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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**

| Name    | Poly-Gel, L.L.C.                                       |             |            |
|---------|--|-------------|------------|
| Entity  | Limited Liability<br>Company                           | Citizenship | New Jersey |
| Address | 30 Leslie Court<br>Whippany, NJ 07981<br>UNITED STATES |             |            |

|             | Edwin D. Schindler<br>Edwin D. Schindler, Patent Attorney |
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#### **Applicant Information**

| <b>Application No</b>     | 78930776   | Publication date          | 07/31/2007 |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|------------|
| Opposition<br>Filing Date | 08/21/2007   | Opposition<br>Period Ends | 08/30/2007 |
| Applicant                 | Applicant  Benchmark Brands, Inc. Suite 104 5830 E. Shelby Drive Memphis, SD 381416880 UNITED STATES |                           |            |

#### **Goods/Services Affected by Opposition**

#### Class 005.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: cushions and pads namely, corn pads, callus pads, bunion pads

#### Class 010.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Orthopedic supports, namely heel protectors, arch supports for boots and shoes

#### Class 025.

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: socks and hosiery; shoe comfort aids namely, heel liners, forefoot cushions, sling back shoe cushioning straps, heel pads, insoles, half insoles, shoe padding, shoe thong strap padding, ball of foot cushions

#### **Grounds for Opposition**

| Priority and likelihood of confusion           | Trademark Act section 2(d)  |
|--|---|
| Torres v. Cantine<br>Torresella<br>S.r.l.Fraud | 808 F.2d 46, 1 USPQ2d 1483 (Fed. Cir. 1986)   |
| Other  | Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776 was "abandoned," pursuant to §12(b)(2) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. §1062(b)(2), for failure to timely file a Response to the first Office Action, issued December 13, 2006. |

#### Mark Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

| U.S.<br>Application<br>No. | 78948496   | Application<br>Date      | 08/09/2006 |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------|
| Registration<br>Date       | NONE   | Foreign<br>Priority Date | NONE       |
| Word Mark                  | GEL SMART  |                          |            |
| Design Mark                |  |                          |            |
| Description of<br>Mark     | NONE   |                          |            |
| Goods/Services             | Class 005. First use: First Use: 2006/02/06 First Use In Commerce: |                          |            |

2006/02/06

cushions and pads, namely, corn pads, callus pads and bunion pads Class 010. First use: First Use: 2006/02/06 First Use In Commerce: 2006/02/06

ARCH SUPPORTS FOR BOOTS OR SHOES; ORTHOTIC INSERTS, NAMELY, INSOLES, HALF INSOLES, HEEL INSERTS IN THE NATURE OF HEEL LINERS, AND SHOE INSERTS FOR PRIMARILY ORTHOPEDIC PURPOSES IN THE NATURE OF FOREFOOT CUSHIONS, HEEL PADS AND HEEL CUSHIONS, SHOE PADDING, BALL OF FOOT CUSHIONS, AND HEEL PIECES FOR SHOES; ORTHOPEDIC SUPPORTS, NAMELY, HEEL PROTECTORS

Class 025. First use: First Use: 2006/02/06 First Use In Commerce: 2006/02/06

SOCKS AND HOSIERY; SHOE COMFORT AIDS, NAMELY, INSOLES, HALF INSOLES, HEEL INSERTS IN THE NATURE OF HEEL LINERS, AND SHOE INSERTS FOR PRIMARILY NON-ORTHOPEDIC PURPOSES IN THE NATURE OF FOREFOOT CUSHIONS, CUSHIONED SLING BACK SHOE STRAPS, HEEL PADS AND HEEL CUSHIONS, SHOE PADDING, PADDED SHOE THONG STRAPS, AND BALL OF FOOT CUSHIONS; HEEL PIECES FOR SHOES, NAMELY, HEEL PROTECTORS

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| Signature | /Edwin D. Schindler/ |
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| Name      | Edwin D. Schindler   |
| Date      | 08/21/2007           |

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

In the Matter of: Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776

For the Trademark: "GELSMART" (International Classes 5, 10 and 25)

Published in the Official Gazette on: July 31, 2007

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POLY-GEL, L.L.C., :

Opposer,

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BENCHMARK BRANDS, INC., :

Applicant.

#### **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

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Opposition No.

Opposer, Poly-Gel, L.L.C. ("Opposer" or "Poly-Gel"), a limited liability company, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having its principal place of business at 30 Leslie Court, Whippany, New Jersey 07981, believes that it will be damaged by the registration of the trademark "GELSMART," for which registration has been applied for by Applicant, Benchmark Brands, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Benchmark"), by virtue of Benchmark's filing and prosecution of Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776, and, consequently, Poly-Gel hereby opposes registration of the trademark "GELSMART" to Benchmark.

Poly-Gel hereby alleges as its grounds for opposition that:

- I. Applicant Benchmark's Trademark Application Has Been "Abandoned" and Therefore Cannot Mature Into a Valid Trademark Registration
- A first Office Action was issued for Trademark Application Serial No.
   78/930,776 on December 13, 2006. (Notice of Opposition "Exhibit 1": TARR Status Inquiry for Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776)
- 2. A reply to the first Office Action was due within six months, or by June 13, 2007, pursuant to §12(b)(2) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. §1062(b)(2); June 13, 2007, being neither a Saturday, Sunday nor federal holiday within the District of Columbia.
- 3. A reply to the first Office Action, issued for Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776 on December 13, 2006, was not electronically filed by Applicant Benchmark until June 14, 2007; the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 being inapplicable to Applicant Benchmark's reply to the first Office Action. (Notice of Opposition "Exhibit 1": *TARR Status Inquiry for Trademark Application Serial No.* 78/930,776)
- 4. Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776 became "abandoned," pursuant to §12(b)(2) of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. §12(b)(2), 15 U.S.C. §1062(b)(2), when Applicant Benchmark failed to file a timely reply to the first Office Action, due no later than June 13, 2007.
- 5. A valid trademark registration cannot be issued to Applicant Benchmark for the trademark "GELSMART," and Poly-Gel's Opposition must be sustained, because the underlying trademark application, *i.e.*, Serial No. 78/930,776, has been "abandoned."

II. A Likelihood of Confusion Exists under §2(d) of the Trademark Act
Between the Prior Trademark Rights of Opposer PolyGel to its "GEL SMART"
Trademark and the Alleged Rights of Benchmark to the "GELSMART" Trademark

- 6. Opposer Poly-Gel conceived of, and developed, the trademark, "GEL SMART" (written as two separate words) for the goods that have been recited by Applicant Benchmark in Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776.
- 7. Poly-Gel commenced use in U.S. interstate commerce of the "GEL SMART" trademark during (or about) February 2006 in connection with substantially the same, if not identical, goods that have been recited by Applicant Benchmark in its subsequently-filed Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776, through which Applicant Benchmark now seeks registration of the trademark "GELSMART," written as a single word.
- 8. Opposer Poly-Gel is the owner of the "GEL SMART" trademark and all confusingly similar variations thereof, including, but not limited to, the trademark "GELSMART," which Applicant Benchmark now seeks to register.
- 9. Poly-Gel, as the owner of the trademark "GEL SMART," has filed Trademark Application Serial No. 78/948,496 seeking to register its "GEL SMART" trademark for substantially the same, if not identical, goods as recited by Benchmark in Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776, which seeks to register the alleged trademark "GELSMART."
- 10. Poly-Gel's rights to its "GEL SMART" trademark are prior to, and superior to, any alleged rights that Benchmark might seek to claim to the mark "GELSMART," or

any confusingly similar variation thereof.

- 11. Registration by Benchmark of the "GELSMART" trademark will impair Opposer Poly-Gel's rights in, and to, its trademark "GEL SMART," including, but not limited to, Opposer Poly-Gel's right to register its "GEL SMART" trademark on the Principal Register for substantially the same, if not identical, goods, and by causing confusion in the relevant industry and trade, as well as causing confusion among relevant purchasers in the public-at-large, consequently, Poly-Gel's Opposition must be sustained.
  - III. Applicant Benchmark's Trademark Application, Serial No. 78/930,776, is Void on the Ground that Benchmark Committed Fraud Upon the Patent and Trademark Office When Benchmark Knowingly Filed a Materially False Declaration in Support of its Trademark Application
- 12. Poly-Gel hereby incorporates by reference the allegations of  $\P\P$  6 11, as if fully repeated and set forth herein.
- 13. Applicant Benchmark entered into a distribution agreement with Opposer Poly-Gel on, or about, October 13, 2005, to distribute goods manufactured by Poly-Gel under the trademark "GEL SMART," which goods Applicant Benchmark subsequently recited in Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776, which seeks registration of the trademark "GELSMART," written as a single word.
- 14. Notwithstanding its distribution agreement with Opposer Poly-Gel, Benchmark never distributed any goods for Poly-Gel and Poly-Gel commenced its marketing, sale and distribution of its goods bearing the "GEL SMART" trademark in U.S. interstate

commerce during (or about) February 2006, via means not involving, or otherwise utilizing the services of, Applicant Benchmark.

- 15. On July 17, 2006, Applicant Benchmark filed an "intent-to-use" trademark application, *i.e.*, U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776, for the purported mark "GELSMART," written as one word, for substantially the same, if not identical, goods that Opposer Poly-Gel was already marketing, selling and distributing for many months under Opposer Poly-Gel's "GEL SMART" trademark.
- 16. In support of Applicant Benchmark's trademark application, Benchmark's corporate president electronically executed a *Declaration* on July 17, 2006, in support of Benchmark's trademark application to register "GELSMART," which *Declaration* stated that:

"The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements, and the like, may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the applicant; he/she believes the applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), he/she believes applicant to be entitled to use such mark in commerce: to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person, firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; and that all statements made on his/her own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true."

Notice of Opposition "Exhibit 2": Benchmark's Electronically-Filed Trademark

- 17. By virtue of its distribution agreement with Opposer Poly-Gel, Applicant Benchmark's corporate president knew, or should have known, that Poly-Gel was using the trademark "GEL SMART" on substantially the same, if not identical, goods recited by Benchmark in its "intent-to-use" trademark application, filed July 17, 2006, said trademark application having been accorded Application Serial No. 78/930,776.
- 18. By virtue of its distribution agreement with Opposer Poly-Gel, Applicant Benchmark's corporate president knew, or should have known, that Poly-Gel was the owner of the "GEL SMART" trademark for substantially the same, if not, identical goods recited in Benchmark's trademark application, which seeks to register the alleged "GELSMART" trademark.
- 19. By virtue of its distribution agreement with Opposer Poly-Gel, Applicant Benchmark's corporate president knew, or should have known, that Benchmark was not the owner of the alleged "GELSMART" trademark, or of any mark having a near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods recited in Applicant Benchmark's trademark application, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake or to deceive.
- 20. By virtue of its distribution agreement with Opposer Poly-Gel, Applicant Benchmark's corporate president knew, or should have known, that the alleged trademark of Benchmark, "GELSMART," has a "near resemblance" to Poly-Gel's "GEL

SMART" trademark for substantially the same, if not identical, goods as Benchmark recited in its trademark application seeking to register "GELSMART" and, further, that Benchmark's corporate president knew, or should have known, that the near resemblance of "GEL SMART" to "GELSMART," for substantially the same, if not identical, goods, would be likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive.

21. Applicant Benchmark's corporate president electronically executed a *Declaration* containing false statements in support of Benchmark's trademark application seeking to register the alleged trademark "GELSMART" on July 17, 2006, when Benchmark's corporate president declared, in relevant part, and with full knowledge of Benchmark's distribution agreement with Opposer Poly-Gel, that:

"he/she believes applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), he/she believes applicant to be entitled to use such mark in commerce, either in the identical form or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive,"

said false statements that: (a) Benchmark's corporate president believed Benchmark "to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered"; and/or (b) Benchmark's corporate president believed Benchmark "to be entitled to use such mark in commence, either in the identical form or in such near resemblance [as, or to, Poly-Gel's "GELSMART" trademark] as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive," said false statements, which Benchmark's corporate president knew, or should have known, to be false, constituting one or more material misrepresentations of fact

made to the United States Patent and Trademark Office which, if known to the Patent and Trademark Office, would have caused Applicant's Benchmark's trademark application, seeking to register "GELSMART" to be refused by the Patent and Trademark Office.

22. By falling to inform, in any manner, the Patent and Trademark Office of Poly-Gel's "GEL SMART" trademark and/or Applicant Benchmark's distribution agreement with Poly-Gel for goods that Benchmark was to distribute for Poly-Gel in connection with Opposer Poly-Gel's "GEL SMART" trademark, said goods being substantially the same, if not identical, to the goods later recited in Applicant Benchmark's trademark application seeking to register "GELSMART," and by virtue of Applicant Benchmark's corporate president's *Declaration*, which neither qualified nor explained how, or why, Applicant Benchmark might have either ownership or the right to use, in commerce, the "GELSMART" trademark, nor why there would be no likelihood of confusion, mistake or deception resulting from two unrelated entities using the "GEL SMART" and "GELSMART" trademarks for substantially the same, if not identical, goods, Applicant Benchmark committed fraud in the prosecution of Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776 and, consequently, Opposer Poly-Gel's Opposition must be sustained.

WHEREFORE, Opposer Poly-Gel, L.L.C., respectfully demands that its Opposition be sustained and that the trademark application of Benchmark Brands, Inc., Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776, which seeks registration of the trademark "GELSMART" for goods recited in International Classes 5, 10 and 25, be refused.

The filing fee of \$900.00 in support of Poly-Gel's *Notice of Opposition*, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 2.6(a)(17), for opposing Benchmark's application seeking registration of the "GELSMART" trademark in International Classes 5, 10 and 25, is being concurrently remitted via EFT.

POLY-GEL, L.L.C.

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Enc.: "Exhibit 1": TARR Status Inquiry for Trademark Application Serial No. 78/930,776; and,

"Exhibit 2": Benchmark's Electronically-Filed Trademark Application, Serial No. 78/930,776, filed July 17, 2006.

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## **GELSMART**

(words only): GELSMART

Standard Character claim: Yes

Current Status: Application has been published for opposition.

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**Filing Date:** 2006-07-17

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#### LAST APPLICANT(S)/OWNER(S) OF RECORD

1. Benchmark Brands, Inc.

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Latest Status Info

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United States

Legal Entity Type: Corporation

State or Country of Incorporation: Tennessee

**Phone Number:** 678-533-2808 **Fax Number:** 770-242-1962

#### GOODS AND/OR SERVICES

**International Class:** 005 **Class Status:** Active

cushions and pads namely, corn pads, callus pads, bunion pads

Basis: 1(b)

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

**International Class:** 010 **Class Status:** Active

Orthopedic supports, namely heel protectors, arch supports for boots and shoes

Basis: 1(b)

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

**International Class:** 025 **Class Status:** Active

socks and hosiery; shoe comfort aids namely, heel liners, forefoot cushions, sling back shoe cushioning straps, heel pads, insoles, half insoles, shoe padding, shoe thong strap padding, ball of foot cushions

Basis: 1(b)

First Use Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

First Use in Commerce Date: (DATE NOT AVAILABLE)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(NOT AVAILABLE)

#### MADRID PROTOCOL INFORMATION

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### **Trademark/Service Mark Application, Principal Register**

Serial Number: 78930776 Filing Date: 07/17/2006

#### The table below presents the data as entered.

| MARK SECTION                   |   |
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| MARK                           | GELSMART  |
| STANDARD CHARACTERS            | YES   |
| USPTO-GENERATED IMAGE          | YES   |
| LITERAL ELEMENT                | GELSMART  |
| MARK STATEMENT                 | The mark consists of standard characters, without claim to any particular font, style, size, or color.  |
| OWNER SECTION                  |   |
| NAME                           | Benchmark Brands, Inc.  |
| INTERNAL ADDRESS               | Suite 104   |
| STREET                         | 5830 E. Shelby Drive  |
| CITY                           | Memphis   |
| STATE                          | South Dakota  |
| ZIP/POSTAL CODE                | 38141-6880  |
| COUNTRY                        | United States   |
| PHONE                          | 678-533-2808  |
| FAX                            | 770-242-1962  |
| EMAIL                          | anikolas@bellsouth.net  |
| AUTHORIZED EMAIL COMMUNICATION | Yes   |
| LEGAL ENTITY SECTION           |   |
| ТҮРЕ                           | CORPORATION   |
| STATE/COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION | Tennessee   |
| GOODS AND/OR SERVICES SECTION  |   |
| INTERNATIONAL CLASS            | 025   |
| DESCRIPTION                    | socks and hosiery; shoe comfort aids namely, heel protectors, heel liners, forefoot cushions, sling back shoe cushioning straps, heel pads, insoles, half insoles, shoe padding, arch supports, shoe thong strap padding, ball of foot cushions |
| FILING BASIS                   | Section 1(b)  |

EXHIBIT 2

| 005 cushions and pads namely, corn pads, callus pads, bunion pads Section 1(b) /Alan Beychok/                                      |
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Trademark/Service Mark Application, Principal Register

Serial Number: 78930776 Filing Date: 07/17/2006

#### To the Commissioner for Trademarks:

MARK: (Standard Characters, see mark)

The mark consists of standard characters, without claim to any particular font, style, size, or color.

The literal element of the mark consists of GELSMART.

The applicant, Benchmark Brands, Inc., a corporation of Tennessee, residing at Suite 104, 5830 E. Shelby Drive, Memphis, South Dakota, United States, 38141-6880, requests registration of the trademark/service mark identified above in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the Principal Register established by the Act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. Section 1051 et seq.), as amended.

Intent to Use: The applicant has a bona fide intention to use or use through the applicant's related company or licensee the mark in commerce on or in connection with the identified goods and/or services. (15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b)).

International Class 025: socks and hosiery; shoe comfort aids namely, heel protectors, heel liners, forefoot cushions, sling back shoe cushioning straps, heel pads, insoles, half insoles, shoe padding, arch supports, shoe thong strap padding, ball of foot cushions

International Class 005: cushions and pads namely, corn pads, callus pads, bunion pads

The USPTO is authorized to communicate with the applicant or its representative at the following email address: anikolas@bellsouth.net.

A fee payment in the amount of \$650 will be submitted with the application, representing payment for 2 class(es).

#### Declaration

The undersigned, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful false statements, and the like, may jeopardize the validity of the application or any resulting registration, declares that he/she is properly authorized to execute this application on behalf of the applicant; he/she believes the applicant to be the owner of the trademark/service mark sought to be registered, or, if the application is being filed under 15 U.S.C. Section 1051(b), he/she believes applicant to be entitled to use such mark in commerce; to the best of his/her knowledge and belief no other person, firm, corporation, or association has the right to use the mark in commerce, either in the identical form thereof or in such near resemblance thereto as to be likely, when used on or in connection with the goods/services of such other person, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive; and that all statements made of his/her own knowledge are true; and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Signature: /Alan Beychok/ Date: 07/17/2006

Signatory's Name: Alan Beychok Signatory's Position: President

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