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INTEGRA LIFESCIENCES CORPORATION,

Opposer,

v.

SPINAL ELEMENTS, INC.,

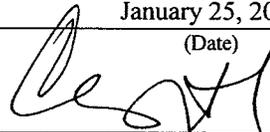
Applicant.

Opposition No.: 91,181,476

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January 25, 2008

(Date)



Catherine J. Holland

ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Spinal Elements, Inc. ("Applicant"), a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 2744 Loker Avenue West Suite 100, Carlsbad, California 92010, hereby answers the Notice of Opposition filed by Integra LifeSciences Corporation ("Opposer"), against Application Serial No. 77/010,060 for the mark MOSAIC. Applicant denies Opposer will be damaged by registration of the mark MOSAIC, Application Serial No. 77/010,060.

1. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph one and accordingly denies each and every allegation therein.
2. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph two and accordingly denies each and every allegation therein.
3. Applicant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations in paragraph three and accordingly denies each and every allegation therein.
4. Applicant admits the allegations contained in paragraph four.
5. Applicant admits the allegations contained in paragraph five.

6. In response to paragraph six, Applicant admits that Opposer has attached as Exhibit A to its Notice of Opposition what purports to be a page from the Internet with a heading "About.com: Orthopedics "Mosaic Graft"", and admits that Opposer has attached as Exhibit B to its Notice of Opposition what purports to be a variety of printouts from various databases. Applicant denies each and every other allegation in paragraph six.

7. Applicant denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph seven.

8. Applicant denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph eight.

9. Applicant denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph nine.

10. Applicant denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph ten.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Applicant alleges the following affirmative defenses.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Applicant alleges that Opposer is barred because it has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Applicant alleges that Opposer is barred due to the equitable doctrine of estoppel.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Applicant alleges that Opposer is barred due to the equitable doctrine of unclean hands.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that the Notice of Opposition be dismissed in its entirety, and that a registration issue to Applicant for its mark.

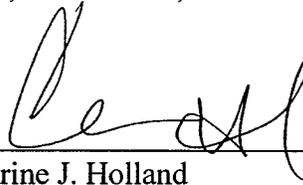
Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: January 25, 2008

By: _____

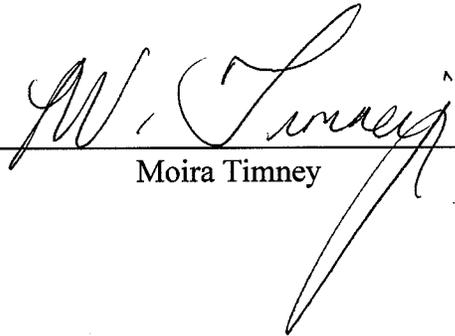


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing **ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES** upon Opposer's counsel by depositing one copy thereof in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, on January 25, 2008, addressed as follows:

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