IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 LASER

Bruce Kirby, Inc.,		:	
	Petitioner,	•	Cancellation No.
v.		•	[not yet assigned]
Velum Limited,		•	
	Registrant.	:	

PETITION TO CANCEL

Bruce Kirby, Inc. ("Petitioner") hereby petitions to cancel U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 for the mark LASER on the following grounds:

1. Bruce Kirby, Inc. is a Connecticut corporation having a place of business at 213 Rowayton Avenue, Rowayton, CT 06853.

2. According to the records of the USPTO, the current owner of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 is Velum Limited, a corporation organized under the laws of Antigua and Barbuda, with an address P.O. Box 1699 17, rue du Cendrier Geneva 1 SWITZERLAND 1211. USPTO records do not disclose an assignment of the registration. USPTO records indicate that the domestic representative for the service of process is Ilan Nordmann, with an address c/o Dory Ventures, 25 Van Zant Street, Norwalk, CT 06855.

3. Petitioner is actively engaged in the field of sailing and the design, manufacture, production, and licensing of boat designs for use in international sailing competitions including the

Olympics, and has an interest in maintaining the integrity of those competitions, including without limitation, the trademarks used in connection with those competitions.

4. On information and belief, Registrant has ceased use of the trademark LASER in connection with the services recited in U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 and intends not to resume such use.

5. On information and belief, Registrant has allowed numerous third parties to use the trademark LASER in connection with the services identified in U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 without authorization or license for a period of greater than three (3) years.

6. Records of the USPTO indicate that the Statement of Use that Registrant filed in order to obtain issuance of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 consisted of specimens used by a third party without authorization or license of Registrant.

7. Registrant knew at the time that it filed the Statement of Use in the prosecution of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 that the specimens of use were not being used by Registrant or by an authorized user or licensee. Registrant submitted the unauthorized and unlicensed trademark specimens of use in the prosecution of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 for the purpose of obtaining issuance of a trademark registration to which it was not entitled under the Lanham Act and USPTO regulations. The USPTO would not have issued U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 absent the submissions of the unauthorized and unlicensed specimens of use submitted with Registrant's Statement of Use.

8. As a result of its non use of the LASER trademark in connection with the services identified in U.S. Trademark Registration 3459524 with an intention not to resume use, Registrant has abandoned the trademark LASER with respect to those services within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1127.

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9. As a result of its allowing third parties to use the LASER trademark in connection with the services identified in U.S Trademark Registration No. 3459524, Registrant has abandoned the trademark LASER with respect to those services within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1127.

10. As a result of its knowing submission of a third party use of its trademark as purposed use in support of registration, Registration committed fraud in the prosecution of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board grant its petition and cancel U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>May 7, 2013</u> Date /s/ Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr. Wesley W. Whitmyer, Jr. Andy I. Corea Brian L. Repper ST. ONGE STEWARD JOHNSTON & REENS, LLC 986 Bedford Street Stamford, CT 06905 Telephone: (203) 324-6155 Facsimile: (203) 327-1096 Email: <u>litigation@ssjr.com</u>

ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this date, a true copy of the foregoing **PETITION TO CANCEL** is being served, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the owner of record of U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524 at the address for the party identified as "Current Owner" in the USPTO TSDR database:

> Velum Limited P.O. Box 1699 17, rue du Cendrier Geneva 1 1211 SWITZERLAND

With a copy by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the listed Domestic Representative for U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3459524

Ilan Nordmann c/o Dory Ventures 25 Van Zant Street Norwalk, CT 06855

<u>May 7, 2013</u> Date /s/Joan M. Burnett Joan M. Burnett