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BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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

Leonid Nahshin,
Plaintiff-Petitioner

v.

Product Source International, LLC
Defendant-Respondent

Petition No.: 92/051,140
Registration No.: 3,350,041
Mark: NIC-OUT
Interlocutory Attorney:
Ann Linnechan, Esq.

PLAINTIFF-PETITIONER, LEONID NAHSHIN'S,
NOTICE OF RELIANCE Part C

To: Product Source International, LLC – Defendant-Respondent

Notice is given that, pursuant to Trademark Rule 2.122(e), 37 CFR § 2.122(e), Plaintiff-Petitioner, Leonid Nahshin, hereby notices introduction into evidence USPTO TARR Record of Trademark Application Serial Number 78/206651 filed by Leonid Nahshin on January 23, 2003 with USPTO Word Mark: “NIC-OUT” for International Class “034” , Goods & Services described as “G & S: cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine.; cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine.”

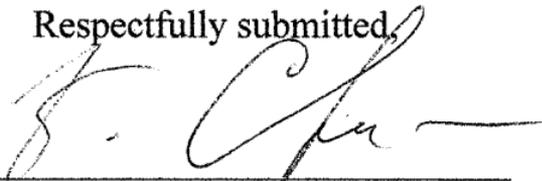
Relevant Facts

These Documents are relevant to the case because it show Petitioner’s intent to protect his Intellectual Property Rights in the United States.

Attached to this notice and forming part hereof is USPTO TARR Record of Trademark Application Serial Number 78/206651 filed by Leonid Nahshin on January 23, 2003 with USPTO Word Mark: “NIC-OUT” for International Class “034” , Goods & Services described as “G & S: cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine.; cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine.”; (a true and correct copy is annexed here as “**Exhibit G.**”).

ATED: January 12, 2011

Respectfully submitted,



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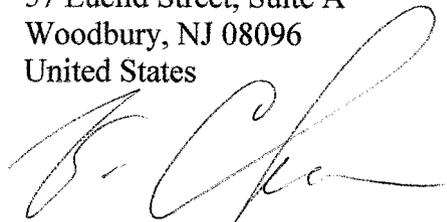
In the matter of U.S. Registration 3,350,041,
For the mark NIC OUT,
Registered on the Principal Register on December 4, 2007.

Leonid Nahshin,	:	
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Petitioner,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	Petition No. 92051140
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Product Source International, LLC,	:	
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Registrant.	:	

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SERIAL NO: 78/206651

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OFFICE ACTION

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Serial Number 78/206651 NIC-OUT

The assigned examining attorney has reviewed the referenced application and determined the following.

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Likelihood of Confusion

The examining attorney refuses registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. §1052(d), because the applicant's mark, when used on or in connection with the identified goods/services, so resembles the mark in U.S. Registration No. 2337463 as to be likely to cause confusion, to cause mistake, or to deceive. TMEP §§1207.01 *et seq.* See the enclosed registration.

The examining attorney must analyze each case in two steps to determine whether there is a likelihood of confusion. First, the examining attorney must look at the marks themselves for similarities in appearance, sound, connotation and commercial impression. *In re E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.*, 476 F.2d 1357, 177 USPQ 563 (C.C.P.A. 1973). Second, the examining attorney must compare the goods or services to determine if they are related or if the activities surrounding their marketing are such that confusion as to origin is likely. *In re August Storck KG*, 218 USPQ 823 (TTAB 1983); *In re International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.*, 197 USPQ 910 (TTAB 1978); *Guardian Products Co., v. Scott Paper Co.*, 200 USPQ 738 (TTAB 1978). TMEP §§1207.01 *et seq.*

The applicant seeks registration of NIC-OUT for "cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine." The registered mark is NICOUT for "smoker's apparatus for puncturing holes in cigarettes." The applicant's mark is nearly identical to the mark in the cited registration. Despite the hyphen in the applicant's mark, the marks are spelled the same and sound the same.

Further, the applicant's goods are highly similar to the goods provided by the registrant. While not identically, the parties' goods are related in that they would be sold in the same channels of trade to the same purchasers, namely those seeking products that reduce the nicotine and/or tar in cigarettes.

Since the marks are confusingly similar, and the goods are highly related, it is likely purchasers would confuse the sources of the goods. The examining attorney must resolve any doubt as to the issue of likelihood of confusion in favor of the registrant and against the applicant who has a legal duty to select a mark which is totally dissimilar to trademarks already being used. *Burroughs Wellcome Co. v. Warner-Lambert Co.*, 203 USPQ 191 (TTAB 1979). Accordingly, the mark is refused registration under Section 2(d).

The applicant should note the following potential ground for refusal.

Prior Pending Application

The examining attorney encloses information regarding pending Application Serial No. 78-163268. The filing date of the referenced application precedes the applicant's filing date. There may be a likelihood of confusion between the two marks under Trademark Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. §1052(d). If the referenced application matures into a registration, the examining attorney may refuse registration in this case under Section 2(d). 37 C.F.R. §2.83; TMEP §1208.01.

Action on this application will be suspended pending the disposition of Application Serial No. 78-163268, upon receipt of the applicant's response resolving the following informalities.

Cannot Assert §1(a) and §1(b) for the Same Goods

The applicant asserts use of the mark in commerce for "cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine" and applicant asserts that it has a bona fide intent to use the mark in commerce for the same goods. An applicant may not assert both use of the mark in commerce, under Trademark Act Section 1(a), 15 U.S.C. §1051(a), and intent to use the mark in commerce, under Trademark Act Section 1(b), 15 U.S.C. §1051(b), for the same goods. 37 C.F.R. §2.34(b)(1); TMEP §806.02(b). The

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applicant must delete one basis or divide the goods between the two bases, as appropriate.

Response

No set form is required for response to this Office action. The applicant must respond to each point raised. The applicant should simply set forth the required changes or statements and request that the Office enter them. The applicant must sign the response. In addition to the identifying information required at the beginning of this letter, the applicant should provide a telephone number to speed up further processing.

If the applicant does not have an attorney the applicant may wish to hire a trademark attorney because of the technicalities involved in the application. The Patent and Trademark Office cannot aid in the selection of an attorney. 37 C.F.R. §2.11.

If the applicant has any questions or needs assistance in responding to this office action, please telephone the assigned examining attorney.

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GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

International Class: 034

Class Status: Active

cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine.; cigarette filter holder to reduce the inhalation of tar and nicotine.

Basis: 1(a)

First Use Date: 2000-10-01

First Use in Commerce Date: 2000-10-01

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