UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO) OFFICE ACTION (OFFICIAL LETTER) ABOUT APPLICANT'S TRADEMARK APPLICATION

U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 79182945

MARK: BITCOIN

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This is a **PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL** of the request for extension of protection of the mark in the above-referenced U.S. application. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1141h(c). See below in this notification (hereafter "Office action") for details regarding the provisional full refusal.

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

Summary of Issues:

- Refusal mark is merely descriptive
- · Advisory mark appears to be generic
- · Identification of goods and services
- Request for additional information

NO CONFLICTING MARKS NOTED

The trademark examining attorney has searched the Office's database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). TMEP §704.02; see 15 U.S.C. §1052(d).

Registration is refused, however, for the following reason:

SECTION 2(e)(1) REFUSAL – MARK IS MERELY DESCRIPTIVE

Registration is refused because the applied-for mark merely describes a characteristic or feature of applicant's goods and services. Trademark Act Section 2(e)(1), 15 U.S.C. §1052(e)(1); see TMEP §§1209.01(b), 1209.03 et seq.

A mark is merely descriptive if it describes an ingredient, quality, characteristic, function, feature, purpose, or use of an applicant's goods and/or services. TMEP §1209.01(b); see, e.g., In re TriVita, Inc., 783 F.3d 872, 874, 114 USPQ2d 1574, 1575 (Fed. Cir. 2015) (quoting In re Oppedahl & Larson LLP, 373 F.3d 1171, 1173, 71 USPQ2d 1370, 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2004)); In re Steelbuilding.com, 415 F.3d 1293, 1297, 75 USPQ2d 1420, 1421 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (citing Estate of P.D. Beckwith, Inc. v. Comm'r of Patents, 252 U.S. 538, 543 (1920)).

Applicant seeks to register the mark BITCOIN for "Computer programs used in the field of electronic commerce transactions; computer programs; electronic machines and apparatus; telecommunication machines and apparatus" and various services relating to finance and securities and electronic commerce transactions (e.g., intermediary services on sale and purchase contracts for goods in electronic commerce transactions, telecommunication for

electronic commerce transactions via telecommunications systems or data communication systems, designing, programming, or doing maintenance of computer programs for use in electronic commerce transactions and Providing user authentication services in e-commerce transactions).

As the attached dictionary entry shows, "bitcoin" is defined as "A type of digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank." As the attached Internet evidence shows, "bitcoin" is commonly used to identify crypto currency or digital currency used in electronic transactions. For example, CNN Money discusses bitcoin as follows:

Bitcoin is a new currency...Transactions are made with no middle men – meaning, no banks! There are no transaction fees and no need to give your real name. More merchants are beginning to accept them: You can buy webhosting services, pizza or even manicures....People can send bitcoins to each other using mobile apps or their computers. It's similar to sending cash digitally.

As another example, Reddit.com describes 'bitcoin' as follows:

Bitcoin is the currency of the Internet: a distributed, worldwide, decentralized digital money. Unlike traditional currencies such as dollars, bitcoins are issued and managed without any central authority whatsoever: there is no government, company, or bank in charge of Bitcoin. As such, it is more resistant to wild inflation and corrupt banks. With Bitcoin, you can be your own bank.

Lastly, as the attached evidence from the USPTO's X-Search database shows, "bitcoin" is commonly used in various goods and services to identify digital currency. This is evidenced by the use if this term when relating to currency in the identification of goods and/or services in the attached registrations.

Therefore, the mark is descriptive in relation to the goods in that they are used in relation to electronic commerce transactions that use bitcoin. They are also descriptive in relation to the services identified in that they are likely to utilize bitcoin, feature bitcoin or relate to bitcoin. For example, applicant's retail services are like to accept digital currency in the form of bitcoin; applicant's financial services are likely to be rendered utilizing bitcoin; applicant's telecommunications services are likely to relate to transmitting of bitcoin for transactions; applicants computer programming services are likely to relate to software that processes or utilizes bitcoins; and applicant's user authentication services are likely to authenticate users who seek to use bitcoin for electronic transactions.

For the foregoing reasons, registration is refused pursuant to Section 2(e)(1) of the Trademark Act. Although the examining attorney has refused registration, applicant may present arguments in support of registration.

ADVISORY - MARK APPEARS TO BE GENERIC

In addition to being merely descriptive, the applied-for mark appears to be generic in connection with the identified services and, therefore, incapable of functioning as a source-identifier for applicant's services. *In re The Am. Acad. of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery*, 64 USPQ2d 1748 (TTAB 2002); *In re A La Vieille Russie, Inc.*, 60 USPQ2d 1895 (TTAB 2001); *see* TMEP §\$1209.01(c) *et seq.*, 1209.02(a). Under these circumstances, an amendment to proceed under Trademark Act Section 2(f) cannot be recommended. *See* TMEP §1209.01(c).

IDENTIFICATION OF GOOD AND SERVICES

The identification of goods and/or services contains parentheses. Generally, parentheses and brackets should *not* be used in identifications. TMEP §1402.12. The USPTO generally uses brackets to indicate goods and/or services that have been deleted from registrations. *See id.* Parenthetical information is permitted in identifications only if it serves to explain or translate the matter immediately preceding the parenthetical phrase in such a way that it does not affect the clarity of the identification, e.g., "obi (Japanese sash)." *Id.* Therefore, applicant must remove the parentheses from the identification and incorporate any parenthetical or bracketed information into the description of the goods and/or services or delete extraneous wording not needed in the recitation.

Some wording in the identification of goods and/or services is indefinite or too broad and must be clarified because the nature of some of the goods and services remains unclear. Applicant must clarify the italicized wording below in accordance with the bolded, underlined guidance provided. In some instances, the unacceptable wording has been replaced with suggested acceptable wording, which has also been bolded and underlined. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §§1402.01, 1402.03.

In an application filed under Trademark Act Section 66(a), an applicant may not change the classification of goods and/or services from that assigned by the International Bureau in the corresponding international registration. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §§1401.03(d), 1904.02(b). Further, in a multiple-class Section 66(a) application, an applicant may not transfer goods and/or services from one existing international class to another. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); see TMEP §§1402.07(a), 1904.02(c).

Therefore, any modification to this wording must identify goods and/or services in International Classes 9, 35, 36, 38, 42 and 45 only, the classification specified in the application for these goods and/or services.

The following substitute wording is suggested, if accurate:

- Computer programs for use in [specify function, e.g., payment processing] in the field of electronic commerce transactions; computer programs for use in [specify function, e.g., processing digital currency payments]; electronic machines and apparatus, namely, [specify machines and apparatus, e.g., computers]; telecommunication machines and apparatus namely, [specify machines and apparatus, e.g., mobile telephones], in International Class 9
- Advertising and publicity services; marketing research; providing information, including via the internet, concerning commercial sales;

procurement of contracts for others on the sale and purchase of goods in electronic commerce transactions; business operation and management concerning electronic commerce transactions; compilation and systemization of information of computer databases; retail or wholesale store services featuring [PLEASE NOTE: semicolons have been amended to "commas" in all of the following wording to show that all of the goods identified relate back to "retail or wholesale store services"] clothing, diapers, footwear, bags and pouches, woven fabrics and beddings, personal articles in the nature of [specify articles, e.g., jewelry], foods and beverages, automobiles, two-wheeled motor vehicles, bicycles, furniture, joinery fittings, tatami mats, religious ritual equipment, electrical machinery and apparatuses, bladed or pointed hand tools, hand tools, and hardware, kitchen equipment, cleaning tools, and washing utensils, pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary preparations and medical supplies, cosmetics, toiletries, dentifrices, soaps and detergents, agricultural machines, implements and supplies, natural flowers and trees, fuel, printed matter, paper and stationery, sports goods, toys, dolls, game machines and apparatus, musical instruments and records, photographic machines and apparatus and photographic supplies, clocks, watches, and spectacles, tobaccos and smokers' articles, building materials, semi-wrought precious stones and their imitations and pet animals, in International Class 35

- Acceptance of deposits and acceptance of fixed interval installment deposits, namely, processing of deposits of digital currency; electronic financial services for the purchase of substitute savings bonds; loans and discount of bills; domestic exchange settlement, namely, [clarify what this service entails, e.g., currency exchange settlement services]; liability guarantee, namely, financial guarantees and acceptance of bills, namely, bill payment services; securities lending, acquisition and transfer of monetary claims; safekeeping of valuables including securities and precious metals, namely, safety deposit box services, money exchange services; trusteeship of financial futures contracts; trusteeship of money, securities, monetary claims, personal property, land, rights on land fixtures, surface rights or lease on land; agencies in the field of bonds and other securities; foreign exchange transactions; letter-of-credit related services, namely, issuing of letters of credit; financial services, namely, brokerage of credit purchase, namely, [clarify what service entails; examining attorney unable to suggest acceptable wording; issue of tokens of value; agencies for collecting gas or electric power utility payments; buying and selling of securities, trading of securities index futures, trading of securities options, and trading of overseas market securities futures; agencies for brokerage of securities, securities index futures, securities options, and overseas market securities futures; agencies or brokerage featuring agents for on-commission trading in domestic markets of securities, securities index futures and securities options; agencies or brokerage featuring agents for on-commission trading in overseas markets of securities, and securities index futures; securities underwriting; securities brokerage; processing of transaction of securities subscription or offering; providing stock market information; agencies for commodity futures trading, life insurance brokerage; life insurance underwriting, agencies for non-life insurance; claim adjustment for non-life insurance; [specify type of insurance, e.g., fire insurance underwriting]; insurance premium rate computing; charitable fund raising, in International Class 36
- Telecommunication, namely, [specify telecommunications services, e.g., television broadcasting]; telecommunication, namely, [specify telecommunications services, e.g., transmission of electronic payment processing data relating to] electronic commerce transactions via telecommunications systems or data communication systems; rental of access time to computer databases where users can search and obtain information concerning electronic commerce transactions, in International Class 38
- Designing, programming, or doing maintenance of computer programs for use in electronic commerce transactions; providing search engines for electronic commerce transactions; designing, programming, or doing maintenance of computer programs and software for authenticating users in electronic commerce transactions; providing temporary use of non-downloadable computer programs for use in [specify function, e.g., processing] electronic commerce transactions; programming of software used for internet websites for electronic commerce transactions; design and maintenance of Internet websites for electronic commerce transactions, in International Class 42
- INTERNATIONAL CLASS 45 IS ACCEPTABLE AS WRITTEN.

For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable *U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual* at http://iess2.uspto.gov/netablm/tishn.html. See TMEP §1402.04.

An applicant may only amend an identification to clarify or limit the goods and/or services, but not to add to or broaden the scope of the goods and/or services. 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); see TMEP §§1402.06 et seq., 1402.07.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant must specify whether the wording 'bitcoin' has any significance in the applicant's trade or industry or as applied to the goods and/or services described in the application, or if such wording is a 'term of art' within applicant's industry. Applicant must also respond to the following questions:

- Do the electronic commerce transactions referenced in applicant's goods and services relate to or utilize bitcoin?
- Do applicant's retail and wholesale services accept bitcoin as a form of payment?
- Do applicant's financial, securities, brokerage and/or trading services relate to or utilize bitcoin?
- Does applicant transmit data relating to bitcoins?
- Does applicant's software or software services relate to bitcoins? Does the software process payments in the form of bitcoins?
- Do applicant's goods and services relate to, create, transact, process, or otherwise utilize bitcoins?

If applicant responds in the affirmative to any of the questions above, applicant must provide a clarification or explanation of how "bitcoin" relates to the goods and services. See 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §814.

Failure to respond to a request for information is an additional ground for refusing registration. See In re Cheezwhse.com, Inc., 85 USPQ2d 1917, 1919 (TTAB 2008); In re DTI P'ship LLP, 67 USPQ2d 1699, 1701 (TTAB 2003); TMEP §814.

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In general, foreign attorneys are not permitted to represent applicants before the USPTO (e.g., file written communications, authorize an amendment to an application, or submit legal arguments in response to a requirement or refusal). See 37 C.F.R. §11.14(c), (e); TMEP §§602.03-.03(b), 608.01.

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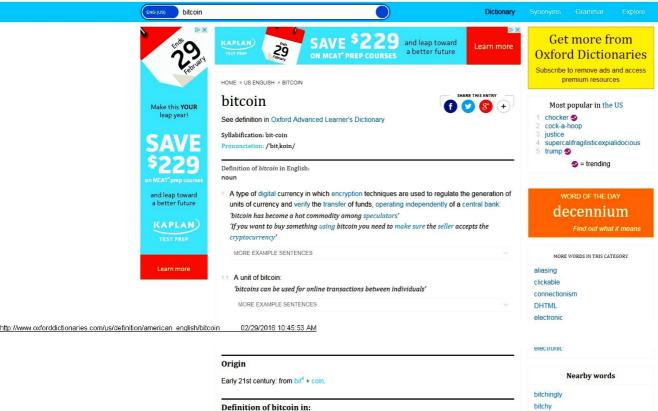
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What is Bitcoin?

Bitcoin is a new currency that was created in 2009 by an unknown person using the alias Satoshi Nakamoto. Transactions are made with no middle men – meaning, no banks! There are no transaction fees and no need to give your real name. More merchants are beginning to accept them: You can buy webhosting services, pizza or even manicures.



Why Bitcoins?

Bitcoins can be used to buy merchandise anonymously. In addition, international payments are easy and cheap because bitcoins are not tied to any country or subject to regulation. Small businesses may like them because there are no credit card fees. Some people just buy bitcoins as an investment, hoping that they'll go up in value. 02/29/2016 11:04:47 AM



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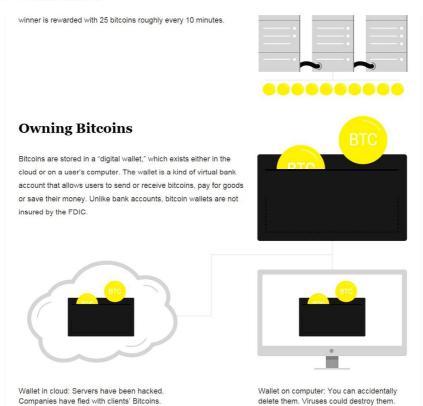
People compete to "mine" bitcoins using computers to solve complex math puzzles. This is how bitcoins are created. Currently, a











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Anonymity



Though each bitcoin transaction is recorded in a public log, names of buyers and sellers are never revealed – only their wallet IDs. While that keeps bitcoin users' transactions private, it also lets them buy or sell anything without easily tracing it back to them. That's why it has become the currency of choice for people online buying drugs or other illicit activities.

Future in question

No one knows what will become of bitcoin. It is mostly unregulated, but that could change. Governments are concerned about taxation and their lack of control over the currency.



By: Tal Yellin, Dominic Aratari, Jose Pagliery / CNNMoney



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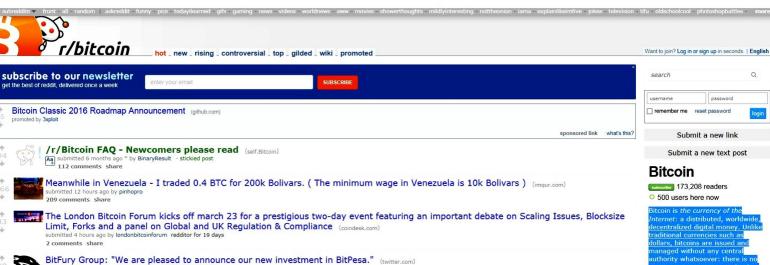
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Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 045. US 100 101. G & S: Regulatory compliance consulting in the field of Bitcoin. First Use: 2013/11/12. First Use In Commerce: 2013/11/12.

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NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE THE BITCOIN SYMBOL AND "COIN VALIDATION" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

Description of Mark

The mark consists of a Bitcoin symbol, placed within a circular

stylized map of the Earth showing the oceans and the continents, placed inside a circle comprising of 20 five-pointed stars, surrounded by a circular border; followed by the wording "CoinValidation".

Colors Claimed

Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark.

Filing Date

2014/01/06

Examining Attorney

GRIFFIN, JAMES

Attorney of Record

Oliver R. Chernin



DESIGN MARK

Serial Number

86226288

Status

REGISTERED

Word Mark

COIN DOMINION

Standard Character Mark

Yes

Registration Number

4674335

Date Registered

2015/01/20

Type of Mark

TRADEMARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Owner

COIN DOMINION LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY VIRGINIA 862 SOUTH HARRISON STREET ARLINGTON VIRGINIA 22204

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Computer hardware and software systems for use in running cryptocurrency client software such as Bitcoin-Qt. First Use: 2013/11/08. First Use In Commerce: 2014/02/04.

Disclaimer Statement

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "COIN" APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

Filing Date

2014/03/19

Examining Attorney

CALLAGHAN BRIAN

Coin Dominion

DESIGN MARK

Serial Number

86341489

Status

REGISTERED

Word Mark

BITSTOP

Standard Character Mark

Yes

Registration Number

4882467

Date Registered

2016/01/05

Type of Mark

TRADEMARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Owner

ATM OPS LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FLORIDA 4612 N. Hiatus Rd. Sunrise FLORIDA 33351

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Automated teller machines (ATM) for bitcoin and currency exchange. First Use: 2015/08/21. First Use In Commerce: 2015/08/21.

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 007. US 013 019 021 023 031 034 035. G & S: Vending machine for the purchase of bitcoins. First Use: 2015/08/21. First Use In Commerce: 2015/08/21.

Filing Date

2014/07/18

Examining Attorney

EINSTEIN, MATTHEW

Attorney of Record

John Cyril Malloy, III

BITSTOP

DESIGN MARK

Serial Number

86353805

Status

REGISTERED

Word Mark

MULTIPOOL

Standard Character Mark

Yes

Registration Number

4722739

Date Registered

2015/04/21

Type of Mark

SERVICE MARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Owner

Cryptofish, LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CALIFORNIA #187 31208 ALVARADO BLVD Union City CALIFORNIA 94587

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: Providing a web site featuring technology that enables users to engage in pooled mining of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrency, namely, the shared computational processing and verification of financial transactions conducted using Bitcoin or other cryptocurrency. First Use: 2013/05/15. First Use In Commerce: 2013/05/15.

Filing Date

2014/07/31

Examining Attorney

PEREZ, STEVEN

Multipool

DESIGN MARK

Serial Number

86392612

Status

REGISTERED

Word Mark

SECURICOIN

Standard Character Mark

Yes

Registration Number

4830063

Date Registered

2015/10/13

Type of Mark

SERVICE MARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Owner

Coinsetter, Inc. CORPORATION DELAWARE 568 Broadway, 11th Floor New York NEW YORK 10012

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: Providing online non-downloadable computer software that features security focused technology to safeguard and transfer digital currency and assets including bitcoin. First Use: 2014/09/05. First Use In Commerce: 2014/09/05.

Filing Date

2014/09/11

Examining Attorney

CLAYTON, CHERYL

Securicoin

DESIGN MARK

Serial Number

86413247

Status

REGISTERED

Word Mark

CRYPTOCORP

Standard Character Mark

Yes

Registration Number

4806967

Date Registered

2015/09/08

Type of Mark

SERVICE MARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Owner

CryptoCorp, Inc. CORPORATION DELAWARE 548 Market St, #38161 San Francisco CALIFORNIA 94104

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 042. US 100 101. G & S: Design, development, and implementation of software solutions for digital currency security, including but not limited to bitcoin currency and transactions involving bitcoin currency; design, development, and implementation of software for Hierarchical Deterministic Multisignature (HDM) wallets and third party verification services for digital currency transactions, including but not limited to transactions involving bitcoin currency; consultancy services related to digital currency transactions software, including but not limited to transactions involving bitcoin currency. First Use: 2013/12/13. First Use In Commerce: 2014/03/03.

Filing Date

2014/10/02

Examining Attorney

COWARD, KATHRYN

Print: Feb 29, 2016 86413247

Attorney of Record Cliff Kuehn

CRYPTOCORP

DESIGN MARK

Serial Number

86422870

Status

REGISTERED

Word Mark

RIVETZ

Standard Character Mark

Yes

Registration Number

4838117

Date Registered

2015/10/20

Type of Mark

TRADEMARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Mark Drawing Code

(4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Owner

Rivetz Corp. CORPORATION DELAWARE 1209 Orange Street Wilmington DELAWARE 19801

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Computer software for facilitating trusted computing; computer software for managing access to a private key; computer software for facilitating storing a private key; computer software managing a private key in a computer network computer software to enable hardware protection of a user's private keys; computer software for protecting private keys, including crypto currency private keys; computer software to facilitate a trusted execution environment (TEE); application program interface (API) software for device identification; computer software to facilitate secure transactions via computer and communication networks, including in the fields of banking, Bitcoin transactions, private messaging, and mobile applications; computer software, namely, software for authentication; computer software for authenticating computing devices, including mobile devices; computer software and hardware for security; computer software for use in safequarding access to digital content, including cryptocurrency, audio, video, text, and multimedia files; computer

software to facilitate authentication of an authorized device or user of a computer system. First Use: 2014/03/31. First Use In Commerce: 2014/03/31.

Filing Date

2014/10/14

Examining Attorney

SOMERVILLE, ARETHA

Attorney of Record

Giovanna H. Fessenden

RIVETZ

DESIGN MARK

Serial Number

86549571

Status

REGISTERED

Word Mark

B BITJOY

Standard Character Mark

No

Registration Number

4840382

Date Registered

2015/10/27

Type of Mark

TRADEMARK

Register

PRINCIPAL

Mark Drawing Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS AND/OR NUMBERS

Owner

Duke, Lowell L DBA Bitjoy INDIVIDUAL UNITED STATES 2825 Bear Springs Trail Austin TEXAS 78748

Goods/Services

Class Status -- ACTIVE. IC 009. US 021 023 026 036 038. G & S: Computer application software for mobile phones, tablets, desktop computers, namely, software for use in managing bitcoin transactions between app developers and users of the developer's apps. First Use: 2015/03/01. First Use In Commerce: 2015/03/01.

Description of Mark

The mark consists of a design of squares forming, from left to right, a stylized uppercase letter "B" and the stylized lowercase term "bitjoy" to the right of the design.

Colors Claimed

Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark.

Filing Date

2015/03/01

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Examining Attorney
TRATOS, MARK STEVEN

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