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Our ref: MP1574744
Your Reference:
International Registration: 1574744
Holder: Biosoft (Australia) Pty Ltd
Mark: **Dermapen**
Time limit: 30 July 2021

30 March 2021

Dear Madam/Sir

Notification of Total Provisional Refusal of IR 1574744 according to Rule 17(2)

The above-mentioned mark is provisionally refused protection in Denmark for all of the goods/services covered by the designation.

The reasons for the refusal are given in the enclosed examination report. The holder may request a review of the refusal before 30 July 2021. Further information about procedures is found in the report.

Yours faithfully

Torben Engholm Kristensen
Principal legal adviser, Master of Laws (LL.M.), Trademark and Design

Examination Report

Grounds for refusal

We have found that the mark is descriptive with respect to all of the goods/services in the designation, namely:

Class 10: Medical devices for microneedling and dermabrasion.

The sign DERMAPEN consists of two elements DERMA and PEN. Derma is the latin word for skin and pen is commonly used in the medical field for instance for medical products with a pen-shape with a needle used for for instance injections. Since the relevant public is observant about these products and often through education in the health sector knows of Latin words for the anatomy of people, the sign would without further consideration be perceived as an instrument in the shape of a pen, used in connection with a patients skin.

Consequently, the mark may serve to designate the quality of the goods.

Similarly, we have previously refused VA 2009 00230 PUSHPEN and VA 2004 00347 SPRAYPEN for goods in class 5 and 10.

We refer to Section 13(1)(3) of the Danish Trademarks Act.

Please be informed that the Danish Trade Marks Act Section 13(2) allows for the registration of marks, which have acquired distinctiveness through use.

We have conducted a search in the relevant registers for earlier trademarks rights with validity in Denmark. The result of the search appears in the attached search report. It includes marks which we have found to be in risk of confusion with the designation.

When the designation is published, there is a two-month period for earlier rights holders to file an opposition against the designation. Oppositions may also be based on other rights, e.g. rights established through use. We usually receive oppositions in 5-10 % of all trademark applications.

Request for review of the provisional refusal

You may request a review of the provisional refusal **within 4 months** from the date of issue of the provisional refusal.

Please observe that documents or evidence submitted by you will be available to the public according to the regulations of The Danish Access to Public Administration Files Act.

A request for review should be sent by post or e-mail to:

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Patent- og Varemærkestyrelsen
Helgeshøj Allé 81
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Final refusal and appeal

If you do not reply within the time limit, we will issue a final refusal, which is subject to appeal to the Board of Appeal for Patents and Trademarks.

Appendix A: Guide concerning Confusingly Similar Marks

Appendix B: Abstract of the Danish Trade Marks Act

Search Report

Our search has disclosed the following trademark rights:

Trademarks: IR01542201

For further information, see the attached extracts from the register.

Appendix A

Guide concerning Confusingly Similar Trademarks

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office has searched for marks applied for or registered in the Danish territory, which are confusingly similar to your trademark. We have assessed whether there is a likelihood of confusion between the marks, i.e. whether the marks are similar visually as well as phonetically and whether the goods and services covered by your application are identical with or similar to those covered by the earlier right. **We refer to the Danish Trade Marks Act, section 15, containing rules concerning identical and confusingly similar trademarks.**

If we have found conflicting marks we have included a search report as well as extracts of our register of any confusingly similar marks.

If we have found earlier rights you may consider the following options:

- to register your mark irrespective of the earlier right - or
- to limit the list of goods and services in order to avoid that your application covers goods and services similar to those covered by the earlier right - or
- to obtain a letter of consent from the proprietors of the earlier right permitting you to make use of and register your trademark in Denmark.

If we do not hear from you before the expiration of the time limit mentioned in our letter, we will register your trademark irrespective of the earlier rights, if any, mentioned in the search report.

Registration

Please be informed that the proprietor of the earlier right can file an opposition against the registration of your trademark if you choose to have your trademark registered irrespective of the earlier right.

Limitation

If the earlier right does not cover all the goods and services, for which your trademark is applied, you can limit your application in order to avoid that your application covers goods and services similar to those covered by the earlier right. You must file a new list of goods and services, if you wish to limit your application. Please be informed that we can assist you in connection with the wording of such a list.

Written consent

A written consent must be unconditional, and it must permit you to register the applied trademark for the goods and services covered by the application. If the consent does not include all goods and services applied for, you must limit your application in accordance with the consent. The letter of consent must be dated and duly signed by the proprietor of the earlier right. We can only accept a copy, if it is attested.

Appendix B

Abstract of the Danish Trade Marks Act

Signs of which a trade mark may consist

Section 2

A trade mark may consist of any signs, in particular words, including personal names, or designs, letters, numerals, colours, the shape of goods or of the packaging of goods, or sounds, provided that such signs are capable of:

- i) distinguishing the goods or services of one undertaking from those of other undertakings; and
- ii) being represented on the register in a manner which enables the competent authorities and the public to determine the clear and precise subject matter of the protection afforded to its proprietor.

Application and registration of trade marks

Section 11

- (1) An application for the registration of a trade mark shall be filed with the Patent and Trade mark Office. The application shall contain information in accordance with the provisions laid down pursuant to section 48. The application fee prescribed by section 60(a)(1) shall be paid.

Section 12

- (1) The goods and services in respect of which trade mark registration is applied for shall be classified in conformity with the Nice Classification. Where the applicant requests registration for more than one class, the applicant shall group the goods and services according to the classes of the Nice Classification, each group being preceded by the number of the class to which that group of goods or services belongs, and shall present them in the order of the classes.
- (2) The goods and services for which protection is sought shall be identified by the applicant with sufficient clarity and precision to enable the Office and economic operators, on that sole basis, to determine the extent of the protection sought.
- (3) The general indications included in the class headings of the Nice Classification or other general terms may be used, provided that they comply with the requisite standards of clarity and precision set out in this provision.

Examination of applications

Section 16

- (1) If the application does not comply with this Act or the provisions laid down pursuant to this Act, or if the Patent and Trade mark Office has other objections to the acceptance of the application, the Patent and Trade mark Office shall notify the applicant accordingly and invite him to file his observations within a specified time limit.

Section 13

(1) The following shall not be registered:

- (i) Signs which cannot constitute a trade mark.
- (ii) Trade marks which are devoid of any distinctive character.
- (iii) Trade marks which consist exclusively of signs or indications which may serve, in trade, to designate the kind, quality, quantity, intended purpose, value, geographical origin, or the time of production of the goods or of rendering of the service, or other characteristics of the goods or services.
- (iv) Trade marks which consist exclusively of signs or indications which have become customary in the current language or in the bona fide and established practices of the trade.

(2) A trade mark shall not be excluded from registration in accordance with paragraph 1(2)-(4), if, before the date of application for registration, following the use which has been made of it, it has acquired a distinctive character.

Section 14

Furthermore, the following shall not be registered:

- 1) signs which consist exclusively of:
 - a) the shape, or another characteristic, which results from the nature of the goods themselves,
 - b) the shape, or another characteristic, of goods which is necessary to obtain a technical result,
 - c) the shape, or another characteristic, which gives substantial value to the goods.
- 2) Trade marks which are contrary to law, public order or morality.
- 3) Trade marks which are liable to mislead the public, for instance as to the nature, quality or geographical origin of the goods or services.
- 4) Trade marks which have not been authorized by the competent authorities and are to be refused pursuant to Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of industrial Property, and trade marks which include badges, emblems and escutcheons which are of public interest, unless the consent of the appropriate authority to their registration has been given.
- 5) Trade marks which are excluded from registration pursuant to Union legislation or the national law of the Member State concerned, or to international agreements to which the Union or the Member State concerned is party, providing for protection of designations of origin and geographical indications.
- 6) Trade marks which are excluded from registration pursuant to Union legislation or international agreements to which the Union is party, providing for protection of traditional terms for wine.
- 7) Trade marks which are excluded from registration pursuant to Union legislation or international agreements to which the Union is party, providing for protection of traditional specialities guaranteed.
- 8) Trade marks which consist of, or reproduce in their essential elements, an earlier plant variety denomination protected by plant variety sort rights and which are in respect of plant varieties of the same or closely related species.

Registerudskrift (Extract of Register)

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(730) Indehaver : DERMA PEN IP HOLDINGS, LLC

(540) Mærke : DERMAPEN

(550) Mærketype : Ordmærke

(511) Klasser og
Varefortegnelse : Klasse 03: Non-medicated creams for topical application to the skin; sunscreen; body lotions; moisturizing body lotions; skin lotions; skin masks for cosmetic purposes; non-medicated creams containing hyaluronic acid; non-medicated skin serums; non-medicated creams containing vitamin C; non-medicated creams containing peptides; non-medicated serums for scars, cosmetics.

Klasse 10: Cosmetic micro-needling devices; microneedling devices for non-surgical treatments, therapeutic devices; skin treatment devices using multiple needles in a vibrating method for performing skin treatment procedures; microneedling tips.

Klasse 35: Online wholesale and retail services related to cosmetic products, cosmetics, beauty products and devices; retail and wholesale services for micro-needling devices; microneedling products and sales (terms considered too vague in the opinion of the International Bureau – Rule 13 (2) (b) of the Regulations).

Klasse 39: Online and wholesale distribution of cosmetic products, cosmetic and beauty products, devices and procedures (terms considered too vague in the opinion of the International Bureau – Rule 13 (2) (b) of the Regulations).

Klasse 41: Education and training services including cosmetic and aesthetics educational and training service, workshops, seminars, courses live and online and downloadable training in the field of cosmetic and aesthetics educational and training service, workshops, seminars live, online and downloadable; online training, training, workshops, courses for topical sales, microneedling products and sales and instructional courses for microneedling products, sales, and training (terms considered too vague in the opinion of the International Bureau – Rule 13 (2) (b) of the Regulations).

Klasse 44: Cosmetic and skin services, health and cosmetic skin care services, and treatments (terms considered too vague in the opinion of the International Bureau – Rule 13 (2) (b) of the Regulations).

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