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Date of Notification:

01 November 2005

Our Reference:

TMOPP 1988

International Registration No:

Mark: Holder: 0823874 ZENRA

Zentiva, a.s.

Notification of the Irish Patents Office of refusal of protection based on opposition

Dear Sir/Madam,

This notification is issued pursuant to Article 5 of the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the International Registration of Marks and Rule 17(3) of the Common Regulations under the Agreement and Protocol, and is to inform you that protection for this mark is refused for the reasons set out below. [Any references to Sections are to Sections of the Trade Marks Act, 1996 and to Rules are to Rules of the Trade Marks Rules, 1996.]

Opposition to the granting of protection to the mark has been filed under Section 43 and Rule 18. A copy of the Notice of Opposition is enclosed.

The following are the Opponent's details:

Name:

PFIZER PRODUCTS, INC.,

Address:

Eastern Point Road, Groton CT 06340, USA

Address

F.R. Kelly & Company, 27 Clyde Road, Dublin 4, Ireland

for Service

- 1. Where the Opponent has cited an earlier registration or pending application as grounds for the opposition, the details of the relevant mark(s) are as outlined in the enclosed printout(s). Please see attached printouts in respect of National Trade Mark Registration No: 223700.
- 2. The refusal is in respect of all the goods/services for which protection is sought.
- 3. The Holder may file a counter-statement, under Rule 19(1), in duplicate, not later than 31 January 2006.
- 4. If a counter-statement is not received within the time allowed, the Holder will be deemed to have withdrawn his request for protection of the mark. Under Rule 63(2) an extension of time for the purpose of filing a counter-statement is not allowed.
- 5. A counter-statement must be accompanied by an address for service within the State as required by Rule 10; failure to furnish such address will result in the Holder being deemed to have abandoned his request for protection.

Please quote our reference in all future correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Patty Haugh

Trade Marks Opposition

Direct Line No: (00 353 56) 7720181

TRADE MARKS ACT, 1996

IN THE MATTER OF Trade Mark
Application No. 823874 ZENRA
in Class(es) 05
in the name of Zentiva, a.s.
and Opposition thereto by Pfizer Products Inc

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

We, Pfizer Products Inc., a Connecticut corporation of Eastern Point Road, Groton CT 06340, USA, hereby give notice of our intention to oppose the registration of the Trade Mark advertised under the above number for Class(es) 05 in the Trade Marks Journal of the 27 day of July, 2005 No. 2025 at Page 7246.

The Grounds of Opposition are as follows:-

- 1. We have for many years carried on business at the above address as manufacturers and merchants of, inter alia, pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations and substances.
- 2. We are the Proprietors of the Trade Mark CENRAL which we have registered in Class 5 for pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations and substances dated 5 February, 2002 and numbered 223700.
- 3. We have for many years extensively used our said Trade Mark in connection with the aforesaid goods provided by us and the said Trade Mark denotes and has long denoted both to the trade and the public goods rendered by us and distinguishes and has long distinguished such goods from the like goods of other traders.
- 4. The Mark applied for offends against the provisions of the Trade Marks Act, 1996 and in particular offends against the provisions of Sections 6, 8,10 and 37.

- 5. The Mark applied for is identical with or similar to our said Trade Mark and the goods for which registration is sought are identical or similar to those for which our said Trade Mark is protected to the extent that there exists a likelihood of confusion on the part of the public which includes the likelihood of association.
- 6. The Mark applied for is identical with or similar to our said Trade Mark and even if the goods for which registration is sought are not similar to those for which our said earlier Trade Mark is protected, registration should be refused to the extent that our said earlier Trade Mark has a reputation in the State and use of the Mark applied for without due cause would take unfair advantage of, or be detrimental to, the distinctive character or reputation of our said earlier Trade Mark.
- 7. The Mark for which registration is sought is not capable of distinguishing the goods of the Applicant from those of other undertakings.
- 8. The Mark applied for should be refused on the grounds that it is devoid of any distinctive character and consists exclusively of a sign or indication which may serve in trade to designate the kind, intended purpose or other characteristics of the goods of the Applicant.
- 9. The Mark should be refused to the extent that its use is prohibited in the State by any enactment or rule of law or by any provision of Community law including any rule of law protecting an unregistered Trade Mark.
- 10. The Mark applied for should be refused to the extent that the Application for registration is made in bad faith by the Applicant.
- 11. The Mark applied for is not used or proposed to be used by the Applicant or with its consent in relation to the goods specified in the application and registration of the Trade Mark would therefore offend against the provisions of Section 37 (2) of the Trade Marks Act, 1996.

- 12. Registration of the said Mark is contrary to Council Directive No. 89/104 EEC to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to Trade Marks.
- 13. The Application in respect of the said Trade Mark which the Applicant has applied to register ought in the discretion of the Controller to be refused and costs awarded to the Opponents.

Dated this24th day of October, 2005

F. R. KELLY & CO.

Agents for the Opponents.

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Status: Registered Registration No.223700

Name & Address of Proprietor(s)	Pfizer Products Inc. Eastern Point Road Groton Connecticut 06340 United States of America A corporation organised and existing under the laws of Connecticut United States of America.
Description of Mark	CENRAL
Date of Application	05/02/2002
Date of Registration	05/02/2002
Date of Publication of Registration	08/01/2003
Address for Service	F.R. KELLY & CO. 27 Clyde Road Dublin 4 Ireland.
Notings	
Goods	Class 5 Pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations and substances.
Representation of Mark	
Registration Renewed	
24/02/2003	Licence No.20420: PFIZER (IRELAND) LIMITED of Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork, , IE, recorded as non-exclusive licensee. Duration of the licence: without limit.