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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	12/31/2006
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Applicant Information

Application No	76631608	Publication date	07/04/2006
Opposition Filing Date	01/02/2007	Opposition Period Ends	12/31/2006
Applicant	George Group Incorporated 13355 Noel Road, Suite 1600 Dallas, TX 75240 UNITED STATES		

Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 035. All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Business consultation; business management consulting services
Class 041. All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Conducting education seminars in the field of business management

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Date	01/02/2007

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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S-T-N HOLDINGS, INC.,	:	In the Matter of Service Mark
	:	Application Serial No.
Opposer	:	76/631,608
	:	Filed February 15, 2005
v.	:	For: Registration of
	:	FASTGATE in International
GEORGE GROUP INCORPORATED	:	Classes 35 and 41 published on
	:	July 4, 2006
Applicant.	:	
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Sir:

In the matter of service mark registration application Serial No. 76/631,608 filed February 15, 2005 for FASTGATE for business consultation; business management consulting services in International Class 35 and conducting education seminars in the field of business management in International Class 41, published for opposition in the Official Gazette of July 4, 2006, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board has granted Opposer an extension until December 31, 2006 to oppose Serial No. 76/631,608. Opposer notes that since this deadline occurred on a Sunday, followed by the federal holiday of New Year's Day, Applicant's deadline to oppose is January 2, 2007.

S-T-N Holdings, Inc. ("S-T-N Holdings"), a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business at 800 North Rainbow Blvd., Suite 157, Las Vegas, Nevada, believes that it will be damaged if such registration is granted, and therefore gives notice of its opposition to the registration of said service mark.

The grounds of opposition are as follows:

1. Applicant seeks to register FASTGATE as a service mark for business consultation; business management consulting services in International Class 35 and conducting education seminars in the field of business management in International Class 41. Applicant's application is an intent-to-use application.

2. The Opposer through its predecessor and licensee has used in interstate commerce the word mark FASTGATE as a trademark for computer software for use in database management for utilities and other energy distribution businesses since at least January 31, 2001.

3. S-T-N Holdings has a date of first use for FASTGATE of January 31, 2001 in connection with computer software for use in database management for utilities and other energy distribution businesses, long before Applicant applied to register FASTGATE by filing an intent-to-use application on February 15, 2005.

4. Opposer, through an assignment, owns a federally registered trademark for FASTGATE covering computer software for use in database management for utilities and other energy distribution businesses issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 2002 under U.S. Trademark Registration No. 2,629,227 ("Opposer's Mark").

5. S-T-N Holdings, through its predecessor and licensee, has sold and sells its goods under the FASTGATE trademark in interstate commerce since at least January 31, 2001 in the United States. Opposer has developed exceedingly valuable goodwill in respect to Opposer's Mark.

6. By virtue of its methods, and the expenditure of considerable sums for promotional activities, and by virtue of the excellence of its products, the Opposer has obtained for Opposer's Mark a most valuable reputation.

7. The service mark proposed for registration by the Applicant, namely FASTGATE, is identical in sight and sound to Opposer's Mark and is intended to be used with services of the same or similar descriptive properties as that of Opposer's goods and so nearly resembles the Opposer's Mark, as to be likely to be confused therewith and mistaken therefor. In addition, the services under Applicant's Mark may be offered by Applicant to companies engaged in the energy or utilities businesses. Applicant's Mark is deceptively similar to Opposer's Mark so as to be likely to cause confusion and lead to deception as to the origin of Applicant's services advertised or promoted under the Applicant's Mark.

8. If the Applicant is permitted to use and register its mark for its services, as specified in the application herein opposed, confusion in trade resulting in damage and injury to the Opposer would be caused or would result by reason of the similarity between Applicant's Mark and Opposer's Mark. Many persons familiar with Opposer's Mark would be likely to purchase Applicant's services as and for services sold by Opposer. Moreover, even if such persons should notice any difference whatever between the Applicant's Mark and the Opposer's Mark, they would nevertheless be likely to believe that the Applicant's Mark and the Opposer's Mark are, in fact, companion marks used by the same manufacturer on companion or related services/products. Any such confusion in trade inevitably would result in loss of sales to the Opposer. Furthermore, any defect, objection or fault found with Applicant's services marked

under its mark would necessarily reflect upon and seriously injure the reputation which the Opposer has established for its products sold under its mark.

If the Applicant is granted the registration herein opposed, it would obtain thereby at least a *prima facie* exclusive right to the use of its mark. Such registration would be a source of damage and injury to the Opposer.

This Notice of Opposition is being electronically filed with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and the fee of \$600.00 is submitted herewith. If there are any additional fees due and owing in connection with this request, please feel free to charge our Deposit No. 08-2442.

WHEREFORE, the Opposer prays that application Serial No. 76/631,608 filed February 15, 2005 be rejected and that the registration of the mark therein sought for the services therein specified be denied and refused.

Dated: Buffalo, New York
January 2, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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