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

**In the matter of the trademark application Serial No. 76/144,860
published in the Official Gazette on *September 29, 1998.***

Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha, a/t/a)
Sharp Corporation)
) **Opposition No. 124,409**
v.)
)
Sony Chemicals Corporation)
of America)



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ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

December 18, 2001

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Assistant Commissioner For Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Applicant, Sony Chemicals Corporation of America, answers the NOTICE OF
OPPOSITION as follows:

1. Applicant admits Opposer owns the registered trademarks named within paragraph 1, but is without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the other averments therein, and therefore denies all other averments of paragraph 1.

2. Applicant is without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition, and therefore, denies these averments.

3. Applicant admits that Opposer is the owner of the federal registrations listed within paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition, and that Opposer is the owner of pending trademark applications directed to marks including the term "SHARP." However, Applicant is without sufficient information to form a belief as to the existence of Opposer's common law rights in any marks including the term "SHARP," and therefore denies the averment in paragraph 3 of the opposition, directed towards Opposer's common law rights.

4. Applicant admits that it knew of Opposer's use of SHARP in connection with services and products in the computer and computer peripherals field, but denies that it knew or should have known that Opposer has sold thermal transfer printers.

5. Applicant admits that it is using the trademark SHARPEDGE in connection with the sale of prints or ribbons used in thermal transfer printers. Applicant denies all other averments of paragraph 5 of the Notice of Opposition.

6. Applicant denies all averments of paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition.

7. Applicant denies all averments within paragraph 7 of the Notice of Opposition.

8. Applicant denies all averments within paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition.

9. Applicant denies all averments within paragraph 9 of the Notice of Opposition.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Opposition be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer to Notice of Opposition was served on the following counsel of record by deposit in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, this 19 day of December, 2001.

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