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

Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

Opposer Information

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Granted to Date of previous extension	06/17/2012
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Applicant Information

Application No	85234836	Publication date	12/20/2011
Opposition Filing Date	06/18/2012	Opposition Period Ends	06/17/2012
International Registration No.	NONE	International Registration Date	NONE
Applicant	Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation 14-1, Shiba 4-chome Minato-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 001. All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Electrolyte solutions for batteries
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Grounds for Opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
Dilution	Trademark Act section 43(c)

Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	743572	Application Date	05/04/1961
Registration Date	01/08/1963	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	MCDONALD'S
Design Mark	
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class U100 (International Class 042). First use: First Use: 1948/12/00 First Use In Commerce: 1953/05/06 Drive-In Restaurant Services

U.S. Registration No.	939100	Application Date	07/22/1971
Registration Date	07/25/1972	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	MCDONALDLAND
Design Mark	
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class U100 (International Class 042). First use: First Use: 1971/01/01 First Use In Commerce: 1971/01/01 RESTAURANT SERVICES

U.S. Registration No.	1266500	Application Date	06/21/1982
Registration Date	02/07/1984	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MC DOUBLE		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 030. First use: First Use: 1977/06/30 First Use In Commerce: 1977/09/30 a Sandwich for Consumption On or Off Premises		

U.S. Registration No.	1315979	Application Date	06/11/1982
Registration Date	01/22/1985	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCRIB		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 030. First use: First Use: 1981/06/30 First Use In Commerce: 1981/06/30 a Sandwich for Consumption On or Off the Premises		

U.S. Registration No.	1485633	Application Date	02/13/1984
Registration Date	04/19/1988	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	MCMUFFIN
Design Mark	
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 042. First use: First Use: 1983/05/00 First Use In Commerce: 1983/05/00 RESTAURANT SERVICES

U.S. Registration No.	1450104	Application Date	09/30/1982
Registration Date	07/28/1987	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCNUGGETS		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 042. First use: First Use: 1980/04/00 First Use In Commerce: 1980/04/00 RESTAURANT SERVICES		

U.S. Registration No.	1577119	Application Date	06/22/1989
Registration Date	01/09/1990	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCFAX		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 042. First use: First Use: 1988/12/03 First Use In Commerce: 1989/02/01 RESTAURANT SERVICES		

U.S. Registration No.	1579598	Application Date	06/02/1989
Registration Date	01/23/1990	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCCLIP		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 042. First use: First Use: 1985/10/02 First Use In Commerce: 1985/10/02 BARBER SHOP SERVICES		

U.S. Registration No.	1592450	Application Date	08/21/1989
Registration Date	04/17/1990	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCPOOL		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 1989/07/06 First Use In Commerce: 1989/07/06 RECREATIONAL SERVICES IN THE NATURE OF PROVIDING SWIMMING FACILITIES		

U.S. Registration No.	1947099	Application Date	08/08/1991
Registration Date	01/09/1996	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MC		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 042. First use: First Use: 1995/06/14 First Use In Commerce: 1995/06/14 restaurant services		

U.S. Registration No.	2056279	Application Date	09/28/1995
Registration Date	04/22/1997	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCDIRECT SHARES		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 036. First use: First Use: 1995/11/06 First Use In Commerce: 1995/11/06 financial services, namely providing a direct company stock purchase plan		

U.S. Registration No.	2678444	Application Date	12/11/1998
Registration Date	01/21/2003	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCSCHOLAR		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 036. First use: First Use: 1997/01/31 First Use In Commerce: 1997/01/31 Educational services namely providing educational scholarships		

U.S. Registration No.	2684782	Application Date	09/12/2001
Registration Date	02/04/2003	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCTEACHER'S NIGHT		

Design Mark	
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 036. First use: First Use: 2001/11/15 First Use In Commerce: 2001/11/15 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING

U.S. Registration No.	3151707	Application Date	05/12/2004
Registration Date	10/03/2006	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	MCGRIDDLES
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Design Mark	
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Description of Mark	NONE
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Goods/Services	Class 030. First use: First Use: 2000/10/31 First Use In Commerce: 2000/10/31 HOT CAKES
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U.S. Registration No.	3407069	Application Date	03/16/2006
Registration Date	04/01/2008	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	MCSKILLET
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Design Mark	
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Description of Mark	NONE
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Goods/Services	Class 029. First use: First Use: 2006/04/13 First Use In Commerce: 2006/04/13 BREAKFAST ENTREES CONSISTING OF EGGS, MEAT, CHEESE AND VEGETABLES
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U.S. Registration No.	3696916	Application Date	10/14/2008
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Registration Date	10/13/2009	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	MCWORLD		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: First Use: 2008/07/03 First Use In Commerce: 2008/07/03 ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING A WEBSITE FOR INTERACTIVE ONLINE GAMES FOR CHILDREN		

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Name	John A. Cullis
Date	06/18/2012

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

In the Matter of:
Application Serial No. 85/234,836
Published in the *Official Gazette*
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McDONALD’S CORPORATION,)	
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Opposer,)	Mark: MC IONIC SOLUTIONS
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v.)	Opposition No. _____
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MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL)	
CORPORATION)	
)	
Applicant.)	

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Opposer, McDONALD’S CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with offices at One McDonald’s Plaza, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-1900, believes that it will be damaged by registration of the mark “MC IONIC SOLUTIONS” in International Class 1, as shown in Application Serial No. 85/234,836, filed by Applicant, Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, a company organized under the laws of Delaware and having a place of business in Japan, and hereby opposes the same and requests that registration to Applicant be refused.

As grounds for its opposition, Opposer alleges that:

1. Applicant seeks to register the mark “MC IONIC SOLUTIONS” for Electrolyte solutions for batteries in International Class 1. The application is an intent-to-use based application filed under 15 U.S.C. § 1051(b).

2. Opposer has obtained the necessary extension of time within which to file this Notice of Opposition.

3. Since 1955, Opposer has continuously used the name McDONALD'S as a trademark and service mark in its business of developing, operating, franchising, and servicing an extensive system of restaurants that prepare, package, and sell a limited menu of high quality, quickly-prepared, modestly-priced foods. In addition, Opposer has widely used the "Mc" formative alone and together with other words throughout the United States and the world as trademarks and service marks for, and in advertising and promotion of, a wide variety of food products and restaurant services, including, but not limited to: salads, breakfast foods, specialty sandwiches, dessert products, chicken sandwiches, poultry products and beverages. Opposer has also used its "Mc" formative marks on a wide variety of goods that are not related to food products or restaurant services, including, but not limited to: chemical preparations; computer services; men's, women's and children's clothing; barbershop services; mail order services; charitable services; recycling services; travel services; and concentrated cleaners. In addition, Opposer is likely to further expand the use of its "Mc" formative marks, and this expansion may include the goods designated in the Subject Application or other goods of the same type.

4. Opposer has carried on this business throughout the United States and the world. Opposer and its subsidiaries now operate or license thousands of restaurants throughout the world, including over 14,000 restaurants in the United States.

5. Beginning with its world-famous "McDONALD'S" trademark, Opposer has used or licensed the use of numerous trademarks and service marks in connection with a wide variety of goods and services over the past 50 years. In connection with this business, Opposer has built

an extensive family of “Mc” formative trademarks formed by the distinctive “Mc” prefix with various generic and descriptive terms.

6. Opposer’s extensive nationwide advertising and promotion of its various goods and services under its family of “Mc” formative marks features the use of television and print advertising, radio, newspaper and magazine advertising, outdoor billboard and signage, Internet advertising, mobile advertising and direct mail, which are directed to and reach the public in both local and nationwide markets. In addition, Opposer uses the “Mc” formative family of marks on food product packaging and point-of-purchase advertising, and has used the “Mc” formative family of marks for a wide variety of other goods and services.

7. Opposer also owns a federal registration for “Mc,” Registration No. 1,947,099, issued on January 9, 1996, for restaurant services. The following is a partial list of federal registrations owned by McDonald’s:

<u>MARK NAME</u>	<u>REG. NO.</u>	<u>REG. DATE</u>	<u>GOODS/SERVICES</u>
1. McDONALD’S	743,572	01/08/1963	Restaurant services
2. McDONALDLAND	939,100	07/25/1972	Restaurant services
3. McDOUBLE	1,266,500	02/07/1984	A sandwich for consumption on or off premises
4. McRIB	1,315,979	01/22/1985	A sandwich for consumption on or off premises
5. McMUFFIN	1,485,633	04/19/1988	Restaurant Services
6. McNUGGETS	1,450,104	07/28/1987	Restaurant Services
7. McFAX	1,577,119	01/09/1990	Restaurant Services
8. McCLIP	1,579,598	01/23/1990	Barbershop services

<u>MARK NAME</u>	<u>REG. NO.</u>	<u>REG. DATE</u>	<u>GOODS/SERVICES</u>
9. McPOOL	1,592,450	4/17/1990	Recreational services in the nature of providing swimming facilities
10. Mc	1,947,099	01/09/1996	Restaurant services
11. McDIRECT SHARES	2,056,279	09/28/1995	Financial services, namely providing a direct company stock purchase plan
12. McSCHOLAR	2,678,444	01/21/2003	Educational services, namely providing educational scholarships
13. McTEACHER'S NIGHT	2,684,782	02/04/2003	Charitable fundraising
14. McGRIDDLES	3,151,707	10/03/2006	Hot cakes
15. McSKILLET	3,407,069	04/01/2008	Breakfast entrees consisting of eggs, meat, cheese and vegetables
16. McWORLD	3,696,916	10/13/2009	Entertainment services, namely providing a website for interactive online games for children.

These registrations are valid, subsisting, and in full force and effect.

8. Each of the aforesaid registrations is at least *prima facie* evidence of the validity of each registration, of Opposer's ownership thereof, and of Opposer's exclusive right to use such registered marks on the goods or services set forth in the registration. In addition, McDonald's Corporation owns numerous other federal registrations of "Mc" formative marks for a variety of goods and services.

9. Through Opposer's extensive and continuous use of the name McDONALD'S and its "Mc" formative marks, the public has come to recognize marks combining the "Mc" prefix with a common word for a wide variety of goods and services as being uniquely associated with Opposer. Opposer has developed, at great effort and expense, exceedingly

valuable goodwill with respect to the specific marks listed above, as well as for its entire “Mc” family of marks. Opposer’s “Mc” family of marks is famous and was famous long prior to the date of filing of Applicant’s subject application.

10. Both the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and the Federal Circuit have long recognized the validity of McDonald’s Corporation’s rights to its famous “Mc” and “Mac” family of marks. McDonald’s Corp. v. McClain, 37 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1274, 1276 (TTAB 1995) (stating “The family of [McDonald’s] marks has been recognized by this Board and by the courts”); McDonald’s Corp. v. McKinley, 13 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1895, 1899 (TTAB 1989) (stating “In view of opposer’s extensive evidence of use and promotion of marks having a “Mc” or “Mac” portion, there can be no doubt that opposer has established that its marks comprise a family”); McDonald’s Corp. v. McBagel’s, Inc., 649 F. Supp. 1268, 1272 (S.D.N.Y. 1986) (showing no hesitation in finding that McDonald’s “owns a ‘family of marks’ both registered and unregistered, whose common characteristic is the use of ‘Mc’ or ‘Mac’ as a formative”); J&J Snack Foods Corp. v. McDonald’s Corp., 932 F.2d 1460, 1463 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (recognizing “McDonald’s specific family of marks wherein the prefix “Mc” is used with generic food names to create fanciful words.”)

11. Despite Opposer’s long-standing prior rights in the name McDONALD’S and its “Mc” family of marks for restaurant services, food products, and a wide variety of other goods and services, Applicant filed its application to register the “MC IONIC SOLUTIONS” mark in connection with electrolyte solutions for batteries in International Class 1, which application was assigned Serial No. 85/377,982. Moreover, in light of Opposer’s widespread advertising and promotion of its “Mc” formative marks, Applicant’s selection of a mark, which incorporates the

“Mc” prefix suggests that Applicant intends to trade off the goodwill and recognition associated with Opposer’s “Mc” family of marks.

12. The mark proposed for registration by Applicant has as its principal distinctive element the “Mc” prefix. Potential purchasers, upon seeing the dominant formative “Mc” in Applicant’s “MC IONIC SOLUTIONS” mark are likely to mistakenly believe that such a term and the goods offered thereunder originated with or are connected with, sponsored or associated by, or licensed or approved by Opposer. Thus, the registration and use by Applicant of the “MC IONIC SOLUTIONS” mark in connection with its goods for all channels of trade and all types of prospective purchasers is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d).

13. Issuance of a registration to Applicant would diminish and dilute the distinctive quality of McDonald’s rights in its famous “Mc” formative family of marks and could in the event of any mishaps involving, or poor quality of, the goods offered by Applicant, tarnish such distinctiveness, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).

13. If a registration is issued to Applicant for the “MC IONIC SOLUTIONS” mark, the confusion with Opposer’s marks would result in damage and injury to Opposer and the public. Registration of this term would give Applicant an unqualified right to wrongfully appropriate Opposer’s valuable goodwill and reputation associated with Opposer’s marks; to benefit from the likely confusion among purchasers led to believe that Applicant’s goods are related in some fashion to Opposer; dilute the distinctiveness of Opposer’s marks and harm its goodwill and reputation associated with its marks by allowing any fault with or objection to

Applicant's goods to reflect upon Opposer; and to restrict the natural growth of Opposer's family of "Mc" formative marks.

WHEREFORE, Opposer requests that this Opposition be sustained and Application Serial No. 85/234,836 be refused registration.

Opposer requests that the requisite filing fee of \$300.00 and any additional fees related to this matter be charged to the deposit account of Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg, Account No. 502261.

Respectfully submitted,

McDONALD'S CORPORATION

Date: June 18, 2012

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