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## VIA FACSIMILE 650.618.1499 AND MAIL

Ms. Alana Karen AdWords Trademark Complaints Google 2400 Bayshore Parkway Mountain View, CA 94043

American Blind and Wallpaper Factory Trademark Complaints

Dear Ms. Karen:

We are trademark counsel to American Blind and Wallpaper Factory, Inc. d/b/a decorateday.com, Inc. ("ABWF"). In connection therewith, it has come to our attention that several of ABWF's competitors have purchased advertising keywords from Google that are identical or substantially similar to ABWF's registered trademarks. We understand that ABWF contacted Google to resolve this issue and was informed that Google would rectify this situation only if such competitors purchased ABWF's "full" trademark.

As you probably know, federal and state trademark law protects a trademark owner's commercial identity (goodwill, reputation and investment in advertising) by giving such owner the exclusive right to use the trademark for its goods or services. What you may not know is that trademark law also protects the trademark owner from any person or entity that uses a trademark (i.e. keyword, word, name, symbol or device) that so resembles a trademark already in use as to be likely to cause confusion or mistake in the marketplace. Furthermore, federal law protects trademarks that are unregistered.

ABWF is the owner of and has the exclusive rights to use the following trademarks registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"):

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<u>Mark</u>	Reg. Number	Reg. Date
AMERICAN BLIND & WALLPAPER FACTORY	2,022,925	12/17/96
AMERICAN BLIND FACTORY	1,463,548	11/3/87
DECORATETODAY	2,470,542	7/17/01

(See enclosed web site pages from the USPTO).

ABWF is recognized and well known in the home decorating industry and to consumers nationwide as "American Blind" and "decoratetoday." Many of ABWF's competitors have exploited the notoriety and success of ABWF, and flagrantly attempted to confuse consumers and capitalize illegally on ABWF goodwill and reputation by purchasing identical or substantially similar keywords from search engines. ABWF has been vigilant in defending its marks from infringement and dilution at all costs. As an example, ABWF was awarded in the matter of Decoratetoday.com, Inc. (d/b/a American Blind and Wallpaper Factory, Inc.) v. American Blind & Accessory Co., Inc. and Directory One, Inc., Case No. 01-CV-70804-DT, a permanent injunction by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, permanently enjoining the defendants from using ABWF's "trademarks, service marks or the word 'American' in any variation or combination with the word 'Blinds' either singular or plural...." We would be glad to send you a copy of the Permanent Injunction Order if you would like to read it in its entirety. Please note that ABWF was successful in defending not only its registered marks, but marks that were confusingly similar thereto. Consequently based upon federal law and precedent, use of the following similar marks by Google's advertisers constitutes infringement of ABWF's registered marks:

american blind and wall covering american blind and wallpaper american blind and wallpaper co american blind and wallpaper company american blind and wallpaper discount american blind and wallpaper factory american blind and wallpaper factory discount american blind and wallpaper outlet american blind company american blind discount american blind discount american blind factory

american blind wallpaper american blind wallpaper company american blind wallpaper factory american home decorating american wall covering american wallpaper american wallpaper and blind american wallpaper company american wallpaper discount american wallpaper factory americanblind americanblind americanblindfactory.com americanblindandwallpaperfactory

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In light of the foregoing, we request Google to immediately (a) cease selling ABWF's proprietary marks and marks similar thereto (as set forth above), (b) remove such marks from all campaigns, and (c) remove all advertisers who have purchased such marks (including Wallpaper Wholesaler, Tuggles.net, ezblinds, USA Wallpaper, Window Designer, and Blinds Galore). Please contact the undersigned at (312) 857-7080 with regard to how you wish to proceed with this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Greenspon

SG/sec Enclosures

cc:

Steve Katzman