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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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Entity	Corporation	Citizenship	Indiana
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Applicant Information

Application No	77579793	Publication date	02/17/2009
Opposition Filing Date	02/18/2009	Opposition Period Ends	03/19/2009
Applicant	Heartland Recreational Vehicl 1001 All Pro Drive Elkhart, IN 46514 UNITED STATES	les, LLC	

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 012.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: recreational vehicles, namely, fifth wheel trailers and travel trailers

Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)

Mark Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Application/ Registration No.	NONE Application Date NONE			
Registration Date	NONE			
Word Mark	EAGLE			
Goods/Services	Recreational vehicles including travel trailers and fifth wheel products			



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Date	02/18/2009



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

In the Matter of Trademark Serial No. 77/579,793 For the Mark EAGLE RIDGE Filed on September 26, 2008		
Jayco, Inc.,)	
Opposer)	
v.)	Opposition No.:
Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC,)	
Applicant)	

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Jayco, Inc., an Indiana corporation, having a place of business at 903 S. Main Street, Middlebury, Indiana 46540 ("Opposer"), believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the above-identified EAGLE RIDGE mark, and hereby opposes the same. The application for the EAGLE RIDGE mark (the "EAGLE RIDGE Application") is owned by Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC, which is an Indiana limited liability company, having a place of business at 1001 All Pro Drive, Elkhart, Indiana 46514 ("Applicant"). The grounds for opposition are as follows:

- 1. Opposer is a leading provider of recreational vehicles including travel trailers and fifth wheel products. Opposer's products are sold throughout the United States.
- 2. Opposer is the owner of the EAGLE trademark, which Opposer uses in connection with several product lines of its travel trailers and fifth wheels.
- 3. While Opposer has not obtained a trademark registration for the EAGLE mark, Opposer has been using the EAGLE mark to identify the source of its products in commerce



since at least as early as 1991. Since that time, Opposer has established substantial goodwill in the EAGLE mark.

- 4. The EAGLE mark has come to indicate and stand for the high quality products offered by Opposer.
- 5. As a result of the extensive use of the EAGLE mark by Opposer, the EAGLE mark has become, and continues to be, a valuable property right of Opposer.
- 6. The description of services for the EAGLE RIDGE Application indicates that Applicant provides "recreational vehicles, namely, fifth wheel trailers and travel trailers."
- 7. Applicant is a direct competitor of Opposer, as the products provided by Applicant (i.e., fifth wheel trailers and travel trailers) are exactly the same as those that are provided by Opposer, and Applicant targets the same market as is targeted by Opposer.
- 8. The EAGLE RIDGE Application was filed by the Applicant under Section 1(b) and the Applicant has yet to file a Statement of Use or otherwise provide the USPTO with evidence of its use of the EAGLE RIDGE mark. However, upon information and belief, Applicant has recently begun making use of the EAGLE RIDGE mark.
- 9. Opposer's actual, continuous, and continuing use of the EAGLE mark began long before any use by Applicant of its EAGLE RIDGE mark.
- 10. Because of the similarities between the EAGLE mark and the EAGLE RIDGE mark (as well as the similarities between Opposer's and Applicant's products and target markets), on information and belief, Applicant adopted the EAGLE RIDGE mark in a blatant attempt to trade on the goodwill that has been acquired by Opposer in its EAGLE mark.
- 11. The use and registration of the EAGLE RIDGE mark is likely to cause confusion, mistake, and/or lead to deception as to the origin of Applicant's products. The likelihood of



confusion is especially apparent in this instance because the EAGLE RIDGE mark encompasses the entirety of the EAGLE Mark, the products sold by Applicant are identical to those that are sold by Opposer, and Applicant targets the exact same market that is targeted by Opposer.

12. The EAGLE RIDGE Application is likely to result in confusion and substantial damage and injury to Opposer. Persons familiar with Opposer's EAGLE mark are likely to buy Applicant's products under the mistaken belief that they originate with, or are licensed, sponsored or approved by Opposer. Any such confusion would inevitably result in loss of sales to Opposer, and tarnish Opposer's goodwill and reputation established in the EAGLE mark.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that Trademark Serial No. 77/579,793 be rejected. Dated this 18th day of February, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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