



RAFFLES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,
Opposers,

-versus-

PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS S.A.,
Respondent –Applicant.

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} IPC No. 14-2010-00334
} Opposition to:
} Appln. Serial No. 4-2010-001904
} Date Filed: 19 February 2010
} TM: "RAFFLES LABEL"
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NOTICE OF ORDER

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GREETINGS:

Please be informed that Order No. 2014 - 49 (D) dated March 05, 2014 (copy enclosed) was promulgated in the above entitled case.

Taguig City, March 05, 2014.

For the Director:


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Director III
Bureau of Legal Affairs



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ORDER

RAFFLES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED ("Opposer"), filed on 29 December 2010 an opposition to Trademark Application Serial No. 4-2010-001904. The application, filed by PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS S.A., ("Respondent-Applicant"), covers the mark "RAFFLES LABEL" for use on goods under International Class 34.

This Bureau issued a Notice to Answer dated 14 February 2011 and served a copy thereof to Respondent-Applicant on 28 February 2011. The Respondent-Applicant filed its Answer on 29 June 2011.

In compliance to Office Order No. 154, s. 2010 ("*Rules of Procedure for IPO Mediation Proceedings*") and Office Order No. 197, s. 2010 ("*Mechanics for IPO Mediation Settlement Period*"), this Bureau issued on 11 July 2011 Order No. 2011-207 referring the case to mediation. On 11 November 2011, the ADR Services of this Bureau submitted a Mediation Report indicating the unsuccessful mediation of the instant case.

On 20 February 2014, the Respondent-Applicant filed a Manifestation stating that it has opted not to file the Third Year Declaration of Actual Use (DAU) and instead filed a new application for the same trademark RAFFLES LABEL.


This Bureau treats the Respondent-Applicant's manifestation as a voluntary withdrawal of its trademark application for the mark RAFFLES LABEL. Accordingly, with the withdrawal by the Respondent-Applicant of its trademark application, there is no more reason nor basis to proceed with this case.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the instant opposition case is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Let the filewrapper of Trademark Application Serial No.4-2010-001904 be returned, together with a copy of this Order to the Bureau of Trademarks (BOT) for information and appropriate action.

SO ORDERED.

Taguig City, 05 March 2014.


Atty. NATHANIEL S. AREVALO
Director IV
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