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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD**

In the matter of the application of Bond Jewelers, Inc..
Serial No. 78/124,112, Published in the Official
Gazette on May 20, 2003 – UNCLAIMED GEMS

ROSDEBOR INTERNATIONAL, INC.)
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Opposer,)
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v.)
)
BOND JEWELERS, INC.,)
)
Applicant.)

Opposition No. 91157645

**APPLICANT'S ANSWER
AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**



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Applicant, for its answer to Opposer's Notice of Opposition, admits, denies and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is without sufficient information or belief to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraph No. 4 and therefore denies the same.
2. Applicant denies the allegations in Paragraphs Nos. 1 and 2.
3. Applicant admits the allegations in Paragraph No. 3.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3514, on September 19, 2003.

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AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Upon information and belief, opposer has engaged in inequitable conduct that relates to the subject matter of its claims herein, namely, intentional and willful infringement of the mark herein and using the mark herein to deceive consumers. Opposer's claims are, therefore, barred by the doctrine of "unclean hands".

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Opposer's Notice of Opposition, Applicant respectfully requests that the opposition be denied and the registration be issued to Applicant.

Dated: September 19, 2003

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified, pursuant to Trademark Rule 2.119, that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer and Affirmative Defense has been served this 19th day of September 2003, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

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