

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

STEVEN A. RAMOS AND IMAGINE & DISCOV-	)	
ERY, INC.,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	1:14-cv-2073-JMS-DKL
vs.	)	
	)	
LUMIERE INDUSTRIES, LLC AND AGFA COR-	)	
PORATION,	)	
Defendants.	)	

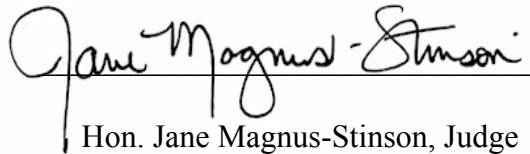
**ORDER**

Plaintiffs filed their Complaint against Defendants alleging that this Court has diversity jurisdiction over their action. [[Filing No. 1 at 1-2.](#)] Plaintiffs properly set forth their citizenships, the citizenship of Defendant AFGA Corporation, and the amount in controversy, but allege that Defendant Lumiere Industries, LLC (“Lumiere”) “is a Colorado limited liability company with its principal place of business in Littleton, Colorado.” [[Filing No. 1 at 1.](#)]

Plaintiffs’ allegations regarding Lumiere are insufficient to establish its citizenship because the “citizenship of an LLC depends on [the] citizenship of its members, traced through as many levels as necessary to reach corporations or natural persons.” [BouMatic, LLC v. Identio Operations, BV, 759 F.3d 790, 791 \(7th Cir. 2014\)](#) (citing [Cosgrove v. Bartolotta, 150 F.3d 729 \(7th Cir. 1998\)](#)). The Court is not being hyper-technical: Counsel has a professional obligation to analyze subject-matter jurisdiction, [Heinen v. Northrop Grumman Corp., 671 F.3d 669 \(7th Cir. 2012\)](#), and a federal court always has a responsibility to ensure that it has jurisdiction, [Hukic v. Aurora Loan Servs., 588 F.3d 420, 427 \(7th Cir. 2009\)](#).

For these reasons, Plaintiffs are **ORDERED** to file an Amended Complaint by **January 7, 2015**, specifically setting forth jurisdictional allegations to establish the citizenship Lumiere and the other parties.

December 22, 2014

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Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana

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