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

**Notice of Opposition**

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

**Opposer Information**

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Docket Number	IPA211550		

**Applicant Information**

Application No.	90179209	Publication date	03/02/2021
Opposition Filing Date	03/25/2021	Opposition Period Ends	04/01/2021
Applicant	UPL Corporation Limited 5TH FLOOR, NEWPORT BUILDING LOUIS PASTEUR STREET PORT LOUIS MAURITIUS		

**Goods/Services Affected by Opposition**

Class 005. First Use: 0 First Use In Commerce: 0  
All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, vermicides, rodenticides, weedicides, preparations for killing weeds and destroying vermin

**Grounds for Opposition**

Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act Section 2(d)
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**Mark Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition**

U.S. Registration No.	2482623	Application Date	02/27/1997
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Registration Date	08/28/2001	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	ACTARA		
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 005. First use: First Use: 1998/04/08 First Use In Commerce: 1998/04/08 agricultural insecticides		

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Signature	/s Jovan N. Jovanovic/
Name	Jovan N. Jovanovic
Date	03/25/2021

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Syngenta Participations AG

Opposer,

v.

UPL Corporation Limited

Applicant.

Opposition No. \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No.: 90/179,209

Mark: ARATKA

**NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Commissioner for Trademarks  
P.O. BOX 1451  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1451

Dear Sir or Madam:

Syngenta Participations AG (“Opposer”), a Aktiengesellschaft, organized under the laws of Switzerland, having an address of Schwarzwaldallee 215, Basel, 4058, Switzerland, believes it will be damaged by registration of U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 90/179,209 (“Application”) for the mark ARATKA (“Applicant’s Mark”), filed on September 14, 2020, by UPL Corporation Limited, a Limited Company organized under the laws of Mauritius having an address of 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newport Building, Louis Pasteur Street, Port Louis, Mauritius (“Applicant”) and hereby opposes the same.

As grounds for opposition, it is alleged:

1. By the Application filed on September 14, 2020, Applicant seeks to obtain registration on the Principal Register for the trademark ARATKA for *Herbicides, pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, vermicides, rodenticides, weedicides, preparations for killing weeds and destroying vermin* in International Class 005. (“Applicant’s Goods”). The Application was filed based on Applicant’s bona fide intent to use the subject mark in commerce.

2. Opposer is a leading global agriculture company that helps improve global food security by enabling millions of farmers to make better use of available resources. Opposer’s goods support a broad array of applications, but not limited to, crop protection, healthy soil and better vegetable availability on the shelf.

3. Since at least as early as April 8, 1998, long before Applicant filed the Application, Opposer has provided and continues to provide its goods in connection with Opposer’s registered ACTARA (“Opposer’s Mark”).

4. Opposer through substantial use and promotion, has acquired significant goodwill and consumer recognition in its ACTARA mark. Opposer’s Mark is strong and well-known.

5. To protect its substantial goodwill and investment in its ACTARA mark, in addition to any common law rights, Opposer is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 2482623 for *Agricultural insecticides* in International Class 005. Opposer first used the ACTARA Registration for over twenty-two and a half (22.5) years before Applicant filed the Application. True and correct copies of the specifics of the ACTARA Registration obtained from the PTO’s TESS database is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made of record.

6. Hereinafter in the Notice of Opposition, the goods identified in Opposer’s Federal registration as specified in Paragraph 5 above are valid, subsisting, unrevoked, and uncanceled.

As such, they constitute *prima facie* evidence of the validity of the registered mark and of the registration thereof, Opposer's ownership of the ACTARA mark shown therein, and Opposer's exclusive right to use the registered mark in commerce in connection with the goods named therein, without condition or limitation. The Federal registration also constitutes notice to Applicant of Opposer's claim of ownership of the ACTARA mark shown therein, all as provided in Sections 7(b), 22 and 33(a) of the Trademark Act, as amended.

7. Further, Opposer's Federal registration as specified in Paragraph 5 above is incontestable. Section 15 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C § 1065. Therefore, the registration constitutes conclusive evidence of the validity of the registered mark and of the registration of the mark, of Opposer's ownership of its mark, and of Opposer's exclusive right to use the registered mark in commerce as provided in Section 33 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1115.

8. Opposer's first use date, filing date, and registration date for the Federal registration specified in Paragraph 5 substantially precede the Application's filing date. Accordingly, Applicant knew or should have known of Opposer's ownership, use and registration of the ACTARA mark prior to the filing date of the Application.

9. In addition to the protection afforded to Opposer by its Federal trademark registration, Opposer has extensive common law rights in its ACTARA mark in connection with the goods with which Opposer uses the ACTARA mark, including without limitation, Opposer's Goods, throughout the United States. Opposer has acquired such common law rights through long-standing, exclusive use of its ACTARA mark in interstate commerce for over twenty-two and half (22.5) years. Opposer's common law rights in its ACTARA mark were established long before and predate the filing of the Application.

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