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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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Entity	Corporation	Citizenship	Italy
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Docket no.	0903-0042		

Applicant information

Application no.	97249241	Publication date	06/20/2023
Opposition filing date	07/20/2023	Opposition period ends	07/20/2023
Applicant	R.S. LIPMAN COMPANY, LLC 2815 BRICK CHURCH PIKE NASHVILLE, TN 37207 UNITED STATES		

Goods/services affected by opposition

Class 033. First Use: Feb 1, 2014 First Use In Commerce: Feb 1, 2014 All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Distilled blue agave liquor; Spirits; Blended spirits; Distilled spirits

Grounds for opposition

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act Section 2(d)
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Mark cited by opposer as basis for opposition

U.S. registration no.	2384406	Application date	10/17/1994
Register	Principal		
Registration date	09/12/2000	Foreign priority date	NONE

Word mark	CIELO
Design mark	
Description of mark	NONE
Goods/services	Class 033. First use: First Use: 1908 First Use In Commerce: 1908 wines

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CIELO E TERRA, S.p.A.,

Opposer,

v.

Opposition No.: [TBD]

Serial No.: 97/249,241

Mark: CIELO

R.S. LIPMAN COMPANY, LLC

Applicant.

Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1451
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

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CIELO E TERRA, S.p.A. (“Opposer”), a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of Italy, and having a principal place of business at **Via 4 Novembre 39, Montorso, ITALY 36050**, believes that it will be damaged by, and hereby opposes, the grant of the application of R.S. LIPMAN COMPANY, LLC, a Limited Liability Company of Tennessee at 2815 Brick Church Pike, Nashville, Tennessee, UNITED STATES 37207 (the “Applicant”) to register the mark “CIELO” (Word mark) shown in the application Serial Number 97/249,241 filed January 24, 2022 for “Distilled blue agave liquor; Spirits; Blended spirits; Distilled spirits” in International Class 033.

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 1052, by and through its attorneys, Opposer hereby opposes the same.

1. By the application Serial No. 97/249,241 herein opposed, Applicant is seeking to obtain registration on the Principal Register of “CIELO” (Word mark) (hereinafter “Applicant’s ‘241 mark”) for goods in class 033, and particularly, for “Distilled blue agave liquor; Spirits; Blended spirits; Distilled spirits” in International Class 033.

2. Applicant's application Serial No. 97/249,241 for "CIELO" (Word mark) is a 1(a) basis application filed on February 1, 2022 and such mark was published for opposition on June 20, 2023. This Notice of Opposition is timely filed.

3. Opposer is the owner of at least the following federal trademark registration:

- a. **No. 2,384,406 (hereinafter "CIELO '406 Registration")**, registered on the Principal Register on September 12, 2000 for the trademark "CIELO" for "Wines" in International Class 033.

4. Opposer's CIELO '406 Registration listed above has not been cancelled, is valid, and is currently in full force and effect.

5. The Opposer has been continuously and prominently using its "CIELO" word trademark in connection with the goods listed in its registration and has been actively promoting and expanding its use of the mark.

6. As a result of the prior prominent, longtime and widespread use in commerce by the Opposer of the aforesaid "CIELO" word trademark in connection with its respective goods, the mark has acquired extensive goodwill, has developed a high degree of distinctiveness, is an asset of the Opposer, and is well known and recognized as identifying at least the listed goods and/or services which have their origin with or have been authorized by the Opposer. In addition, Opposer's "CIELO" word trademark has reached the good reputation it enjoys, long prior to the filing date of Applicant's '241 mark.

7. Opposer has priority with respect to the mark at issue in this Opposition. Opposer adopted and commenced use of its "CIELO" word mark as a trademark long before Applicant filed its application for its '241 mark. In particular, at least the mark in Opposer's CIELO '406 Registration was first used in commerce over 44 years ago, at least as early as 1978.

8. Applicant's mark "CIELO" (Word mark) is confusingly and deceptively similar to Opposer's previously used and duly registered "CIELO" word mark at least in sight, sound and/or commercial impression.

9. In particular, the Applicant's "CIELO" word mark is identical to the sole term "CIELO" in Opposer's CIELO '406 Registration.

10. Applicant's goods are in Class 033 and comprise, *inter alia*, "Distilled blue agave liquor; Spirits; Blended spirits; Distilled spirits", which are closely related to the goods of "Wines" in Class 033 provided in connection with Opposer's "CIELO" word trademark, and such goods would thus travel and/or be promoted through the same channels of trade, marketing and/or advertising to be provided to and/or used by, the same class of purchasers/clients.

11. Since Applicant's word mark "CIELO" is identical to Opposer's previously used and duly registered "CIELO" word trademark, and in view of their identical Class 033 and highly similar/identical/overlapping goods therein, Applicant's mark "CIELO" (Word Mark) is likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception as to the source of origin of Applicant's goods in that the public, the trade and others are likely to believe that Applicant's goods are: (a) the same goods as Opposer's and/or (b) endorsed, provided, sponsored, approved, licensed by, affiliated with or in some other way legitimately related and/or connected to Opposer and/or its goods, licensed products and/or services.

12. Thus, the use and registration of the Applicant's '241 mark for "CIELO" (Word Mark) for goods in Class 033 is likely to cause confusion or to cause mistake or deception in the trade and among purchasers/users and potential purchasers/users with Opposer's previously used and duly registered "CIELO" word trademark, causing damage to Opposer.

13. The use and registration of the Applicant's '241 mark for the "CIELO" (Word Mark) mark is likely to dilute the distinctive quality of Opposer's "CIELO" word trademark, again causing damage to Opposer.

14. Registration of the mark shown in the Application Serial No. 97/249,241 will result in damage to Opposer under at least the provisions of Section 2(d) of United States Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1052(d), pursuant to the allegations stated above.

WHEREFORE, Opposer respectfully requests that the Opposition be sustained and Application Serial Number 97/249,241 be refused registration.

Accompanying this Notice of Opposition is the required fee of \$600.00.

Dated: July 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
CIELO E TERRA, S.p.A.

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