



RAFFLES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,
Opposer,

-versus-

PHILIP MORRIS BRANDS SARL,
Respondent- Applicant.

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} **IPC No. 14-2014-00009**
} Opposition to:
} Appln. Serial No. 4-2013-001883
} Date Filed: 19 February 2013
} **TM: "RAFFLES"**

NOTICE OF ORDER

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GREETINGS:

Please be informed that Order No. 2014 - 101 (D) dated July 21, 2014 (copy enclosed) was promulgated in the above entitled case.

Taguig City, July 21, 2014.

For the Director:


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RAFFLES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED. ("Opposer"), filed on 03 March 2014 an opposition to Trademark Application Serial No. 4-2013-001883. The application filed by PHILIP MORRIS BRANDS SARL ("Respondent-Applicant"), covers the mark **RAFFLES** for use on goods under Class 34. The opposition is anchored on Sections 123.1 (a) (d) (e) and (f) of R.A. 8293 otherwise known as The Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines ("IP Code").

Pursuant to the Regulations on Inter Partes Proceedings, this Bureau issued a Notice to Answer and served a copy thereof to Respondent-Applicant on 25 March 2014. The Respondent-Applicant filed its Answer on 02 June 2014.


On 04 June 2014, this Bureau issued Order No. 2014-77 referring the case to mediation. On 09 July 2014, the ADR Services of this Bureau submitted a Mediation Report indicating refusal of the parties to mediate. Subsequently on 10 July 2014, the Respondent-Applicant filed a Manifestation stating that it has withdrawn its Trademark Application No. 4-2013-001883 for the mark "RAFFLES".

Accordingly, in view of 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. 4-2013-001883 be returned, together with a copy of this Order to the Bureau of Trademarks (BOT) for information and appropriate action.

SO ORDERED.

Taguig City, 21 July 2014.


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