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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION

PETROLIAM NASIONAL BERHAD,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GODADDY.COM, INC.,

Defendant.

CASE NO: 09-CV-5939 PJH

Date: April 28, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Courtroom 3  
Third Floor

PETROLIAM NASIONAL BERHAD,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PETRONASTOWER.NET, an internet domain  
name,

Defendant.

CASE NO: 10-CV-00431 EMC

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND  
MOTION FOR ORDER TRANSFERRING DOMAIN NAME  
PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. § 1125(D) AND  
FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT**

***UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ENTRY OF STIPULATED ORDER RELATING CASES  
PENDING***

NOTICE OF UNOPPOSED MOTION AND UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ORDER TRANSFERRING DOMAIN  
NAME PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. § 1125(D) AND FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT  
Case Nos: 09-CV-5939 PJH and 10-CV00431 EMC

1 **I. NOTICE OF MOTION**

2 TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD: Please take notice that pursuant to  
3 Civil Local Rule 7-11 Plaintiff Petroliam Nasional Berhad (“Plaintiff” or “Petronas”) hereby  
4 makes this unopposed motion for an order transferring the domain name “petronastower.net” to  
5 Plaintiff Petronas pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(D) and for entry of judgment.

6 **II. STATEMENT OF RELIEF REQUESTED**

7 Plaintiff Petronas requests that this Court issue an order directing GoDaddy.Com, Inc. to  
8 transfer the domain name “petronastower.net” to Plaintiff Petronas pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §  
9 1125(D). Plaintiff Petronas further requests an order entering judgment in Petronas’s favor in  
10 this action. Counsel for GoDaddy has informed counsel for Petronas that “GoDaddy is not  
11 taking any position, however, with respect to the allegations in that lawsuit and, in particular, is  
12 not taking any position with respect to your motion.” Ex. A. Plaintiff Petronas is not aware of  
13 any person or entity that does, or would, oppose the motion.

14 **III. MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION**

15 The “petronastower.net” domain name should be transferred to Plaintiff Petronas under  
16 the Anticyberpiracy section of the Lanham Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(D), because there  
17 is no dispute that all three of the requirements of the Anticyberpiracy section are met. First, the  
18 domain name “petronastower.net” infringes Plaintiff Petronas’s federally registered trademark  
19 for the mark “PETRONAS.” Second, Plaintiff Petronas has been unable to find the person who  
20 registered the “petronastower.net” domain name or obtain *in personam* jurisdiction over that  
21 person. Third, the internet registrar—GoDaddy—of the domain name “petronastower.net” has  
22 provided the information required by 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(2)(D)(i) which certifies that this Court  
23 has the control and authority to transfer the domain name.

24 **A. Procedural Posture and Related Case**

25 Plaintiff Petronas filed two actions in the Northern District related to the  
26 “petronastower.net” domain name and filed an unopposed motion to relate the two actions on  
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1 March 24, 2010. Ex. A (Docket No. 30). This action against GoDaddy (09-5939 PJH) was filed  
2 first and concerns Petronas’s allegations that, among other things, Defendant GoDaddy.com  
3 indirectly infringes the “PETRONAS” mark by maintaining the registration of the  
4 “petronastower.net” domain name with actual knowledge that the domain name infringes the  
5 trademark rights of Petronas.

6 Petronas filed the second action as an *in rem* action under the Anticyberpiracy section of  
7 the Lanham Trademark Act against the “petronastower.net” domain name. The relief Petronas  
8 requested in its complaint in the *in rem* action is an order directing GoDaddy.com to transfer the  
9 “petronastower.net” domain name Petronas.

10 This Court has not yet had an opportunity to rule on Petronas’s unopposed motion  
11 relating the two actions. If the related case motion is granted, however, this Court can promptly  
12 consider this motion, which Petronas makes as part of the *in rem* action. If the related case  
13 motion is denied, this motion will need to be re-filed for consideration by the Judge in the *in rem*  
14 action.

15 **B. “Petronastower.net” Should be Transferred to Petronas**

16 Where, as in this case, a domain name infringes a registered trademark and the domain  
17 registrant either cannot be located or is not subject to *in personam* jurisdiction, the  
18 Anticyberpiracy section of the Lanham Act authorizes a Court to order the domain name  
19 registrar to transfer the domain name to the trademark owner. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(2)(A)(i)  
20 and (ii).<sup>1</sup> Because there is no dispute that the requirements of the Anticyberpiracy section are  
21 met in this case, this Court is authorized to order the domain name registrar of  
22 “petronastower.net”—GoDaddy.com—to transfer that domain name to Petronas, the owner of  
23 the “PETRONAS” mark.

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25 <sup>1</sup> A complete copy of the Anticyberpiracy section (15 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(2)(A)) is attached as  
26 Ex. B.

1                   **1.       “Petronastower.net” Infringes the Trademark Rights of Petronas**

2           There can be no dispute that the first requirement for the transfer of the  
3   “petronastower.net” domain under the Anticyberpiracy section of the Lanham Act—that the  
4   domain name infringes the trademark rights of Petronas—is met in this case. Specifically, the  
5   Anticyberpiracy section applies to any domain name “that violates any right of the owner of a  
6   mark registered in the Patent and Trademark Office, or protected under subsection (a) [false  
7   designation of origin] or (c) [dilution] [of 15 U.S.C. § 1125].” 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(2)(A)(i).

8           Here, the “petronastower.net” domain name violates the rights of Petronas with respect to  
9   its federally registered “PETRONAS” mark because it infringes that mark under 15 U.S.C. §  
10   1114 and creates a false designation of origin under 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a). As an initial matter,  
11   Petronas is the owner of the duly registered federal trademark for the mark “PETRONAS.” Ex.  
12   C. In addition, the “petronastower.net” domain name infringes the “PETRONAS” mark under  
13   15 U.S.C. § 1114 because the domain name is a use in commerce of the “PETRONAS” mark  
14   that is “likely to cause confusion” among consumers as to whether the pornographic website  
15   using the “petronastowers.net” domain name is associated with Petronas—which it is not. *Au-*  
16   *Tomotive Gold, Inc. v. Volkswagen of America, Inc.*, 457 F.3d 1062, 1075-76 (9th Cir. 2006).  
17   Moreover, the “petronastoer.net” domain name violates the rights of Petronas under 15 U.S.C. §  
18   1125(a) by creating a “false designation of origin” as to the pornographic website found at the  
19   “petronastower.net” domain name because that site did not “originate” with Petronas and, in fact,  
20   Petronas strongly objects to the site and its use of “PETRONAS.” *New West Corp. v. N.Y.M. Co.*  
21   *of California*, 595 F.2d 1194, 1201 (9th Cir. 1979) (“Whether we call the violation infringement,  
22   unfair competition, or false designation of origin, the test is identical—is there a likelihood of  
23   confusion?”).

24           Accordingly, the first requirement for the transfer of the “petronastower.net” domain  
25   name to Petronas under the Anticybersquatting section of the Lanham is met because that  
26   domain infringes the trademark rights of Petronas.

1                                   **2.       The Registrant of “Petronastower.net” Is Unknown**

2           The second requirement for the transfer of “petronastower.net” to Petronas under the  
3 Anticyberpiracy section is met because Petronas could not locate—despite due diligence—the  
4 registrant of the domain name could nor could this Court obtain *in personam* jurisdiction over  
5 the registrant. Where, as here, the owner of a mark cannot “obtain *in personam* jurisdiction” or  
6 “was not able to find” the person who registered an infringing domain name with the “bad faith  
7 intent” to profit from the use of the domain name, the second requirement for the transfer of the  
8 domain under the Anticybersquatting section is met. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d)(2)(A)(ii).

9           Here, according to GoDaddy’s records, the “petronastower.net” domain name was  
10 registered by “Heiko Schoneneke” whose address is “BPM 195226, 372 Old Street, London,  
11 Ec1V 9AU, United Kingdom.” Ex. D (detailing efforts to contact registrant). The internet  
12 registrant also provided an email address: “dd\_privat@hotmail.com.” Although Plaintiff  
13 Petronas tried repeatedly to locate and contact the registrant, including by Federal Express,  
14 email, and telephone, it was unable to do so. *Id.* Because the registrant of the  
15 “petronastower.net” domain could not be located or subjected to *in personam* jurisdiction, the  
16 second requirement of the Anticyberpiracy section has been met with respect to the  
17 “petronastower.net” domain name.<sup>2</sup>

18                                   **C.       GoDaddy Certifies This Court’s Authority to Transfer the**  
19                                   **“petronastower.net” Domain Name**

20           GoDaddy is the registrar of the domain name “petronastower.net” and, as required by the  
21 Anitcyberpiracy section, has provided certification that this Court has the “control and authority”  
22 to transfer the “petronastower.net” domain name to Petronas. Specifically, 15 U.S.C. §

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24           <sup>2</sup> Section 1125(d)(2)(A)(ii)(II)(bb) refers to “publishing notice of the action. . . as the Court  
25 may direct” as a means of locating a registrant in addition to providing notice at the mail and email  
26 addresses of the registrant. This publication requirement does not apply to the present case  
27 because the publication requirement is irrelevant where *in personam* jurisdiction cannot be  
28 obtained over the domain name registrant.

1 1125(d)(2)(D)(i) provides that, upon the filing of an Anticyberpiracy action, “the domain name  
2 registrar . . . shall expeditiously deposit with the court documents sufficient to establish the  
3 court’s control and authority regarding the disposition of the registration and use of the domain  
4 name to the court.” GoDaddy provided this information to Petronas and it is being filed along  
5 with this motion. Ex. E. As a result, all of the requirements for an order directing GoDaddy to  
6 transfer the “petronastower.net” domain name to Petronas under the Anticyberpiracy section  
7 have been met.

8 **D. Entry of Judgment**

9 In this action, Plaintiff Petronas seeks an order transferring the “petronastower.net”  
10 domain name. Upon the issuance of such an order, the Court will have granted complete relief to  
11 Petronas and entry of judgment will be proper under Fed. R. Civ. P. 54. Accordingly, Plaintiff  
12 Petronas requests that in addition to an order transferring the “petronastower.net” domain name,  
13 the Court also issue final judgment in favor of Petronas.

14 **IV. CONCLUSION**

15 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff Petronas respectfully requests an order directing  
16 GoDaddy.com to transfer the “petronastower.net” domain name to Petronas and the entry of  
17 judgment in favor of Petronas. A proposed order and proposed final judgment are being filed  
18 with this motion.

19 Dated: March 25, 2010

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