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

### **Petition for Cancellation**

Notice is hereby given that the following party has filed a petition to cancel the registration indicated below.

### **Petitioner Information**

Name	Mego Corporation		
Entity	Corporation	Citizenship	New York
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### Registration Subject to Cancellation

Registration No.	4961646	Registration date	05/17/2016
Registrant	Kales, Mike 15 Whitaker Place Palm Coast, FL 32164 UNITED STATES		

# Goods/Services Subject to Cancellation

Class 025. First Use: 2016/01/02 First Use In Commerce: 2016/01/02
All goods and services in the class are subject to cancellation, namely: Clothing, namely, tops, bottoms, t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts

### Grounds for Cancellation

No use of mark in commerce before application, amendment to allege use, or statement of use was filed	Trademark Act Sections 14(1) and 1(a), (c), and (d)
Fraud on the USPTO	Trademark Act Section 14(3); In re Bose Corp., 580 F.3d 1240, 91 USPQ2d 1938 (Fed. Cir. 2009)
Other	lacked bona fide intention to use a mark under 15 USC 1051(b)

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Date	06/27/2019



# OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Registration No. 4,961,646

Mego Corpo	oration,	
	Petitioner,	
Mike Kales,	v.	: Cancellation No.
	Registrant.	

### CANCELLATION PETITION

In the matter of trademark Registration No. 4,961,646 for the stylized letters MC, for clothing, namely, tops, bottoms, t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts in International Class 025, registered May 17, 2016, and owned by Mike Kales, an individual, whose address of record, and to the best of petitioner's knowledge, is 15 Whitaker Place, Palm Coast, FL, US, 32164 (hereinafter "Registrant"). Mego Corporation, a corporation of the State of New York, having offices at 1 Linden Place, Great Neck, NY 11022 (hereinafter "Petitioner"), believes that it has been, is

being and will be damaged by said registration and hereby petitions to cancel the same.

The grounds for cancellation are as follows:

Petitioner and Petitioner's predecessors in interest, all having in 1. common that they are related to Martin Abrams ("Abrams"), managed, licensed, or consulted by Abrams, have created a dynasty of toys and collector's items under its MEGO and MC trademarks, which upon information and belief, started in 1955, when MEGO was first adopted as a trademark and continues to this day. Abrams and his Mego corporations (collectively "Mego") have seen their ups and downs through the years. Upon information and belief, in 1969, Mego adopted its Stylized MC trademark ("MC") (see Attachment A) as a symbol of all things Mego, in addition to using various MEGO trademarks. Mego's popularity quickly rose throughout the 1970's with Abrams being seen as the creator of the licensed toy figure, especially the Star Trek, DC, Marvel or Planet of the Apes comic action figure. Mego also sold popular toy figures of television personalities, e.g., Fonzie, from Happy Days, and other famous figures, e.g., Joe Namath of the NY Giants. The fame of Mego, its toys, and its MEGO and MC trademarks continued long after it filed for bankruptcy in 1982

and long after its registrations for MEGO and MC expired in 1986 (see attachments B1 and B2). Along with this fame, Abrams and fans continued to dream of continuing the Mego legacy, making more of the Mego toy figures that had already been made and making new Mego toy figures. Over the years, Abrams has made many attempts to continue this legacy, some more successful than others, and requests this Board's assistance in cancelling this improperly obtained registration by which Registrant merely seeks to trade off Mego's enormous good will.

letters MC (hereinafter "Petitioner's MC") (see attachment A) and U.S. trademark application Serial No. 86746670 filed September 3, 2015, for Petitioner's MC mark (see the drawing submitted with the application in attachment A1) for a number of toys, currently identified in the Statement of Use as Toys, namely, action figure toys, bendable toys, collectable toy figures, fantasy character toys, modeled plastic toy figurines, molded toy figures, plastic character toys, positionable toy figures, role playing toys in the nature of play sets for children to imitate real life occupations, toy animals, toy armor, toy figures, toy pistols, toy swords, toy weapons, children's multiple activity toys, cases for toy dolls, toy dolls, toy guitars, toy

musical instruments; girls' toys, namely, dolls, figurines, plastic toys, role play toys; boy's toys, namely, action figures; figurines, namely, molded plastic toy figurines; character toys, namely, plastic character toys; dolls and playsets therefor; playset buildings; playsets for dolls; playsets for toys; collectible dolls; collectables, namely, toy figures; collectable dolls; collectable figures; plastic dolls.

- 3. Petitioner, Mego Corporation, sells its toy figures depicting the legendary original and licensed action figures, sports and entertainment personalities that made Mego famous, as well as new lines of toy figures under Petitioner's MC trademark.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Petitioner's MC trademark was first used at least as early as 1969.
- 5. On August 4, 2015, Registrant filed US intent-to-use Trademark application No. 86713719 to register the stylized letters MC (hereinafter "Registrant's MC"), which is identical to Petitioner's MC, under Section 1(b). The identification of goods in Registrant's application was for clothing, namely, tops, bottoms, t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts. This

application was assigned Serial No. 86713719 and subsequently matured into Registration No. 4,961,646, which is the subject of this petition. See Registrant's MC from the drawing submitted with application no. 86713719, Attachment C.

- 6. Upon information and belief, Petitioner became aware of Registrant's Registration of Registrant's MC on or about June 4, 2018. Upon information and belief, on or about June 4, 2018, Registrant was not using Registrant's MC in commerce, in connection with any of the goods identified in the application, as a trademark to indicate the source of the goods.

  Instead, upon information and belief, Registrant was using MIKE'S DEAD FORMATS as a trademark/service mark to indicate the source of one or more of the goods. Registrant has since registered the trademark/service mark MIKE'S DEAD FORMATS and claims a first use date of June 8, 2015. See Attachment D.
- 7. Upon information and belief, at the time Registrant filed application Serial No. 86713719, i.e., August 4, 2015, he had no intent to use Registrant's MC in commerce, in connection with any of the goods identified in the application, as a trademark to indicate the source of the goods.

Instead, upon information and belief, Registrant intended to continue to use his trademark Mike's Dead Formats to indicate the source of any goods. The registration is therefore invalid because the application was void *ab initio*, since Registrant, at the time of application, lacked a *bona fide* intention to use Registrant's MC as a mark to indicate source, as required under 15 USC § 1051(b).

- 8. On February 9, 2016, the USPTO issued a Notice of Allowance for application Serial No. 86713719 which included all of the goods as listed in the application.
- 9. On March 2, 2016, Registrant (then Applicant), filed a
  Statement of Use Under 37 C.F.R. §2.88 With Declaration. In the
  Statement of Use, Registrant stated that it was using the mark in
  commerce in connection with "all of the goods/services... listed in the
  application or Notice of Allowance." Registrant also stated that the mark
  was first used in connection with the goods at least as early as January 2,
  2016 and that it was first used in commerce at least as early as January
  2, 2016 and that it is now (then March 2, 2016) in use in such commerce.

- 10. Upon information and belief, at the time Registrant filed the Statement of Use for application Serial No. 86713719, i.e., March 2, 2016, it had not commenced use of Registrant's MC in commerce, in connection with any of the goods identified in the application or the Notice of Allowance for the application, as a trademark to indicate the source of the goods. The registration is therefore invalid due to non-use of Registrant's MC a trademark to indicate the source of the goods.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Registrant has not commenced use of Registrant's MC in commerce, on or in connection with any of the goods of Registration No. 4,961,646, as a trademark to indicate the source of the goods, as of the date of this petition.
- licensee of Registrant, is using Registrant's MC in the United States currently for any of the goods listed in the registration, to indicate the source of the goods, either by producing the goods in the United States under Registrant's MC or by importing the goods under Registrant's MC from a foreign country to the United States.

- 13. Upon information and belief, Registrant failed to comply with the requirements of 15 U.S.C. § 1051(d)(1) in that the Statement of Use and alleged specimen filed therewith by Registrant on March 2, 2016 did not in fact reflect Registrant's use of Registrant's MC in commerce as stated therein.
- 14. Upon information and belief, the alleged specimen submitted by Registrant on March 2, 2016 with the Statement of Use, is not an actual label affixed to the product, or facsimile thereof, which was, at that time, or any other time thereafter, used by Registrant in commerce on or in connection with the goods. Instead, upon information and belief, the alleged specimen was a mock-up, fabricated label made for falsely alleging that Registrant's MC was being used a trademark.

15. Upon information and belief, Registration No. 4,961,646 was obtained fraudulently based upon the verified statements of an intent to use a mark, which were made by Registrant (then Applicant) upon filing the application, which were untrue, which were known by Registrant to be untrue at the time they were made or made with reckless disregard for the

truth thereof, and made for the purpose of inducing the USPTO to issue the registration. To wit, upon information and belief, Registrant knew, when he filed the application, that he did not have a *bona fide* intent to use Registrant's MC as a mark to indicate the source of the goods, and knew that a *bona fide* intention to use Registrant's MC as a mark was required by the USPTO in order to file the application, and that it was required by the USPTO for that application to be the proper basis for a registration, and, thus, made the untrue statement of a *bona fide* intent to use Registrant's MC as a mark in order to induce the USPTO to ultimately issue a registration. The registration is therefore invalid in its entirety and should be cancelled.

obtained fraudulently based upon the verified statements of use of
Registrant's MC as a mark made by Registrant which were untrue, known by
Registrant to be untrue at the time they were made or made with reckless
disregard for the truth thereof, and made for the purpose of inducing the
USPTO to issue the registration. To wit, upon information and belief,
Registrant knew that the requisite use had not been made, but filed the
statement of use because he knew that the USPTO would not issue the

registration without filing the statement of use. The registration is therefore invalid in its entirety and should be cancelled.

Upon information and belief, Registration No. 4,961,646 was 17. obtained fraudulently based upon the verified statements of use of the mock-up specimen made by Registrant which were untrue, known by Registrant to be untrue at the time they were made or made with reckless disregard for the truth thereof, and made for the purpose of inducing the USPTO to issue the registration. To wit, upon information and belief, Registrant knew that the alleged specimen being submitted was not the requisite specimen showing Registrant's MC being used as a mark in commerce, but, instead, a mock-up made only for the purpose of having a specimen to submit with a statement of use, Registrant knew that a specimen needed to be submitted with the statement of use to induce the USPTO to issue the registration. The registration is therefore invalid in its entirety and should be cancelled.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner believes that it has been, is being and will continue to be damaged by said registration and prays that it be cancelled.

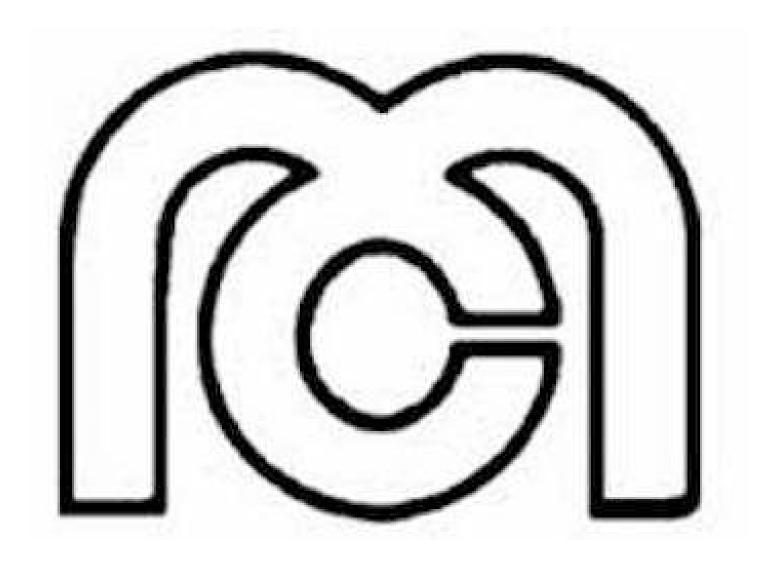
Dated: June 27, 2019,

Croton on Hudson, NY

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Word Mark** MDF MIKE'S **DEAD FORMATS** BE A KID AGAIN

Goods and IC 035. US 100 101 102. G & S: On-line retail store services featuring books, pre-recorded collectible music albums, toys, video games, t-shirts and sweatshirts and jackets. FIRST USE: 20150608. FIRST USE IN Services

COMMERCE: 20150608

**Mark Drawing** 

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS Code

26.17.01 - Bands, straight; Bars, straight; Lines, straight; Straight line(s), band(s) or bar(s) Design

Search Code 26.17.05 - Bands, horizontal; Bars, horizontal; Horizontal line(s), band(s) or bar(s); Lines, horizontal

Serial Number 87474766 Filing Date June 5, 2017

Current Basis 1A Original Filing 1A **Basis** 

**Published for** Opposition

January 30, 2018

Registration 5446324 Number

Registration

April 17, 2018 Date

Owner (REGISTRANT) Kales, Mike AKA Michael A Kales, Mike's Dead Formats INDIVIDUAL UNITED STATES 15 Whitaker Place Palm Coast FLORIDA 32164

Description of Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark. The mark consists of an interlocking letters "M" "D" and "F" with a line defining the letters. The wording "MIKE'S DEAD FORMATS" is located right of the interlocking

letters "M" "D" and "F". The phrase "BE A KID AGAIN" has a horizontal line on each side and is located underneath the wording "MIKE'S DEAD FORMATS". Mark

Type of Mark SERVICE MARK Register **PRINCIPAL** 

The name shown in the mark identifies a living individual whose consent is of record. Other Data

Live/Dead LIVE Indicator

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Word Mark MEGO

Goods and (CANCELLED) IC 028. US 022. G & S: Equipment (or Apparatus) for Playing Dart, Target, Bingo, Checker and Similar Games; Puzzles; Dolls; Stuffed Animal Toys; Toy Miniature Vehicles; Musical Toys; Mechanical Toys; Wood Blocks; Doll Carriages; and Footballs, Basketballs, Fishing Sets, Croquet Sets, and Baseball Gloves for Children. FIRST USE: 19550912. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19550912 Services

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**Basis** 

Serial 72071596 Number

Filing Date April 15, 1959 Current 1A

Original

Filing Basis

Registration 0706920 Number

Registration November 8, 1960 Date

Owner (REGISTRANT) Mego Corp. CORPORATION NEW YORK New York NEW YORK

(LAST LISTED OWNER) MEGO CORP. CORPORATION NEW YORK 8 W. 26TH ST. NEW YORK 10 NEW YORK

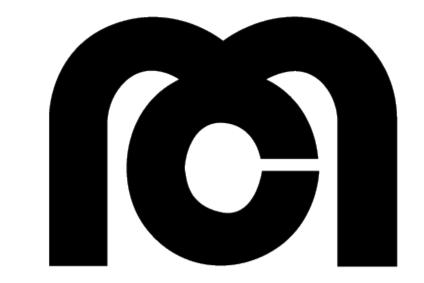
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Number:

Register: Principal

Mark Type: Trademark

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### **Mark Information**

Mark Literal MC

Elements:

Standard Character No

Claim:

Mark Drawing 5 - AN ILLUSTRATION DRAWING WITH WORD(S) /LETTER(S)/ NUMBER(S) INSTYLIZED FORM

Type:

Description of THE MONOGRAM MARK IS FORMED FROM THE LETTERS "MC.".

Mark:

### **Goods and Services**

#### Note:

The following symbols indicate that the registrant/owner has amended the goods/services:

- Brackets [..] indicate deleted goods/services;
- Double parenthesis ((..)) identify any goods/services not claimed in a Section 15 affidavit of incontestability; and
- Asterisks \*..\* identify additional (new) wording in the goods/services.

For: TOYS-NAMELY, TOY WALKIE-TALKIE COMMUNICATION SETS, TOY TAPE RECORDERS AND A COMMUNICATION CONSOLE, TOY GUNS USING FLASHLIGHTS AS AN INTEGRAL PART THEREOF, DOLLS, DOLL CLOTHING, DOLL ACCESSORIES, INFLATABLE TOYS, STUFFED TOYS AND ANIMALS, BATTERY OPERATED TOYS, WIND-UP TOYS, BOARD GAMES, ACTION GAMES, TOY AIRPLANE GLIDERS, AND PLAYSETS-NAMELY, TOY REPRODUCTIONS OF DRESSING ROOMS, GYMNASIUMS,

MEETING ROOMS, PREHISTORIC SCENERY, GROCERY STORES, FARMS, TREE HOUSES, AND DOLL HOUSES

International 028 - Primary Class U.S Class(es): 022

Class(es):

Class Status: SECTION 8 - CANCELLED

Basis: 1(a)

First Use: Sep. 17, 1969 Use in Commerce: Sep. 17, 1969

# **Basis Information (Case Level)**

Filed Use: YesCurrently Use: YesAmended Use: NoFiled ITU: NoCurrently ITU: NoAmended ITU: NoFiled 44D: NoCurrently 44D: NoAmended 44D: NoFiled 44E: NoCurrently 44E: NoAmended 44E: No

Filed 66A: No Currently 66A: No Filed No Basis: No Currently No Basis: No

# **Current Owner(s) Information**

Owner Name: MEGO CORP

Owner Address: ONE MADISON SQUARE PLZ. NEW YORK, N.Y. 1 0017

State or Country NEW YORK Where Organized: Legal Entity Type: CORPORATION

# **Attorney/Correspondence Information**

Attorney of Record - None Correspondent

Correspondent ? Name/Address:

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# **Prosecution History**

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