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Paris Lane	T/	Vix Aga
CLAIMANT	γ.	RESPONDENT

ORDER DISMISSING CLAIM WITHOUT PREJUDICE

This claim must be dismissed because the Copyright Office refused to register the allegedly infringed works. The claim alleges infringement of three works "(G)I-DLE 'Queencard' Miyeon Inspired Skirt," "(G)I-DLE 'Queencard' Minnie Inspired Skirt," and "(G)I-DLE 'Queencard' Miyeon Inspired Shirt" (the "Works"). You described all three works as "digital clothing item[s] created for sale on the virtual game platform ROBLOX." Registration for the works was pending as of October 6, 2023, when the claim was filed. On October 12, 2023, the Copyright Claims Board (Board) placed the claim in abeyance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 221.1(b) pending the outcome of the applications for registration of copyright in the works at issue in the proceeding.

On December 12, 2023, December 13, 2023, and December 14, 2023, the Copyright Office notified you by email that registration of the Works was refused. To register the Works, you submitted three Single Applications, which are used to register one work by one author that is solely owned by that individual. Registration was refused because the works did not comply with the eligibility requirements for the Single Application. See Section 1405 of Chapter 1400 of the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition, and Circular 11: Using the Single Application. To register a work authored by an entity, you must use the Standard Application. For more information on registration, please refer to the Copyright Office Registration Portal.

The Board must dismiss the proceeding without prejudice when it learns that the application to register an allegedly infringed work has been refused. 17 U.S.C. § 1505(b)(3) & 37 C.F.R. § 221.1(b). Therefore, the Board dismisses this proceeding without prejudice and closes case 23-CCB-0336. Dismissal without prejudice means the claim can be filed again in the future, after submitting a proper application or obtaining registration, provided there is no agreement with the respondent to the contrary.

Copyright Claims Board