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MICHAEL BRANDT FAMILY TRUST
d/b/a ECO-SAFE OF DALLAS,

Opposer,

v.

ISTITUTO ITALIANO SICUREZZA
DEI GIOCATTOLI S.R.L.

Opposition No. 91201703

ANSWER AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

For its response to the Notice of Opposition filed by Michael Brandt Family Trust (“MBFT”) Istituto Italiano Sicurezza Dei Giocattoli S.R.L. (“Sicurezza”) states as follows:

1. Applicant has insufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of Opposer’s allegations in numbered paragraph 1 of the Notice of Opposition and denies the same for that reason.

2. Applicant has insufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of Opposer’s allegations in numbered paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition and denies the same for that reason.

3. Applicant has insufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of Opposer’s allegations in numbered paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition and denies the same for that reason.

4. Applicant admits that Opposer indicates reliance on Registration Nos. 1749733, 1631876 and 1303116. Applicant has insufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of Opposer's remaining allegations in numbered paragraph 4 of the Notice of Opposition and denies the same for that reason.

5. Applicant has insufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of Opposer's allegations in numbered paragraph 5 of the Notice of Opposition and denies the same for that reason.

6. Denied.

7. Admitted.

8. Applicant has insufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of Opposer's allegations in numbered paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition and denies the same for that reason.

9. Applicant files herewith a Motion to dismiss Opposer's fraud claim and Opposer's claim that Applicant's application is void *ab initio*, which are based on the allegations in this paragraph. Accordingly, no response is required. However, Applicant states that, should its motions be denied, it would admit that it is an institution based in Italy that certifies products manufactured by others as to whether such products meet specific standards related to environmental friendliness, and would deny the remainder of this claim.

10. Applicant files herewith a Motion to dismiss Opposer's fraud claim and Opposer's claim that Applicant's application is void *ab initio*, which are based on the allegations in this paragraph. Accordingly, no response is required. However, Applicant states that, should its motions be denied, it would respond that the record of Applicant's application speaks for itself and would deny this allegation on that basis.

11. Applicant files herewith a Motion to dismiss Opposer's fraud claim and Opposer's claim that Applicant's application is void *ab initio*, which are based on the allegations in this paragraph. Accordingly, no response is required. However, Applicant states that, should its motions be denied, it would deny this allegation.

12. Applicant files herewith a Motion to dismiss Opposer's fraud claim and Opposer's claim that Applicant's application is void *ab initio*, which are based on the allegations in this paragraph. Accordingly, no response is required. However, Applicant states that, should its motions be denied, it would deny this allegation.

13. Applicant files herewith a Motion to dismiss Opposer's fraud claim and Opposer's claim that Applicant's application is void *ab initio*, which are based on the allegations in this paragraph. Accordingly, no response is required. However, Applicant states that, should its motions be denied, it would deny this allegation.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- a) MBFT fails to state a claim for fraud.
- b) MBFT fails to plead its fraud claim with the requisite particularity.
- c) MBFT trust fails to state a claim that Applicant's application is void or void *ab initio*.
- d) Sicurezza's application cannot be void or void *ab initio* as a matter of law because Sicurezza had a bona fide intent to use its mark with at least some of the goods and services listed in its application.
- e) There are extensive third party uses and registrations for MBFT's mark.

- f) The marks asserted by MBFT are weak and are afforded only a very narrow scope.
- g) The marks asserted by MBFT lack distinctiveness and are not incontestable.

December 22, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I herby certify that the within ANSWER AND RESPONSE was served on this 22nd day of December 2011 via U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the below listed counsel of record for Applicant:

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