Registration Number 2906539). (See Exhibit "2" hereto.)

The Applicant is CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ ("Hernandez"), the owner of Productos Zapotol located at 13400 Saticoy Street #8, North Hollywood, California 91605. Hernandez is attempting to register the alleged QUADRYDERN N.F. mark through serial number 78732125. (Exhibit "1" hereto.)

BRIEF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS

A. There Is A Pending Federal Lawsuit Between The Parties Relevant To The Registrability of the Mark.

There a pending federal lawsuit between applicant Hernandez and Eustaquio before the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, entitled Hernandez v. Eustaquio et al, and Related Counterclaim, Case No. CV05-8616 AJG (SHx). Specifically, applicant Hernandez initially filed a Complaint seeking a Declaratory Relief of Non-Infringement regarding her use of the QUADRYDERN N.F. mark. Opposer Eustaquio filed a Counterclaim alleging, among other things, that applicant Hernandez's use of QUADRYDERN N.F. (the mark pending before this Board) infringes on Opposer Eustaquio's registered CREMA CUADRIDERMA trademark and trade dress. (Exhibit 6 hereto contains a copy of the Counterclaim).

Fact discovery in the federal case is set to close on January 31, 2007 and expert discovery regarding the likelihood of confusion between the Opposer Eustaquio's registered CREMA CUADRIDERMA mark and applicant Hernandez's pending QUADRYDERN N.F. mark will conclude by the end of March 2007. Trial in this 28 dispute is set to begin on June 26, 2007. More importantly, the trial in this case is



likely to resolve the dispute whether applicant Hernandez's use of the QUADRYDERN N.F. mark infringes on the trademark and trade dress of Opposer Eustaquio's CREMA CUADRIDERMA registered mark. Thus, Opposer Eustaquio respectfully submits that this Board either: (1) deny Hernandez's trademark application for the alleged QUADRYDERN N.F. mark; or (2) suspend the application of said mark before the Trademark Office until such time as the pending litigation between the parties is resolved by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

B. There Is A Likelihood Of Confusion Between Eustaquio's Registered Mark And Hernandez's Pending Application.

Eustaquio alleges that there is a likelihood of confusion between her registered CREMA CUADRIDERMA mark and Hernandez's QUADRYDERN N.F. mark that is the subject of the instant registration application. Eustaquio presents the following in support of her allegation:

Under Section 2 of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. 1052), a trademark shall be refused registration on the principal register on account of its nature if the mark, among other things,

"(d) Consists of or comprises a mark which so resembles a mark registered in the Patent Office or a mark or trade name previously used in the United States by another and not abandoned, as to be likely, when applied to the goods of the applicant to cause confusion, or to cause mistake or to deceive.";

Thus, under the statute the Trademark Office must refuse registration when confusion is likely because of concurrent use of the marks of an applicant and a prior user on their respective goods.

In any likelihood of confusion analysis, two key considerations are the similarity of the marks and the similarity of the goods or services. See Federated



Foods, Inc. v. Fort Howard Paper Co., 544 F.2d 1098, 192 U.S.P.Q. 24 (CCPA 1976), and In re Azteca Restaurant Enterprises Inc., 50 USPQ2d 1209 (TTAB 1999). Eustaquio respectfully contends that both the marks and goods at issue are highly similar.

The Examining Attorney must first look at the marks themselves for similarities in appearance, sound, connotation and commercial impression. In re E. I. <u>DuPont de Nemours & Co.</u>, 476 F.2d 1357, 177 U.S.P.Q. 563 (CCPA 1973). Eustaquio respectfully alleges that her CREMA CUADRIDERMA; Hernandez&'s QUADRYDERN N.F are sufficiently similar under this standard so as to permit a finding of likelihood of confusion. For one, both trademarks are phonetically similar in the Spanish language. Further, the dominant portions of the two marks are similar. Here, the dominant portion of CREMA CUADRIDERMA's mark, which disclaims the word CREMA (meaning "cream"; in Spanish) is CUADRIDERMA; See In re National Data Corp., 753 F.2d 1056, 1058, 224 USPQ 749, 751 (Fed. Cir. 1985) (it is not improper to give more or less weight to a particular feature of a mark). That dominant portion is almost phonetically identical to the proposed QUADRYDERN mark, especially when pronounced in Spanish. Neither the design element nor the generic term N.F. contained in Hernandez's proposed QUADRYDERN mark offers sufficient distinctiveness to create a different commercial impression with the CREMA CUADRIDERMA mark.

Second, the Examining Attorney must compare the goods or services to determine if they are related or if the activities surrounding their marketing are such that confusion as to origin is likely. In re August Storck KG, 218 U.S.P.Q. 823 (TTAB 1983); In re International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., 197 U.S.P.Q. 910 (TTAB 1978); Guardian Products Co., v. Scott Paper Co., 200 U.S.P.Q. 738 (TTAB 1978). In order to support a finding of likelihood of confusion, all that is required is a showing that the goods on which the parties' marks are used are related in some manner or are marketed under conditions which would cause a potential purchaser to



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