



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

DOCKET NO. 22-CCB-0274

VHNS LLC

CLAIMANT

v.

Zhang Jingwen

RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

On December 23, 2022, Nataliia Vereina filed this copyright infringement claim as the authorized representative of claimant VHNS LLC. The claim provided a foreign invalid address for the respondent. The Copyright Claims Board (Board) cannot hear a claim asserted against a person or entity residing outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4). On February 22, 2023, the Board issued an Order of Noncompliance and an Order to Show Cause. In the Order to Show Cause, the Board ordered Vereina and VHNS LLC to show cause by March 8, 2023 why filing the claim in this form did not constitute bad-faith conduct under 37 C.F.R. §232.3.

On February 23, 2023, Vereina filed a Request for Dismissal in response to the Order to Show Cause noting that “the address provided in the claim was incorrect” and that the “that this decision was made in good faith.” The request states that Vereina was misled by the jurisdictional statement in the counternotice provided by Amazon required by 17 U.S.C. § 512(g)(3). Vereina further apologized for any confusion or inconvenience and affirmed that the filing was not intended to deceive or mislead the Board or the respondent. The Board accepts Vereina’s statement and finds that the actions of Vereina and VHNS LLC do not constitute bad faith.

Accordingly, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes case 22-CCB-0274. 37 C.F.R. § 222.17(a–b). Dismissal without prejudice means the claim can be filed again in the future provided there is no agreement with respondent to the contrary.

Date: March 16, 2023

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