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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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Granted to Date of previous extension	05/02/2010
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Applicant Information

Application No	79048489	Publication date	11/03/2009
Opposition Filing Date	05/03/2010	Opposition Period Ends	05/02/2010
International Registration No.	0949517	International Registration Date	11/26/2007
Applicant	AmVac AG MetallstraÃ#e 4 CH-6300 Zug, SWITZERLAND		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 005.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations, namely, chemical, biochemical, molecular biological and biological preparations for the treatment of medical and hygienic diseases and conditions, namely, vaccines for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis and inflammation related disorders; medicines for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostatitis and inflammation related disorders; vaccines, disinfectants for sanitary purposes; medical plasters, gauze and bandages for use as medical dressings; sanitary preparations for medical purposes; dietetic substances, namely, foods and sugars adapted for medical use

Class 010.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Surgical apparatus and instruments for medical, dental and veterinary use

Class 042.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Scientific and technological research services in the fields of chemical, biochemical, molecular biological and biological preparations for



medical and hygienic purposes, medicines and vaccinations

Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)		
Torres v. Cantine Torresella S.r.I.Fraud	808 F.2d 46, 1 USPQ2d 1483 (Fed. Cir. 1986)		

Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Application No.	77577729	Application Date	09/24/2008
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	PROSTVAC		
Design Mark	PRO	STV	IAC
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: Vaccines and recombinant ve biological immunogens for us	ectors of pox used to e in humans	prepare vaccines and

U.S. Registration No.	2690689	Application Date	05/06/2002
Registration Date	02/25/2003	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	PROSTVAC		
Design Mark			
	PRO	STV	AC
Description of Mark	PRO	STV	AC
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	U.S. Application/	NONE	Application Date	NONE
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Registration No.	
Registration Date	NONE
Word Mark	PROSTVAC
Goods/Services	Vaccines and recombinant vectors of pox used to prepare vaccines and biological immunogens for use in humans

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Signature	/Edward A. Pennington/
Name	Edward A. Pennington
Date	05/03/2010



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Opposer,)	Mark:	PROSTAVAC
)	Int'l Class:	005, 010, 042
v.)	Serial No.:	79/048,489
)	Filed:	November 26, 2007
AMVAC AG CORPORATION)		
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Applicant.)		
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NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Opposer, BN Immunotherapeutics, Inc. ("BNIT") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 2425 Garcia Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043. BNIT believes that it will be damaged by the application to register the PROSTAVAC designation that AmVac AG Corporation ("AmVac" or "Applicant") seeks to protect with its application, Serial No. 79/048,489, and hereby opposes the application.

As grounds for the opposition, BNIT alleges as follows:

FACTUAL BACKGROUND.

A. The PROSTVAC Mark

1. Since at least 1993, the PROSTVAC mark has been in continuous and exclusive use, first by the National Cancer Institute ("NCI") in an exclusive partnership with Therion Biologics Corporation ("Therion"), and then by NCI and BNIT through a subsequent exclusive partnership, in connection with a therapeutic cancer vaccine under so called Cooperative



Research and Development Agreements ("CRADAs"). The PROSTVAC product, currently in late-stage clinical development, has the potential to significantly extend the lives of men with advanced prostate cancer where limited treatment options are available without affecting quality of life. NCI first used the PROSTVAC mark in commerce in 1993 for a specific therapeutic prostate cancer vaccine product it had developed. In September 1994, NCI entered into a CRADA with Therion to further develop the PROSTVAC product through clinical trials with the goal of eventually bringing the vaccine to market. Therion's and NCI's continuous and exclusive use of the PROSTVAC distinguished said product from the cancer vaccine products of others, thus providing common law trademark rights to the PROSTVAC mark. Through this continuous and exclusive use, the PROSTVAC mark became exclusively identified first with NCI and Therion then, beginning in August 2008, with NCI and BNIT for the prostate cancer vaccine.

- 2. On May 6, 2002, Therion filed application Serial No. 76/408,665 to register the mark PROSTVAC for "Vaccines and recombinant vectors of pox used to prepare vaccines and biological immunogens for use in humans" in International Class 005. Application Serial No. 76/408,665 issued as U.S. Reg. No. 2,690,689 on February 25, 2003. The date of first use in interstate commerce for U.S. Reg. No. 2,690,689 was September 8, 1993. Documents evidencing such actual use of the PROSTVAC mark in interstate commerce for the vaccine product described *supra* were timely filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").
- 3. During the collaboration with Therion, NCI continued to use the PROSTVAC mark in connection with clinical trials and in scientific publications describing the advancement of the PROSTVAC product development. In late 2006, Therion filed for bankruptcy and



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