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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 parties oppose registration of the indicated application.

**Opposers Information**

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Granted to Date of previous extension	10/17/2012
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**Applicant Information**

Application No	85578752	Publication date	06/19/2012
Opposition Filing Date	10/17/2012	Opposition Period Ends	10/17/2012
Applicant	TIME PLAZA 350 S LOS ANGELES STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90013 UNITED STATES		


**Goods/Services Affected by Opposition**

Class 009. First Use: 2011/01/15 First Use In Commerce: 2011/06/05 All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses; Cases for spectacles and sunglasses; Chains for spectacles and for sunglasses; Eyewear, namely, sunglasses, eyeglasses and ophthalmic frames and cases therefor; Eyewear, namely, sunglasses; Frames for spectacles and sunglasses; Lenses for sunglasses; Nose guards which can be worn by attachment to eyewear such as sunglasses and ski goggles; Spectacles and sunglasses; Sunglass chains and cords; Sunglass lenses; Sunglasses; Sunglasses and spectacles
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**Grounds for Opposition**


Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)
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## Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration No.	3531209	Application Date	08/22/2007
Registration Date	11/11/2008	Foreign Priority Date	02/23/2007
Word Mark	IC! BERLIN		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	<p>Class 009. First use:  Pre-recorded CDs and DVDs featuring musical, dramatic, marketing, advertising and promotional recordings; Surveying instruments; Surveying apparatus, namely, level measuring machines, leveling rods, magnetic compasses, and surveying chains; Photographic apparatus and instruments, namely, photographic cameras, photographic projectors, and photographic viewfinders; Cinematographic machines and apparatus; Optical apparatus and instruments, namely, optical lenses and optical glasses; Weighing apparatus and instruments, namely, weighing machines, scales, and balances; Measuring apparatus and instruments, namely, bevels, rain gauges, and instruments for measuring length; Signaling apparatus and instruments, namely, marking buoys, signaling buoys, rotating lights, signal bells, and signal whistles; Lifesaving apparatus and instruments, namely, life belts, life jackets, life-buoys, life preservers, life-saving rafts, and lifesaving vests for use by dogs; Teaching apparatus and instruments, namely, computers and children's educational software; Apparatus, devices, and instruments for conducting, switching, transforming, accumulating, regulating and controlling electricity, namely, adapters, electric wires and cables, continuity test apparatus for electrical circuits, electric accumulators, electric conductors, electric connections and connectors, electric switches and junction boxes, electric resistors and transformers, and electric fuses; Apparatus for recording, transmission or reproduction of sound and images; Magnetic data carriers, namely, blank magnetic data carriers and prerecorded magnetic data carriers featuring musical, dramatic, marketing, advertising and promotional recordings; Recording discs, namely, blank CD-ROMS for sound or video recording and blank recordable DVDs; Automatic vending machines and mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; Fire-extinguishing apparatus, namely, fire extinguishers</p> <p>Class 025. First use:  [ Clothing, namely, tops, bottoms, coats, jackets, belts, jeans, swimwear, scarves, ties, sweat pants, sweat shirts, T-shirts, sweaters, pajamas, gloves and underwear; Footwear; Headgear, namely, hats and caps ]</p> <p>Class 035. First use:  Retail store services featuring spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle cases, spectacle frames, spectacle arms, spectacle accessories, optical goods, printed matter, books, CDs, DVDs [, clothing, headgear and footwear ]; Wholesale store services featuring spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle cases, spectacle frames, spectacle arms, spectacle accessories, optical goods, printed matter, books, CDs, DVDs [,clothing, headgear and footwear ]; Online retail store services featuring spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle cases, spectacle frames, spectacle</p>		

	arms, spectacle accessories, optical goods, printed matter, books, CDs, DVDs [, clothing, headgear and footwear ]; Organization of exhibitions and trade fairs for commercial and advertising purposes, in particular organization of exhibitions and trade fairs for optical goods, spectacles, sunglasses and spectacle accessories; [ Mediation and conclusion of commercial transactions for others, including within the framework of e-commerce; ] Organization and conducting of product presentations in the nature of goods and service presentations; Advertising; Marketing; Public relations; Business management services; Business administration; Office functions
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U.S. Registration No.	2611684	Application Date	09/13/2000
Registration Date	08/27/2002	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	IC! - BERLIN		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 009. First use: First Use: 1997/07/00 First Use In Commerce: 1998/05/00 Spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle frames, spectacle glasses, spectacle cases		

U.S. Application No.	77561990	Application Date	09/04/2008
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	IC!		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 009. First use: SPECTACLES; SUNGLASSES; SPECTACLE FRAMES; SPECTACLE CASES; SPECTACLE GLASSES; SPECTACLE ACCESSORIES, NAMELY, TEMPLES FOR SPECTACLES, SPECTACLE LENSES; CONTACT LENSES		

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

In Re Trademark Appln. )  
Serial No. 85578752 )  
Filed: March 23, 2012 )  
Published in the Official Gazette )  
of June 19, 2012 )  
Mark: IDG IC GIRLS )  
Class: INT. 09 )  
ic! berlin brillen GmbH, )  
and )  
Ralph Anderl )  
Opposers ) Opposition No. )  
v. )  
Time Plaza Corporation )  
Applicant )  
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**NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

ic! berlin brillen GmbH, a Limited Liability Company organized in Germany, with an address of Saarbrücker Str. 37, Berlin, 10405, Germany, and Ralph Anderl, a citizen of Germany with an address of Linienstrasse 40, Berlin, 10119, Germany, (hereinafter collectively “Opposers”), believe they will be damaged by the registration of the mark “IDG IC GIRLS” shown in Application Serial No. 85578752 filed on March 23, 2012, by Time Plaza Corporation, and hereby oppose the same.

The grounds for opposition against said application are as follows:

## OPPOSERS' MARKS AND REGISTRATIONS

1. Opposers are the owners of the marks "IC! BERLIN" for pre-recorded cds and dvds featuring musical, dramatic, marketing, advertising and promotional recordings; surveying instruments; surveying apparatus, namely, level measuring machines, leveling rods, magnetic compasses, and surveying chains; photographic apparatus and instruments, namely, photographic cameras, photographic projectors, and photographic viewfinders; cinematographic machines and apparatus; optical apparatus and instruments, namely, optical lenses and optical glasses; weighing apparatus and instruments, namely, weighing machines, scales, and balances; measuring apparatus and instruments, namely, bevels, rain gauges, and instruments for measuring length; signaling apparatus and instruments, namely, marking buoys, signaling buoys, rotating lights, signal bells, and signal whistles; lifesaving apparatus and instruments, namely, life belts, life jackets, life-buoys, life preservers, life-saving rafts, and lifesaving vests for use by dogs; teaching apparatus and instruments, namely, computers and children's educational software; apparatus, devices, and instruments for conducting, switching, transforming, accumulating, regulating and controlling electricity, namely, adapters, electric wires and cables, continuity test apparatus for electrical circuits, electric accumulators, electric conductors, electric connections and connectors, electric switches and junction boxes, electric resistors and transformers, and electric fuses; apparatus for recording, transmission or reproduction of sound and images; magnetic data carriers, namely, blank magnetic data carriers and prerecorded magnetic data carriers featuring musical, dramatic, marketing, advertising and promotional recordings; recording discs, namely, blank cd-roms for sound or video recording and blank recordable dvds; automatic vending machines and mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; fire-extinguishing apparatus, namely, fire extinguishers in Class 9, clothing, namely, tops, bottoms,

coats, jackets, belts, jeans, swimwear, scarves, ties, sweat pants, sweat shirts, t-shirts, sweaters, pajamas, gloves and underwear; footwear; headgear, namely hats and caps in class 25 and retail store services featuring spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle cases, spectacle frames, spectacle arms, spectacle accessories, optical goods, printed matter, books, cds, dvds, clothing, headgear and footwear; wholesale store services featuring spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle cases, spectacle frames, spectacle arms, spectacle accessories, optical goods, printed matter, books, cds, dvds, clothing, headgear and footwear; online retails store services featuring spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle cases, spectacle frames, spectacle arms, spectacle accessories, optical goods, printed matter, books, cds, dvds, clothing, headgear and footwear; organization of exhibitions and trade fairs for commercial and advertising purposes, in particular organisation of exhibitions and trade fairs for optical goods, spectacles, sunglasses and spectacle accessories; mediation and conclusion of commercial transactions for others, including within the framework of e-commerce; organization and conducting of product presentations in the nature of goods and service presentations; advertising; marketing; public relations; business management services; business administration; office functions in class 35 as shown in Trademark Registration No. 3,531,209; “ic! – berlin” for spectacles, sunglasses, spectacle frames, spectacle glasses, spectacle cases in Class 9 as shown in Federal Trademark Registration No. 2,611,684; and “ic!” for spectacles; sunglasses; spectacle frames; spectacle cases; spectacle glasses; spectacle accessories, namely, temples for spectacles, spectacle lenses; contact lenses in Class 9 and clothing, namely, trousers and t-shirts in Class 25 as shown in Trademark Application Serial No 77/561,990, (hereinafter collectively “Opposers’ Marks”).

2. The above-referenced registrations constitute prima facie evidence of ownership of the marks “IC! BERLIN” and “ic! – berlin.” Opposer Ralph Anderl’s rights in Registration No. 2611684 are incontestable under 15 U.S.C. §1065.

3. Opposers heavily rely on Opposers’ Marks in their businesses, including without limitation, in advertising and other marketing efforts, and have built up a significant amount of goodwill in Opposers’ Marks through many years of continuous use.

4. Opposer Ralph Anderl has used the “ic! - berlin” mark shown in Registration No. 2611684 in the U.S. since at least as early as 1997 in connection with the goods identified in said registration.

#### APPLICANT’S APPLICATION

5. On information and belief, on March 23, 2012 Applicant Time Plaza filed an application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for “IDG IC GIRLS,” assigned Serial No. 85578752 in Class 09, for “Cases for eyeglasses and sunglasses; Cases for spectacles and sunglasses; Chains for spectacles and for sunglasses; Eyewear, namely, sunglasses, eyeglasses and ophthalmic frames and cases therefor; Eyewear, namely, sunglasses; Frames for spectacles and sunglasses; Lenses for sunglasses; Nose guards which can be worn by attachment to eyewear such as sunglasses and ski goggles; Spectacles and sunglasses; Sunglass chains and cords; Sunglass lenses; Sunglasses; Sunglasses and spectacles,” which goods are identical and/or essentially identical, and/or closely similar to Opposers’ goods.

6. Applicant’s application indicates a filing date for Applicant’s proposed mark of March 23, 2012 and a date of first use in commerce being June 5, 2011. Accordingly, Opposers’ filing dates and first use dates of “IC!” and “IC! BERLIN” precede Applicant’s filing date and use. Thus, Opposers are the senior users.



## LIKELIHOOD OF CONFUSION

7. Opposers allege that there is a likelihood of confusion between Opposers' Marks and Applicant's proposed "IDG IC GIRLS" mark, given the similarities in the sight, sound, and overall commercial impressions of the marks. Consumers are therefore likely to be confused or misled into believing that goods sold under Applicant's "IDG IC GIRLS" mark are sponsored by or affiliated with Opposers.

8. The "IDG IC GIRLS" mark proposed for registration by Applicant is similar in sight, sound, and meaning and thus maintains the same overall commercial impression as Opposers' Marks. Applicant's mark comprises "IC" in a central, dominant, position, as does Opposer's Marks, "IC!" and "IC! BERLIN." Moreover, Applicant's mark contains "IDG," in a stylized manner, yet the "D" appears as a backward "C," giving a visual impression similar to "IC" as well. Thus, in two ways Applicant's mark evokes "IC." As a result, the overall commercial impression conveyed by Applicant's mark is essentially identical in meaning to Opposers' Marks, and Applicant's mark creates the impression that it is a formative of Opposers' Marks.

9. Furthermore, the Applicant's proposed "IDG IC GIRLS" mark is so similar in sight and sound to Opposers' Marks that the ordinary consumer perceiving these marks would not likely focus on the slight distinctions in the marks.

10. The likelihood of confusion between Opposers' Marks and Applicant's proposed "IDG IC GIRLS" mark is heightened by the common identity of the parties' goods. Applicant's application includes eyewear products and accessories, which are identical and/or closely similar to goods included in Opposers' registrations and application.

11. The likelihood of confusion between Opposers' Marks and Applicant's proposed "IDG IC GIRLS" mark is also furthered by the similarity between the parties' respective channels of trade, which are not limited in the respective application and registrations but would reasonably include the same channels of trade in which such goods are sold.

12. In view of the similarity between Applicant's proposed mark "IDG IC GIRLS" and Opposers' Marks, as well as the identity of the goods and channels of trade, Applicant's proposed mark is likely to cause confusion, mistake and/or deception.

13. This likelihood of confusion harms the extensive goodwill and consumer recognition that Opposers have in Opposers' Marks.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that application Serial No. 85578752 be refused, that no registration be issued thereon to Applicant, and that this Opposition be sustained in favor of Opposers.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of October, 2012.

ic! berlin Brillen GmbH  
and  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

It is hereby certified that a true and complete copy of the subject Notice of Opposition was served upon the Applicant via First Class mail, postage prepaid, this 17th day of October, 2012 to the following address shown as the Attorney/Correspondent in the record:

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