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

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PARADISE BIRYANI, INC., Petitioner. Cancellation Nos.: 92055487 V.

PARADISE HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC,

Registrant.

# PETITIONER'S MOTION TO AMEND NAMED TRADEMARK OWNER TO CURE AN INADVERTENT CLERICAL ERROR IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE OWNER'S NAME IS SET FORTH

Petitioner, Paradise Biryani, Inc. ("Petitioner" or "Assignor"), by and through its counsel, hereby moves to amend the named registered owner of Reg. No. 4,047,868 for PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE, as well as the named owner of Application Serial No. 85/124045 for PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE to cure an inadvertent error in the manner in which the ownership name is set forth.

#### INTRODUCTION

On September 21, 2011 Petitioner's Principal Member, Mr. Narsing Raj Gowlikar, executed an assignment conveying all interest and goodwill in Reg. No. 4,047,868 for PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE and Serial No. 85/124045 to Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe. However, when filing the assignment with the USPTO, prior counsel inadvertently omitted the word "Express" on the cover sheet where the owner's name is designated. Such clerical error results in the owner's name being listed in the USPTO database as follows: Paradise Biryani, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe. Applicant's name is, however, correctly identified in the signed Assignment as: Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe. Despite the assignment conveying all rights these marks to the correctly named party, as the word 'Express' was left off of the Assignment's submission coversheet in error by former counsel, all resultant items have misidentified the Applicant.

# STATEMENT OF UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS

- 1. The application for PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE was filed on behalf of Narsing Raj Gowlikar, an individual, on September 7, 2010 under Application Serial No. 85/124045. Said application was conveyed via assignment "from Narsing Raj Gowlikar, with an address of 2 Paddock Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 ("ASSIGNOR") to Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe, a New Jersey State Corporation with a business address of 1677 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ 08820 ("ASSIGNEE")" on September 21, 2011 and recorded by the USPTO on November 27, 2011. See Executed Assignment Attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2. This assignment was recorded at Reel 4666, Frame 0171 with a clerical error omitting the term "Express" from the assignee's name on the submission coversheet. See Exhibit A.
- 3. The application for PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE was similarly filed on behalf of Narsing Raj Gowlikar on September 7, 2010 under Application Serial No. 85/124045. Said application registered on November 1, 2011 under Reg. No. 4,047,868. All rights and interest in this Mark was conveyed via assignment "from Narsing Raj Gowlikar, with an address of 2 Paddock Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 ("ASSIGNOR") to Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe, a New Jersey State Corporation with a business address of

- 1677 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ 08820 ("ASSIGNEE")" on September 21, 2011 and recorded by the USPTO on November 27, 2011. See Exhibit A
- 4. This assignment was recorded at Reel 4666, Frame 0171 a clerical error omitting the term "Express" from the assignee's name on the submission coversheet.. See Exhibit A
- 5. Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey. See New Jersey Certificate of Incorporation Attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 6. Paradise Biryani Pointe is a fictitious name registered with the State of New Jersey in connection with Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. See New Jersey Fictitious Name Registration Attached hereto as Exhibit C.

## **ARGUMENT**

# Petitioner's Motion to Amend is Appropriate Under TMEP 1201.02(c).

TMEP 1201.02(c) states that "[I]f the party applying to register the mark is in fact the owner of the mark, but there is a mistake in the manner in which the name of the applicant is set out in the application, the mistake may be corrected by amendment." <u>U.S. Pioneer Electronics</u>

<u>Corp. v. Evans Marketing, Inc.</u>, 183 USPQ 613 (Comm'r Pats. 1974). In explaining what constitutes a mistake meriting amendment, TMEP provides examples of "Correctable Errors" and "Non-Correctable Errors. This listing of "Correctable Errors" includes:

Minor Clerical Error. Minor clerical errors such as the mistaken addition or omission of "The" or "Inc." in the applicant's name may be corrected by amendment, as long as this does not result in a change of entity.

Inconsistency in Original Application as to Owner Name or Entity. If the original application reflects an inconsistency between the owner name and the entity type, for example, an individual and a corporation are each identified as the owner in different places in the application, the application may be amended to clarify the inconsistency.

Example: Inconsistency Between Owner Section and Entity Section of TEAS Form: If the information in the "owner section" of a TEAS application form is inconsistent with the information in the "entity section" of the form, the inconsistency can be corrected, for example, if an individual is identified as the owner and a corporation is listed as the entity, the application may be amended to indicate the proper applicant name/entity.

In the matter at hand, the assignee was correctly identified as Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe, but Petitioner's former counsel clearly made a minor clerical error when drafting the submission cover sheet to accompany the assignment documents which served to convey Reg. No. 4,047,868 for PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE, as well as of Application Serial No. 85/124045 for PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE. The word 'Express' was inadvertently omitted from the Assignee's name on the Assignment's submission coversheet in error by former counsel. Accordingly, all resultant items have misidentified the Applicant as Paradise Biryani, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe when, however, the named assignee in the signed and executed Assignment is: Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe. As this was an inadvertent omission, made in good faith by counsel for the Petitioner, Reg. No. 4,047,868 for PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE, as well as of Application Serial No. 85/124045 for PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE should be corrected pursuant to TMEP 1201.02(c) to cure an inadvertent error in the manner in which the ownership name is set forth and to reflect the assignee's proper and complete name.

In the alternative, this situation is also akin to "Inconsistency in Original Application as to Owner Name or Entity". In the present circumstance, the original assignment properly names the assignee as Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe, however that name is not properly reflected on the registration certificate as the owner's name. Instead the owner's name lists the name Paradise Biryani, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe, is it was incorrectly

entered on the assignment submission cover sheet. As this was an inadvertent error, made in

good faith by counsel for the Petitioner, Reg. No. 4,047,868 for PARADISE BIRYANI

POINTE, as well as of Application Serial No. 85/124045 for PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE

should be corrected pursuant to TMEP 1201.02(c) to reflect the assignee's proper and complete

name.

**CONCLUSION** 

A simple clerical error has resulted in the inadvertent omission of the word "Express"

from the owner's Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a Paradise Biryani Pointe name, in Reg. No.

4,047,868 for PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE, as well as of Application Serial No. 85/124045

for PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE, despite the fact that the Paradise Biryani Express, Inc. d/b/a

Paradise Biryani Pointe is correctly listed as the assignee on said document. As this was an

inadvertent error, made in good faith by counsel for the Petitioner, Reg. No. 4,047,868 for

PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE, as well as of Application Serial No. 85/124045 for PARADISE

INDIAN CUISINE should be corrected pursuant to TMEP 1201.02(c) to reflect the assignee's

proper and complete name.

DATED: April 11, 2014

Millburn, New Jersey

THE INGBER LAW FIRM

By: Mark J. Ingber, Esq.

374 Millburn Avenue, Suite 301

Millburn, New Jersey 07041

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and complete copy of the foregoing Petitioner's Motion to Amend, has been served by email, upon the Paradise Hospitality Group LLC to the following counsel of record this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014:

Mr. Clifford Hyra Symbus Law Group, LLC 11710 Plaza America Drive Suite 2000 Reston, VA 20190 chyra@symbus.com

> / Mark J. Ingber/ Mark J. Ingber

#### TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

Electronic Version v1.1 Stylesheet Version v1.1

SUBMISSION TYPE: NEW ASSIGNMENT

NATURE OF CONVEYANCE: ASSIGNS THE ENTIRE INTEREST AND THE GOODWILL

#### CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type	
Raj Gowlikar		09/21/2011	INDIVIDUAL: INDIA	٦

#### RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	Paradise Biryani Inc	
Doing Business As:	DBA Paradise Biryani Pointe	
Street Address:	1677 OAK TREE ROAD	
City:	EDISON	
State/Country:	NEW JERSEY	
Postal Code:	08820	
Entity Type:	CORPORATION: NEW JERSEY	

#### PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 2

Property Type	Number	Word Mark	
Serial Number:	85124078	PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE	
Serial Number:	85124045	PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE	

#### CORRESPONDENCE DATA

Fax Number:

(888)577-1474

Phone:

6462349500

Email:

NARANGIP@YAHOO.COM

Correspondence will be sent to the e-mail address first; if that is unsuccessful, it will be sent via US

Mail.

Correspondent Name:

CHARU NARANG REID, ESQ.

Address Line 1:

472 BRADY RD

Address Line 4:

SACKETS HARBOR, NEW YORK 13685

NAME OF SUBMITTER:	Charu Narang Reid
Signature:	/Charu Narang Reid/
Date:	11/27/2011

Total Attachments: 3

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#### TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment ("Assignment") is made effective as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011 from Narsing Raj Gowlikar, with an address of 2 Paddock Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 ("ASSIGNOR"), to PARADISE BIRYANI EXPRESS INC d/b/a PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE, a New Jersey State Corporation with a business address of 1677 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ 08820 ("ASSIGNEE"):

WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR is the owner of the trademarks (the "Marks") as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, together with the goodwill of the business symbolized thereby in connection with the goods on which the Marks are used ("the Products").

WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR desires to convey, transfer, assign, deliver, and contribute to ASSIGNEE all of its right, title, and interest in and to the Marks.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby conveys, transfers, assigns, delivers, and contributes to ASSIGNEE all of ASSIGNOR'S right, title, and interest of whatever kind in and to the Marks, together with (1) the goodwill of the business relating to the Products in respect upon which the Marks are used and for which they are registered: (2) all income, royalties, and damages hereafter due or payable to ASSIGNOR with respect to the Marks, including without limitation, damaged, and payments for past or future infringements and misappropriations of the Marks: and (3) all rights to sue for past, present and future infringements or misappropriations of the Marks.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that it will execute all documents, papers forms and authorizations and take all other actions that may be necessary for securing, completing, or vesting in ASSIGNEE full right, title, and interest in the Marks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has duty executed under seal and delivered this Assignment, as of the day and year first above written.

PARADISE BIRYANI EXPRESS INC d/b/a,PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE

by NARSING RAJ GOWLIKAR, President

TRADEMARK REEL: 004666 FRAME: 0172 Word Mark PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE

Goods and Services IC 043. US 100 101. G & S: Cafe and restaurant services; Restaurant; Restaurant and bar services; Restaurant and bar services; including restaurant carryout services;

Restaurant and cafe services; Restaurant and catering services; Restaurant services.

FIRST USE: 20071026. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20071026

Standard Characters Claimed

Mark Drawing Code (4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Serial Number 85124078

Filing Date September 7, 2010

Current Filing Basis 1A

Original Filing Basis 1A

Published for Opposition August 16, 2011

Owner (APPLICANT) GOWLIKAR, NARSING RAJ INDIVIDUAL INDIA 2 PADDOCK

DRIVE PLAINSBORO NEW JERSEY 08536

Attorney of Record CHARU NARANG REID, ESQ.

Disclaimer NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "BIRYANI"

APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN

Type of Mark SERVICE MARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Live/Dead Indicator LIVE

# Word Mark PARADISE INDIAN CUISINE

Goods and Services IC 043. US 100 101. G & S: Cafe and restaurant services; Restaurant and bar services; Restaurant and cafe services; Restaurant and catering services; Restaurant services; Restaurant services, including sit-down service of food and take-out restaurant services.

FIRST USE: 20091230, FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20091230

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TRADEMARK REEL: 004666 FRAME: 0173

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21, September 2011 On before me / Riela Mark, Notary Public, personally appeared RAJ NARSING GOWLIKAR, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory eviden
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appeared RAJ NARSING GOWLIKAR, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name is subscribed to the within instrument (Trademark Assignment) and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

RECORDED: 11/27/2011

State Of New Jersey

ARJETA MARKU
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
NY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 18, 2015
1.D.# 2401444

**EXHIBIT A** 

TRADEMARK REEL: 004666 FRAME: 0174

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FILING CERTIFICATION (CERTIFIED COPY)

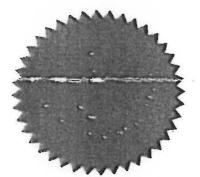
PARADISE BIRYANI EXPRESS, INC 0400164786

I, the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify, that the above named business did file and record in this department a Certificate of Incorporation on January 29th, 2007 and that the attached is a true copy of this document as the same is taken from and compared with the original(s) filed in this office and now remaining on file and of record.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Trenton, this 30th day of January, 2007

Gradley Abelow



Bradley Abelow State Treasurer

# NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY DIVISION OF REVENUE AND ENTERPRISE SERVICES

#### PARADISE BIRYANI EXPRESS, INC

#### 0400164786

I, the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the above-name did on 20th day of November, 2013 file and record in the department a Certificate of Renewal of Alternate Name.

1. BUSINESS NAME:

PARADISE BIRYANI EXPRESS, INC

2. BUSINESS ID.:

0400164786

3. ALTERNATE NAME:

PARADISE BIRYANI POINTE

4. ALTERNATE NAME IS VALID UNTIL:

August 20, 2017

5. ACTIVITY TO BE CONDUCTED USING ALTERNATE NAME:

Business intend to use the name in New Jersey.

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Certification # 130280907

Verify this certificate at

https://www1.state.nj.us/TYTR\_StandingCert/JSP/Verify\_Cert.jsp

IN TESTIMONY WHE REOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Trenton, this 20th day of November, 2013

Andrew P Sidamon-Eristoff State Treasurer