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Subject: U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97120716 - FLEETSMARTS

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United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 97120716

Mark: FLEETSMARTS

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Applicant: Blue water capital

Reference/Docket No. N/A

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NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within <u>six months</u> of the issue date below or the application will be <u>abandoned</u>. Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears at the end of this Office action.

Issue date: August 23, 2022

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a),

SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- Section 2(d) Likelihood of Confusion Refusal (Reg. Nos. 4884276, 5428868, and 4741777)
- Prior Pending Application may be Bar to Registration (Serial No. 97435716)
- Specimen Refusal
- Identification and Classification of Goods and Services Requirement
- Multiple Class Application Requirement

SECTION 2(d) REFUSAL - LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION

Registration of the applied-for mark is refused because of a likelihood of confusion with the marks in U.S. Registration Nos. 5428868, 4884276, and 4741777. Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); see TMEP §§1207.01 et seq. See the attached registrations.

Trademark Act Section 2(d) bars registration of an applied-for mark that is so similar to a registered mark that it is likely consumers would be confused, mistaken, or deceived as to the commercial source of the goods and/or services of the parties. See 15 U.S.C. §1052(d). Likelihood of confusion is determined on a case-by-case basis by applying the factors set forth in *In re E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.*, 476 F.2d 1357, 1361, 177 USPQ 563, 567 (C.C.P.A. 1973) (called the "du Pont factors"). *In re i.am.symbolic, llc*, 866 F.3d 1315, 1322, 123 USPQ2d 1744, 1747 (Fed. Cir. 2017). Any evidence of record related to those factors need be considered; however, "not all of the *DuPont* factors are relevant or of similar weight in every case." *In re Guild Mortg. Co.*, 912 F.3d 1376, 1379, 129 USPQ2d 1160, 1162 (Fed. Cir. 2019) (quoting *In re Dixie Rests., Inc.*, 105 F.3d 1405, 1406, 41 USPQ2d 1531, 1533 (Fed. Cir. 1997)).

Although not all *du Pont* factors may be relevant, there are generally two key considerations in any likelihood of confusion analysis: (1) the similarities between the compared marks and (2) the relatedness of the compared goods and/or services. *See In re i.am.symbolic, llc*, 866 F.3d at 1322, 123 USPQ2d at 1747 (quoting *Herbko Int'l, Inc. v. Kappa Books, Inc.*, 308 F.3d 1156, 1164-65, 64 USPQ2d 1375, 1380 (Fed. Cir. 2002)); *Federated Foods, Inc. v. Fort Howard Paper Co.*, 544 F.2d 1098, 1103, 192 USPQ 24, 29 (C.C.P.A. 1976) ("The fundamental inquiry mandated by [Section] 2(d) goes to the cumulative effect of differences in the essential characteristics of the goods [or services] and differences in the marks."); TMEP §1207.01.

The applicant's mark is FLEETSMARTS for Software, transportation services. The registrant's marks are:

4884276

FLEET-SMART for Rental of light duty vehicles, namely, light duty trucks, off road utility vehicles or similar equipment for use in construction and related industrial and commercial applications

4741777

SMARTFLEET for Automated vehicle tracking and vehicle fleet management services, namely, vehicle fleet tracking services utilizing GPS location tracking capabilities and communications technologies to provide real time vehicle location information, including detailed maps, images and addresses showing where vehicles are and have been

5428868

FLEET SMARTHUB

Computer software for use in the field of fleet vehicle management; computer software used to track, store, monitor, and transmit fleet vehicle data; computer software used to remit payment of invoices

Comparison of the Marks

Marks are compared in their entireties for similarities in appearance, sound, connotation, and commercial impression. *Stone Lion Capital Partners, LP v. Lion Capital LLP*, 746 F.3d 1317, 1321, 110 USPQ2d 1157, 1160 (Fed. Cir. 2014) (quoting *Palm Bay Imps., Inc. v. Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin Maison Fondee En 1772*, 396 F.3d 1369, 1371, 73 USPQ2d 1689, 1691 (Fed. Cir. 2005)); TMEP §1207.01(b)-(b)(v). "Similarity in any one of these elements may be sufficient to find the marks confusingly similar." *In re Inn at St. John's, LLC*, 126 USPQ2d 1742, 1746 (TTAB 2018) (citing *In re Davia*, 110 USPQ2d 1810, 1812 (TTAB 2014)), *aff'd per curiam*, 777 F. App'x 516, 2019 BL 343921 (Fed. Cir. 2019); TMEP §1207.01(b).

As to FLEET-SMART and FLEET SMARTHUB

The applicant's mark FLEETSMARTS, is similar to the registered marks FLEET-SMART and FLEET SMARTHUB, because all contain the similar terms FLEET and SMART. Marks may be confusingly similar in appearance where similar terms or phrases or similar parts of terms or phrases appear in the compared marks and create a similar overall commercial impression. See Crocker Nat'l Bank v. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 228 USPQ 689, 690-91 (TTAB 1986), aff'd sub nom. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce v. Wells Fargo Bank, Nat'l Ass'n, 811 F.2d 1490, 1495, 1 USPQ2d 1813, 1817 (Fed. Cir. 1987) (holding COMMCASH and COMMUNICASH confusingly similar); In re Corning Glass Works, 229 USPQ 65, 66 (TTAB 1985) (holding CONFIRM and CONFIRMCELLS confusingly similar); In re Pellerin Milnor Corp., 221 USPQ 558, 560 (TTAB 1983) (holding MILTRON and MILLTRONICS confusingly similar); TMEP §1207.01(b)(ii)-(iii).

As to SMARTFLEET

Confusion is likely between two marks consisting of reverse combinations of the same elements if they convey the same meaning or create substantially similar commercial impressions. TMEP §1207.01(b)(vii); see, e.g., In re Wine Soc'y of Am. Inc., 12 USPQ2d 1139, 1142 (TTAB 1989) (holding THE WINE SOCIETY OF AMERICA and design for wine club membership services including the supplying of printed materials likely to be confused with AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY 1967 and design for newsletters, bulletins, and journals); In re Nationwide Indus. Inc., 6 USPQ2d 1882, 1884 (TTAB 1988) (holding RUST BUSTER for a rust-penetrating spray lubricant likely to be confused with BUST RUST for a penetrating oil). Here FLEETSMARTS and SMARTFLEET are essentially a transposition of terms with substantially similar commercial impressions.

Comparison of the Goods and Services

The compared goods and/or services need not be identical or even competitive to find a likelihood of confusion. *See On-line Careline Inc.* v. Am. Online Inc., 229 F.3d 1080, 1086, 56 USPQ2d 1471, 1475 (Fed. Cir. 2000); Recot, Inc. v. Becton, 214 F.3d 1322, 1329, 54 USPQ2d 1894, 1898 (Fed. Cir. 2000); TMEP §1207.01(a)(i). They need only be "related in some manner and/or if the circumstances surrounding their marketing are such that they could give rise to the mistaken belief that [the goods and/or services] emanate from the same source." Coach Servs., Inc. v. Triumph Learning LLC, 668

F.3d 1356, 1369, 101 USPQ2d 1713, 1722 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (quoting 7-Eleven Inc. v. Wechsler, 83 USPQ2d 1715, 1724 (TTAB 2007)); TMEP §1207.01(a)(i).

The applicant's goods are closely related to the registrant's goods as they both are software and transportation related services likely to travel through the same channels of trade to the same classes of purchasers. Determining likelihood of confusion is based on the description of the goods and/or services stated in the application and registration at issue, not on extrinsic evidence of actual use. *See In re Detroit Athletic Co.*, 903 F.3d 1297, 1307, 128 USPQ2d 1047, 1052 (Fed. Cir. 2018) (citing *In re i.am.symbolic, llc*, 866 F.3d 1315, 1325, 123 USPQ2d 1744, 1749 (Fed. Cir. 2017)).

In this case, the application use(s) broad wording to describe software and transportation related services, which presumably encompasses all goods and/or services of the type described, including registrant(s)'s more narrow transportation services and software. See, e.g., In re Solid State Design Inc., 125 USPQ2d 1409, 1412-15 (TTAB 2018); Sw. Mgmt., Inc. v. Ocinomled, Ltd., 115 USPQ2d 1007, 1025 (TTAB 2015). Thus, applicant's and registrant's goods and services are legally identical. See, e.g., In re i.am.symbolic, Ilc, 127 USPQ2d 1627, 1629 (TTAB 2018) (citing Tuxedo Monopoly, Inc. v. Gen. Mills Fun Grp., Inc., 648 F.2d 1335, 1336, 209 USPQ 986, 988 (C.C.P.A. 1981); Inter IKEA Sys. B.V. v. Akea, LLC, 110 USPQ2d 1734, 1745 (TTAB 2014); Baseball Am. Inc. v. Powerplay Sports Ltd., 71 USPQ2d 1844, 1847 n.9 (TTAB 2004)).

Additionally, the goods and/or services of the parties have no restrictions as to nature, type, channels of trade, or classes of purchasers and are "presumed to travel in the same channels of trade to the same class of purchasers." *In re Viterra Inc.*, 671 F.3d 1358, 1362, 101 USPQ2d 1905, 1908 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (quoting *Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Packard Press, Inc.*, 281 F.3d 1261, 1268, 62 USPQ2d 1001, 1005 (Fed. Cir. 2002)). Thus, applicant's and registrant's goods and/or services are related.

The overriding concern is not only to prevent buyer confusion as to the source of the goods and/or services, but to protect the registrant from adverse commercial impact due to use of a similar mark by a newcomer. See In re Shell Oil Co., 992 F.2d 1204, 1208, 26 USPQ2d 1687, 1690 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Therefore, any doubt regarding a likelihood of confusion determination is resolved in favor of the registrant. TMEP §1207.01(d)(i); see Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Packard Press, Inc., 281 F.3d 1261, 1265, 62 USPQ2d 1001, 1003 (Fed. Cir. 2002); In re Hyper Shoppes (Ohio), Inc., 837 F.2d 463, 464-65, 6 USPQ2d 1025, 1026 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Accordingly, because confusion as to source is likely, registration is refused under Trademark Action Section 2(d) based on a likelihood of confusion.

Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration.

PRIOR PENDING APPLICATION MAY BE BAR TO REGISTRATION

The filing date of pending U.S. Application Serial No. 97435716 precedes applicant's filing date. See attached referenced application. If the mark in the referenced application registers, applicant's mark may be refused registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d) because of a likelihood of confusion between the two marks. See 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.83; TMEP §\$1208 et seq. Therefore, upon receipt of applicant's response to this Office action, action on this application may be suspended pending final disposition of the earlier-filed referenced application.

In response to this Office action, applicant may present arguments in support of registration by addressing the issue of the potential conflict between applicant's mark and the mark in the referenced application. Applicant's election not to submit arguments at this time in no way limits applicant's right to address this issue later if a refusal under Section 2(d) issues.

If applicant responds to the refusal(s), applicant must also respond to the requirement(s) set forth below.

INFORMALITIES

SPECIMEN REFUSAL - MERE DEPICTION OF MARK

Specimen is merely a drawing or depiction of the mark. Registration is refused because the specimen is merely a photocopy of the drawing or a depiction of the applied-for mark and does not show the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce with the goods and/or services in International Class(es) 039, 009, and 042. Trademark Act Sections 1 and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§1051, 1127; 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a), (c); *In re Chica*, 84 USPQ2d 1845, 1848 (TTAB 2007); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a), 1301.04(g)(i). An application based on Trademark Act Section 1(a) must include a specimen showing the applied-for mark as actually used in commerce for each international class of goods and/or services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. 15 U.S.C. §1051(a)(1); 37 C.F.R. §§2.34(a)(1)(iv), 2.56(a); TMEP §§904, 904.07(a).

Examples of specimens. Specimens for goods include a photograph of (1) the actual goods bearing the mark; (2) an actual container, packaging, tag or label for the goods bearing the mark; or (3) a point-of-sale display showing the mark directly associated with the goods. See 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c); TMEP §904.03(a)-(m). A webpage specimen submitted as a display associated with the goods must show the mark in association with a picture or textual description of the goods and include information necessary for ordering the goods. TMEP §904.03(i); see 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c).

Specimens for services must show a direct association between the mark and the services and include: (1) copies of advertising and marketing material, (2) a photograph of business signage or billboards, or (3) materials showing the mark in the sale, rendering, or advertising of the services. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(2), (c); TMEP §1301.04(a), (h)(iv)(C).

Any webpage printout or screenshot submitted as a specimen must include the webpage's URL and the date it was accessed or printed on the specimen itself, within the TEAS form that submits the specimen, or in a verified statement under 37 C.F.R. §2.20 or 28 U.S.C. §1746 in a later-filed response. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.56(c); TMEP §§904.03(i), 1301.04(a).

Response options. Applicant may respond to this refusal by satisfying one of the following for each applicable international class:

(1) Submit a different specimen (a verified "substitute" specimen) that (a) was in actual use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of an amendment to allege use and (b) shows the mark in actual use in commerce for the goods and/or services identified in the application or amendment to allege use. A "verified substitute specimen" is a specimen that is accompanied by the following statement made in a signed affidavit or supported by a declaration under 37 C.F.R. §2.20: "The substitute (or new, or originally submitted, if appropriate) specimen(s) was/were in

use in commerce at least as early as the filing date of the application or prior to the filing of the amendment to allege use." The substitute specimen cannot be accepted without this statement.

(2) Amend the filing basis to intent to use under Section 1(b) (which includes withdrawing an amendment to allege use, if one was filed), as no specimen is required before publication. This option will later necessitate additional fee(s) and filing requirements, including a specimen.

For an overview of the response options referenced above and instructions on how to satisfy these options using the online Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, see the Specimen webpage.

IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES REQUIREMENT

The identification of services is indefinite and must be clarified. See 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §1402.01. Applicant must amend the identification to specify the common commercial or generic name of the services. See TMEP §1402.01. If the services have no common commercial or generic name, applicant must describe or explain the nature of the services using clear and succinct language. See id.

The wording in the identification is indefinite for the following reasons:

The identification for software is indefinite and too broad and must be clarified because the wording does not make clear the (1) nature or (2) format of the software and could identify goods and/or services in two international classes – as a product in International Class 9 or a service in International Class 42. See 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §§1402.03(d), 1402.11(a). Specifically, applicant must indicate the purpose or function of the software, and if content- or field-specific, the content or field of use of the software. TMEP §1402.03(d). Additionally, applicant must indicate whether the software's format is downloadable, recorded, or online non-downloadable. See id. Downloadable and recorded goods are in International Class 9, whereas providing their temporary, online non-downloadable use is a service in International Class 42. See TMEP §§1402.03(d), 1402.11(a)(xii).

The USPTO requires such specificity in order for a trademark examining attorney to examine the application properly and make appropriate decisions concerning possible conflicts between the applicant's mark and other marks. *See In re N.A.D. Inc.*, 57 USPQ2d 1872, 1874 (TTAB 2000); TMEP §1402.03(d).

"Transportation services," is indefinite as it may include services in more than one international class.

Applicant may substitute the following wording, if accurate (changes in bold):

Class 009: downloadable software for transportation logistics planning

Class 035: Transportation logistics services, namely, arranging the transportation of goods for others

Class 039: transportation **consulting** services

Class 042: online non-downloadable software for transportation logistics planning

Applicant must amend the application to classify the goods and/or services in the International Classes shown above. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.32(a)(7), 2.85; TMEP §§1401.02(a), 1401.03(b).

Applicant may amend the identification to clarify or limit the goods and/or services, but not to broaden or expand the goods and/or services beyond those in the original application or as acceptably amended. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Generally, any deleted goods and/or services may not later be reinserted. *See* TMEP §1402.07(e).

For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable *U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual. See* TMEP §1402.04.

MULTIPLE CLASS APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

The application references goods and/or services based on use in commerce in more than one international class; therefore, applicant must satisfy all the requirements below for each international class:

- (1) List the goods and/or services by their international class number in consecutive numerical order, starting with the lowest numbered class (for example, International Class 3: perfume; International Class 18: cosmetic bags sold empty).
- (2) Submit a filing fee for each international class not covered by the fee(s) already paid (view the USPTO's current fee schedule). Specifically, the application identifies goods and/or services based on use in commerce that are classified in at least 4 classes; however, applicant submitted a fee(s) sufficient for only 1 class(es). Applicant must either (a) submit the filing fees for the classes not covered by the submitted fees or (b) restrict the application to the number of classes covered by the fees already paid.
- (3) Submit verified dates of first use of the mark anywhere and in commerce for each international class. See more information about verified dates of use.
- (4) **Submit a specimen for each international class.** The current specimen is not acceptable for any international class. See more information about specimens.

Examples of specimens. Specimens for goods include a photograph of (1) the actual goods bearing the mark; (2) an actual container, packaging, tag or label for the goods bearing the mark; or (3) a point-of-sale display showing the mark directly associated with the goods. See 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c); TMEP §904.03(a)-(m). A webpage specimen submitted as a display associated with the goods must show the mark in association with a picture or textual description of the goods and include information necessary for ordering the goods. TMEP §904.03(i); see 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(1), (c).

Specimens for services must show a direct association between the mark and the services and include: (1) copies of advertising and marketing material, (2) a photograph of business signage or billboards, or (3) materials showing the mark in the sale, rendering, or advertising of the services. See 37 C.F.R. §2.56(b)(2), (c); TMEP §1301.04(a), (h)(iv)(C).

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(5) Submit a verified statement that "The specimen was in use in commerce on or in connection with the goods and/or services listed in the application at least as early as the filing date of the application." See more information about verification.

See 37 C.F.R. §2.86(a); TMEP §§1403.01, 1403.02(c).

For an overview of the requirements for a Section 1(a) multiple-class application and how to satisfy the requirements online using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, see the Multiple-class Application webpage.

PRO SE RESPONSE GUIDELINES

Response guidelines. For this application to proceed, applicant must explicitly address each refusal and/or requirement in this Office action. For a refusal, applicant may provide written arguments and evidence against the refusal, and may have other response options if specified above. For a requirement, applicant should set forth the changes or statements. Please see "Responding to Office Actions" and the informational video "Response to Office Action" for more information and tips on responding.

TELEPHONE OR EMAIL FOR CLARIFICATION

Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney with questions about this Office action. Although an examining attorney cannot provide legal advice, the examining attorney can provide additional explanation about the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

The USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions; however, emails can be used for informal communications and are included in the application record. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05.

APPLICANT MAY WISH TO SEEK TRADEMARK COUNSEL

Because of the legal technicalities and strict deadlines of the trademark application process, applicant is encouraged to hire a private attorney who specializes in trademark matters to assist in this process. The assigned trademark examining attorney can provide only limited assistance explaining the content of an Office action and the application process. USPTO staff cannot provide legal advice or statements about an applicant's legal rights. TMEP §§705.02, 709.06. See Hiring a U.S.-licensed trademark attorney for more information.

How to respond. Click to file a response to this nonfinal Office action.

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RESPONSE GUIDANCE

- Missing the response deadline to this letter will cause the application to <u>abandon</u>. The response must be received by the USPTO before midnight **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. TEAS maintenance or <u>unforeseen circumstances</u> could affect an applicant's ability to timely respond.
- Responses signed by an unauthorized party are not accepted and can cause the application to abandon. If applicant does not have an attorney, the response must be signed by the individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant. If applicant has an attorney, the response must be signed by the attorney.
- If needed, **find contact information for the supervisor** of the office or unit listed in the signature block.

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Fleet-Smart

Mark Punctuated

FLEET-SMART

Translation

Goods/Services

• IC 037. US 100 103 106.G & S: Rental of light duty vehicles, namely, light duty trucks, off road utility vehicles or similar equipment for use in construction and related industrial and commercial applications. FIRST USE: 20140825. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20140915

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Design Code

Serial Number

86492658

Filing Date

20141230

Current Filing Basis

1A

Original Filing Basis

1**A**

Publication for Opposition Date

20151027

Registration Number

4884276

Date Registered

20160112

Owner

(REGISTRANT) Flex Fleet Rental, LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY UTAH 2855 E. Cottonwood Parkway, Suite 100 Cottonwood Heights UTAH 84121

Priority Date

Disclaimer Statement

Description of Mark

Type of Mark

SERVICE MARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Live Dead Indicator LIVE

Attorney of Record Randall B. Bateman

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

SMARTFLEET

Mark Punctuated SMARTFLEET

Translation

Goods/Services

• IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038.G & S: Downloadable computer software to control oil and gas fracturing operations; downloadable computer software for real-time imaging of geological formations during fracturing services; downloadable software for use in data visualization in the oil and gas industry; fracturing control system comprised of sensors that take reservoir measurements and hardware and software to interpret the measurements and provide pumping controls. FIRST USE: 20201015. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20201015

Mark Drawing Code
(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Design Code

Serial Number

97435716

Filing Date

20220531

Current Filing Basis

1A

Original Filing Basis

1A

Publication for Opposition Date

Registration Number

Date Registered

Owner

(APPLICANT) Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. CORPORATION DELAWARE 3000 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E. Houston TEXAS 77032

Priority Date

Disclaimer Statement

Description of Mark

Type of Mark

TRADEMARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Live Dead Indicator

LIVE

Attorney of Record Benjamin R. Ford

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

SMARTFLEET

Mark Punctuated SMARTFLEET

Translation

Goods/Services

 IC 035. US 100 101 102.G & S: Automated vehicle tracking and vehicle fleet management services, namely, vehicle fleet tracking services utilizing GPS location tracking capabilities and communications technologies to provide real time vehicle location information, including detailed maps, images and addresses showing where vehicles are and have been. FIRST USE: 20080100. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20080100

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Design Code

Serial Number

86179106

Filing Date

20140129

Current Filing Basis

1A

Original Filing Basis

1 A

Publication for Opposition Date

20150310

Registration Number

4741777

Date Registered

20150526

Owner

(REGISTRANT) SMART FLEET LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NEW JERSEY 2517 Highway 35 Suite B304 Manasquan NEW JERSEY 08736

Priority Date

Disclaimer Statement

Description of Mark

Type of Mark

SERVICE MARK

Register PRINCIPAL-2(F)

Live Dead Indicator LIVE

Attorney of Record

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

FLEET SMARTHUB

Mark Punctuated

FLEET SMARTHUB

Translation

Goods/Services

• IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038.G & S: Computer software for use in the field of fleet vehicle management; computer software used to track, store, monitor, and transmit fleet vehicle data; computer software used to remit payment of invoices. FIRST USE: 20171128. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20171128

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Design Code

Serial Number

86842746

Filing Date

20151208

Current Filing Basis

1A

Original Filing Basis

1B

Publication for Opposition Date

20170509

Registration Number

5428868

Date Registered

20180320

Owner

(REGISTRANT) WEX Inc. CORPORATION DELAWARE 97 Darling Avenue South Portland MAINE 041062301

Priority Date

Disclaimer Statement

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "FLEET" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN

Description of Mark

Type of Mark

TRADEMARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

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Attorney of Record Matthew D. Stein

United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

USPTO OFFICIAL NOTICE

Office Action (Official Letter) has issued on August 23, 2022 for U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97120716

A USPTO examining attorney has reviewed your trademark application and issued an Office action. You must respond to this Office action in order to avoid your application abandoning. Follow the steps below.

- (1) **Read the Office action**. This email is NOT the Office action.
- (2) **Respond to the Office action by the deadline** using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Your response must be received by the USPTO on or before 11:59 p.m. **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. Otherwise, your application will be <u>abandoned</u>. See the Office action itself regarding how to respond.
- (3) **Direct general questions** about using USPTO electronic forms, the USPTO <u>website</u>, the application process, the status of your application, and whether there are outstanding deadlines to the <u>Trademark Assistance Center (TAC)</u>.

After reading the Office action, address any question(s) regarding the specific content to the USPTO examining attorney identified in the Office action.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

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