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Trademark opposition for LIFETIME DEPOSITS, US S.N. 86001138

- The exact phrase "lifetime deposits" gives 9,090 results in Google search as per today. Among these you find a tremendous amount of different tour operators from all over the world, among casinos and other businesses.
- Arctic Explorers, as an example, is among these results. We have used this exact phrase since start-up two years ago to describe the way we let our clients come back whenever they want for the rest of their life, and use the same deposit they paid perhaps years ago before they had to cancel their trip. It can be documented that this wording was used on the following link: <http://web.archive.org/web/20120907074637/http://arcticholidays.org/>
- The phrase is very generic – and it has been used in Bingo, Casino, Lottery and other businesses probably for decades – long before G Adventures started. We heard this wording already in the last millennium, although it cannot be documented with Google results.
- In the tour operator business we know for a fact that lifetime deposits was established as a common wording among people in the business several years before we started up the company, and as you can count in Google, there are probably hundreds of tour operators using the wording today.
- What is unique about this? A deposit that lasts as long as you live? It is an idea that is not new and, frankly, it sounds a bit like someone trying to take a patent on "lifetime warranty" or "safe deposits". With a common-sense approach this sounds humoristic. It might be that these kinds of trademarks are allowed in the US. We don't know. But in Europe for sure not.

We oppose the trademark, and we intend to continue our use. People come to join our tours from every outskirt of the world. This business is international in nature, and we cannot accept that only one company is allowed to offer lifetime deposits to American tourists.

Regards,

Øystein Storslett, Arctic Explorers AS

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