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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. 97118982

Mark: WDTKPTXL

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Reference/Docket No. TUS112234

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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 25, 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.

#### **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:**

• DOMICILE ADDRESS REQUIREMENT

#### **DOMICILE ADDRESS REQUIREMENT**

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: 8 The Green Ste A,

Dover, DELAWARE 19901. 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  $\S601.01(b)-(b)(1)$ ; see 37 C.F.R.  $\S2.11(b)$ . 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**

**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.

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 abandon. 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 <u>legal authority to bind a juristic applicant</u>. 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 25, 2022 for U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 97118982

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

- <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.

## **Note To The File**

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