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**Subject:** U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97118644 - SEVEN FIGURE SOLAR

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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. 97118644

Mark: SEVEN FIGURE SOLAR

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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), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES:** 

- · Recitation of Services
- Disclaimer
- Significance of Wording

#### SEARCH OF USPTO DATABASE OF MARKS

The trademark examining attorney has searched the USPTO database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); TMEP §704.02.

#### **Recitation of Services**

The wording "solar energy companies" in the identification of services is indefinite and must be clarified because it does not specify a particular field. See 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §1402.01. Applicant must amend this wording 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.

Applicant may substitute the following wording, if accurate: Market research services *in the field of Solar Energy*; Marketing research services *in the field of Solar Energy*; Marketing services; Marketing services *in the field of Solar Energy*; Marketing the goods and services of others; Advertising and marketing; Advertising and marketing consultancy; Advertising, marketing and promotion services; Advertising, marketing and promotion services *in the field of Solar Energy*; Business marketing services; Business to business direct marketing services; Creative marketing plan development services; Direct marketing advertising for others; Direct marketing consulting services; Direct marketing services; On-line advertising and marketing services; Online advertising and marketing services *in the field of Solar Energy*; Providing marketing information via a website; Providing marketing services for Solar Energy *industries*; Targeted marketing services.

Applicant may amend the identification to clarify or limit the services, but not to broaden or expand the 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 services may not later be reinserted. *See* TMEP §1402.07(e).

#### **ID Manual Online**

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.

#### **Disclaimer**

Applicant must disclaim the wording "SOLAR" because it is merely descriptive of the field of applicant's services, namely, marketing in the field of solar energy, per applicant's identification. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(1); *DuoProSS Meditech Corp. v. Inviro Med. Devices, Ltd.*, 695 F.3d 1247, 1251, 103 USPQ2d 1753, 1755 (Fed. Cir. 2012); TMEP §§1213, 1213.03(a).

Applicant may respond to this issue by submitting a disclaimer in the following format:

No claim is made to the exclusive right to use "SOLAR" apart from the mark as shown.

For an overview of disclaimers and instructions on how to provide one using the Trademark Electronic

Application System (TEAS), see the Disclaimer webpage.

#### Significance of Wording

To permit proper examination of the application, applicant must explain whether the wording "SEVEN FIGURE" in the mark has any significance in the trade or industry or as applied to applicant's services, or if such wording is a term of art within applicant's industry. See 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §814. If the wording has no significance and is not a term of art in the relevant trade or industry or as used with applicant's services, applicant must provide a statement to that effect. See 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §814.

To respond to this requirement for information, open the appropriate Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) response form and enter the serial number, answer "yes" to question 3, and provide the information on the "Additional Statement(s)" page in the "Significance of Wording, Letter(s), or Numeral(s)" text box(es) in the form.

Failure to comply with a requirement for information is an independent ground for refusing registration. *In re SICPA Holding SA*, 2021 USPQ2d 613, at \*6 (TTAB 2021) (citing *In re Cheezwhse.com*, *Inc.*, 85 USPQ2d 1917, 1919 (TTAB 2008); *In re DTI P'ship LLP*, 67 USPQ2d 1699, 1701-02 (TTAB 2003); TMEP §814).

## **Assistance**

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.

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.

# **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. 97118644

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 abandoned. 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

- <u>Check the status</u> of your application periodically in the <u>Trademark Status & Document Retrieval (TSDR)</u> database to avoid missing critical deadlines.
- <u>Update your correspondence email address</u> to ensure you receive important USPTO notices about your application.
- Beware of trademark-related scams. Protect yourself from people and companies that may try to take financial advantage of you. Private companies may call you and pretend to be the USPTO or may send you communications that resemble official USPTO documents to trick you. We will never request your credit card number or social security number over the phone. And all official USPTO correspondence will only be emailed from the domain "@uspto.gov." Verify the correspondence originated from us by using your Serial Number in our database, TSDR, to confirm that it appears under the "Documents" tab, or contact the Trademark Assistance Center.

• Hiring a U.S.-licensed attorney. If you do not have an attorney and are not required to have one under the trademark rules, we encourage you to hire a U.S.-licensed attorney specializing in trademark law to help guide you through the registration process. The USPTO examining attorney is not your attorney and cannot give you legal advice, but rather works for and represents the USPTO in trademark matters.