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

Honda Motor Co., Ltd.)	
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Opposer,)	
)	Opposition No. 91170552
v.)	Serial No. 76/587,840
)	
Winkelmann, Friedrich)	
)	
Applicant.)	

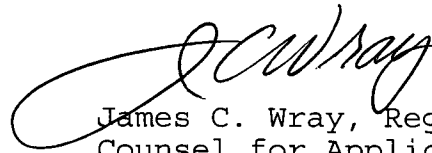
APPLICANT'S ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

1. Applicant denies allegations of Paragraphs 1-12, 15-18 and the last sentence of Paragraph 14.
2. Applicant admits Paragraph 13 and the first sentence of Paragraph 14.
3. Friedrich Winkelmann's trademark application for V.I.C. is not similar in appearance, sound, meaning or connotation to Honda Motor Company's registrations for CIVIC.
4. Friedrich Winkelmann's mark is a three letter mark with periods between each of the letters.
5. In contrast, Honda Motor Company's mark begins differently than Friedrich Winkelmann's mark, does not have periods between the letters, and does not give the impression of initials.



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6. The examining attorney reviewing the application for V.I.C. found no likelihood of confusion between the two marks.
7. The marks do not look, sound or mean anything similar.
8. Because of the significant differences in the marks, there would be no likelihood of confusion.
9. Use of V.I.C. in connection with "vehicles" in International Class 12 would not cause any likelihood of confusion with or harm to the mark CIVIC.
10. The opposition should be dismissed.



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