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Subject: U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97119664 - 4TH-WAVE AI

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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. 97119664

Mark: 4TH-WAVE AI

## **Correspondence Address:**

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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 24, 2022

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

### **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.

## **Summary of Issues**:

- · Disclaimer Required
- Requirement for Information Domicile Address

## Disclaimer Required

Applicant must disclaim the wording "AI" because it is merely descriptive of a quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose, or use of applicant's goods. *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).

The attached evidence shows this wording is commonly used in connection with similar goods to mean "artificial intelligence", which is defined to mean "the capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior". *See* attached Internet dictionary evidence. Thus, the wording merely describes applicant's goods because it immediately refers to the fact that the applicant's software incorporates "AI" into its operation as a feature of the applicant's software.

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

## No claim is made to the exclusive right to use "AI" 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.

Applicant must also respond to the requirement set forth below.

## **Requirement for Information - Domicile Address**

**Applicant must clarify its domicile street address** because the domicile address of record is for a third-party commercial mail receiving agency and does not appear to be applicant's permanent legal place of residence or principal place of business. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.11(b), 2.189; TMEP §601.01(b)(1). A domicile address must identify either (1) the permanent legal place of residence, which is the place an individual applicant resides and intends to be the applicant's principal home; or (2) the principal place of business, which is the juristic applicant's headquarters where its senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the entity's activities. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.2(o)-(p); TMEP §803.05(a).

In this case, the application record lists applicant as a juristic entity and specifies applicant's domicile address as follows:576 Foothills Plaza PMB 176, Maryville TN 37801. This address has been identified as a commercial mail receiving agency by the U.S. Postal Service Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS) and thus does not appear to be applicant's headquarters where its senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the entity's activities. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.2(o)-(p); TMEP §601.01(b)(1).

Commercial mail receiving agencies are private businesses that accept mail from the U.S. Postal Service on behalf of third parties.

**Response options.** Applicant must provide its domicile street address. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(2), 2.189; TMEP §803.05. Alternatively, applicant may provide (1) documentation showing that the listed U.S. domicile address is, in fact, applicant's domicile, or (2) a detailed explanation supporting that applicant has no fixed physical address. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.11(b); TMEP §§601.01(b)-(b)(1), 803.05(a).

**To provide applicant's domicile street address.** After opening the correct Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) response form and entering the serial number, (1) answer "yes" to question 5 and click "Continue;" (2) on the "Owner Information" page, in the "Domicile Address" field, uncheck the box stating the domicile and mailing address are not the same; and (3) below the checkbox provide applicant's domicile street address. Applicant's domicile street address will be hidden from public view if it is entered into the "Domicile Address" field. However, any street address listed in the "Mailing Address" field will be publicly viewable.

**To provide documentation to support applicant's U.S. domicile address.** Applicant should provide the most recent documentation showing that the address is the applicant's business headquarters, for example one of the following: (1) the most recent final annual or quarterly report or other similar report; or (2) a current, valid signed rental, lease, or mortgage agreement for office space. TMEP 601.01(b)-(b)(1); see 37 C.F.R. 2.11(b). Submitted documentation must show the name, listed domicile address, and the date of the document but should redact other personal and financial information.

To provide this documentation, open the correct TEAS response form and enter the serial number, answer "yes" to question 3, and on the "Additional Statement(s)" page, below the "Miscellaneous Statement" field, click the button below the text box to attach documentation to support the U.S. street address.

To provide a detailed explanation that applicant has no fixed physical address. If applicant has no physical headquarters where its senior executives or officers ordinarily direct and control the business (e.g., because the business is conducted virtually), applicant should state for the record that applicant has no fixed physical address and provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances.

To provide this explanation, open the correct TEAS response form and enter the serial number, answer "yes" to question 3, and on the "Additional Statement(s)" page, in the "Miscellaneous Statement" field, enter the referenced explanation in the text box.

## **Response Guidelines**

For this application to proceed, applicant must explicitly address each requirement in this Office action. 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.

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 requirements 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** <u>contact information for the supervisor</u> of the office or unit listed in the signature block.





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plural ais

#### Definition of ai (Entry 1 of 2)

#### : THREE-TOED SLOTH

// A sloth is a slow-moving arboreal (tree-dwelling) mammal and the name ai was given to this creature because of its high-pitched screech.

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// Three-toed sloth is a common crossword puzzle clue for the word "ai." — Marty Noble

## AI abbreviation

## Definition of AI (Entry 2 of 2)

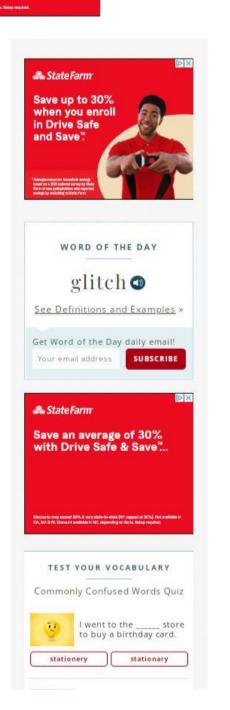
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- 2 airborne intercept
- 3 air interception
- 4 artificial insemination
- 5 artificial intelligence

#### First Known Use of ai

#### Noun

1625, in the meaning defined above





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## History and Etymology for ai

#### Noun

borrowed from Portuguese ai "sloth (the animal)," borrowed from Tupi ai

NOTE: The Tupi form is based on that given by Aryon Rodrigues in "Contribuição para a etimologia dos brasileirismos," *Revista Portuguesa de Filologia*, vol. 9, I-II (1958-59), p. 14. The word can be found with various spellings in a number of early sources: André Thevet, *Les singularitez de la France Antarctique*, 1558 (*Haü*, *Haüth*); Jean de Léry, *Histoire d'un voyage faict en la terre du Bresil*, 1578 (*Hay*); letter of José de Anchieta, 1560, in Serafim Leite, editor, *Cartas dos primeiros Jesuítas do Brasil*, vol. 3 [1958], p. 222, cited in Antônio Geraldo da Cunha, *Dicionário histórico das palavras portuguesas de origem tupi*, São Paulo, 1978 ("Est aliud animal quod Indi *aig*, nos propter nimiam tarditatem pigritiam dicimus" — "There is another animal that the Indians call *aig*, that we call on account of its excessive slowness the sloth"); Gabriel Soares de Sousa, *Tratado descritivo do Brasil*, 1587 (*ahy*).





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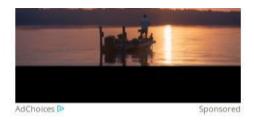
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## artificial intelligence noun



#### Definition of artificial intelligence

- 1 : a branch of computer science dealing with the simulation of intelligent behavior in computers
- 2 : the capability of a machine to imitate intelligent human behavior



## Examples of artificial intelligence in a Sentence

// a robot with artificial intelligence

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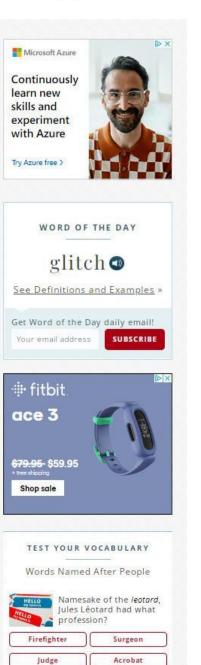
- Wired, 11 Aug. 2022

// Puri first learned about the capabilities of artificial intelligence just after ninth grade, when she was selected to attend Stanford A.I. Lab's summer program.
— Margaret Osborne, Smithsonian Magazine, 4 Aug. 2022

// Their personality, memories and cognitive functions are being overwritten by an artificial intelligence, Johnny Silverhand, a rocker and branded terrorist brought to virtual life by Keanu Reeves.

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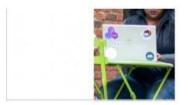
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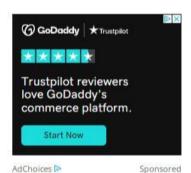








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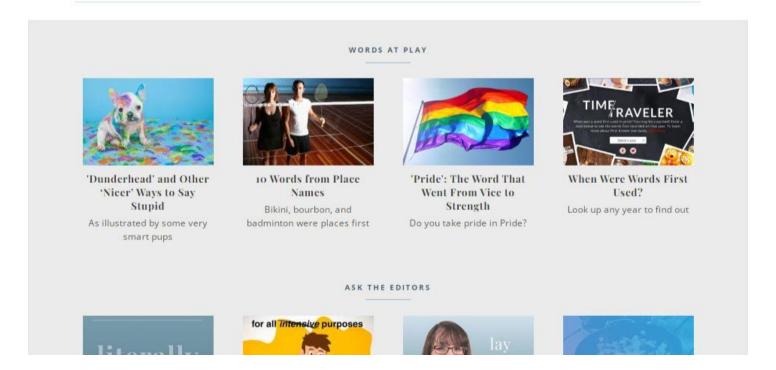
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A USPTO examining attorney has reviewed your trademark application and issued an Office action. You must respond to this Office action in order to avoid your application abandoning. Follow the steps below.

- (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.

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