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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	06/22/2016
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**Applicant Information**

Application No	86749213	Publication date	02/23/2016
Opposition Filing Date	06/22/2016	Opposition Period Ends	06/22/2016
Applicant	Solskyn Personal Care LLC 1725 North Brown Road Lawrenceville, GA 30043 UNITED STATES		

**Goods/Services Affected by Opposition**


Class 040. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0 All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Manufacturing services for others in the field of after-sun gels, after-sun lotions, after-sun milks, after-sun oils, indoor sun tanning preparations, self-tanning preparations, spf sun block sprays, sun block, sun block preparations, sun screen, sun screen preparations, sun-block lotions, sun-tanning oils and lotions, sun-tanning preparations, suntan creams, tanning and after-sun milks, gels and oils
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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.	4910850	Application Date	10/03/2014
Registration Date	03/08/2016	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	SKYN
Design Mark	
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0 Personal sexual lubricants

U.S. Registration No.	3525372	Application Date	10/03/2007
Registration Date	10/28/2008	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	SKYN		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 010. First use: First Use: 2008/04/20 First Use In Commerce: 2008/04/20 Condoms		

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this paper has been served upon all parties, at their address record by First Class Mail on this date.

Signature	/Charles P. Guarino/
Name	Charles P. Guarino
Date	06/22/2016

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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Serial No.: 86-749213  
Mark: SOLSKYN  
Filing Date: September 7, 2015

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ANSELL LIMITED,

Opposer,

Opposition No.: \_\_\_\_\_

v.

SOLSKYN PERSONAL CARE LLC,

Applicant.

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**NOTICE OF OPPOSITION  
PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. § 1063**

Opposer, Ansell Limited (“Ansell” or “Opposer”), with an address of Victoria Gardens, Level 3, 678 Victoria Street, Richmond, Victoria, 3121, AU, believes it will be damaged by registration of the mark shown in U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 86/749213 (“the Opposed Application”) owned by Solskyn Personal Care LLC (“Applicant”). The Opposed Application published for opposition on February 23, 2016. Ansell, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Australia, opposes the registration of this mark pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1063 (Lanham Act § 13).

As grounds of opposition, Opposer alleges that:

1. By way of the Opposed Application, Applicant seeks to register the mark SOLSKYN (the “Opposed Mark”) for “Manufacturing services for others in the field of after-sun gels, after-sun lotions, after-sun milks, after-sun oils, indoor sun tanning preparations, self-

tanning preparations, spf sun block sprays, sun block, sun block preparations, sun screen, sun screen preparations, sun-block lotions, sun-tanning oils and lotions, sun-tanning preparations, suntan creams, tanning and after-sun milks, gels and oils” in International Class 40 (the “Opposed Services”).

2. The filing date of the Opposed Application is September 7, 2015.
3. The Opposed Application is based on an intent-to-use the Opposed Mark in the future, not actual past use of the Opposed Mark.
4. Ansell markets and sells personal sexual lubricants and condoms under the SKYN mark.
5. Ansell is the owner of the SKYN trademark for personal sexual lubricants and condoms, and all goodwill of the business associated therewith.
6. Ansell has registered and owns U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,910,850 for the mark SKYN in connection with “personal sexual lubricants” in Class 5 (Exhibit A).
7. Ansell has also registered and owns incontestable U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3,525,372 for the mark SKYN in connection with “condoms” in Class 10 (Exhibit B).
8. Since at least as early as April 2008, well prior to any date upon which Applicant can rely, Ansell has continuously and exclusively used the mark SKYN in interstate commerce in connection with condoms.
9. Since at least as early as April 30, 2015, well prior to any date upon which Applicant can rely, Ansell has continuously and exclusively used the mark SKYN in interstate commerce in connection with personal sexual lubricants.

10. By virtue of the SKYN registrations listed above, and Ansell's extensive and continuous use and promotion of its SKYN marks, SKYN has become distinctive of and closely associated in the public mind with Opposer's products.

11. As set forth above, Ansell's SKYN marks and registrations have priority over the Opposed Application.

12. The Opposed Mark, which incorporates the entirety of Opposer's SKYN mark, is highly similar in appearance, sound, and commercial impression to Opposer's SKYN mark.

13. The Opposed Services are closely related to goods in connection with which the Ansell has used and continues to use its SKYN marks, and the goods specified in Opposer's registrations for such marks.

14. Sales of Ansell's products bearing the SKYN mark in the United States have totaled in the millions of dollars. Opposer has spent and continues to spend substantial sums of money in advertising and promoting its products bearing the SKYN mark.

15. By reason of Ansell's extensive sales, promotion, and advertising of products bearing Opposer's SKYN mark, and the high quality of such products, valuable goodwill has been established in Opposer's SKYN mark, and an enviable reputation has been established for products sold under and distinguished by Opposer's SKYN trademark. Members of both the trade and the public recognize and understand that products bearing the SKYN mark originate with the Opposer.

16. By incorporating the entirety of Ansell's SKYN mark into the Opposed Mark, the Opposed Mark creates confusion with Opposer's SKYN mark.

17. Based on the similarities of the marks, consumers are likely to confuse or associate the Opposed Services sold by Applicant under the Opposed Mark with Ansell and

Ansell's SKYN products, or to believe that the Opposed Services are offered, sponsored, endorsed, or licensed by Ansell, or that there is some relationship between the Applicant and Opposer.

18. For the above reasons, any use or registration of the Opposed Mark is likely to cause confusion or mistake, or to deceive the purchasing public into mistakenly believing that the services described in the Opposed Application originate from, come from, or otherwise are associated with Opposer's goods, in violation of Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act.

19. If Applicant were permitted to use or register the Opposed Mark for the Opposed Services, it would cause damage and injury to Ansell's business reputation and would injure and impair Opposer's rights in its SKYN mark and registrations, because said use or registration is likely to cause confusion or mistake, or to deceive by creating the erroneous impression that the Applicant's services originate with Opposer or from the same source as Opposer's products, or that Applicant's services are authorized, licensed, endorsed by, or connected in some way with Opposer or its products.

20. If Applicant were granted the registration applied for, it would thereby obtain, at least, the *prima facie* exclusive right to use the Opposed Mark on the Opposed Services. Such registration would thus be a source of damage and injury to Opposer, and would be inconsistent with Opposer's rights in its SKYN mark and the registrations therefor.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that this Opposition be sustained, that the Opposed Application be rejected, and that registration of the Opposed Mark be refused and denied in all respects.

Dated: June 22, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

It is hereby certified that a copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF OPPOSITION** was served upon Applicant this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2016 by USPS First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, as follows:

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