Decision for dispute CAC-UDRP-101556

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Domain names	cibsocietegenerale.com

Case administrator

Organization	Iveta Špiclová (Czech Arbitration Court) (Case admin)

Complainant

Organization	SOCIETE GENERALE

Complainant representative

Organization	Nameshield (Maxime Benoist)

Respondent

Name	Finba Trusty

OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Panel is not aware of any legal proceedings which relate to the disputed domain name.

IDENTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The Complainant is the proprietor of, inter alia, the following registered trademarks:

International Trademark No. 430526 for SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE filed on 18 January 1977

EU Trademark No. 004620605 for a logo consisting principally of the words SOCIETE GENERALE filed on 5 September 2005

International Trademark No. 819196 for SG-CIB filed on 2 May 2003

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Complainant is a multinational bank based in France operating under the mark SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE. It has a subsidiary called Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking, which uses the marks Societe Generale CIB and SG-CIB.

The disputed domain name does not resolve to an active website.

The Complainant sent a cease and desist letter to the Respondent on 19 May 2017, but did not receive any reply.

PARTIES CONTENTIONS

No administratively compliant Response has been filed.

RIGHTS

The Complainant has, to the satisfaction of the Panel, shown the disputed domain name is identical or confusingly similar to a trademark or service mark in which the Complainant has rights (within the meaning of paragraph 4(a)(i) of the Policy).

NO RIGHTS OR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS

The Complainant has, to the satisfaction of the Panel, shown the Respondent to have no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the disputed domain name (within the meaning of paragraph 4(a)(ii) of the Policy).

BAD FAITH

The Complainant has, to the satisfaction of the Panel, shown the disputed domain name has been registered and is being used in bad faith (within the meaning of paragraph 4(a)(iii) of the Policy).

PROCEDURAL FACTORS

The Panel is satisfied that all procedural requirements under UDRP were met and there is no other reason why it would be inappropriate to provide a decision.

PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The disputed domain name is confusingly similar to the Complainant's trademarks. Many internet users would assume that it is a domain name used by the Complainant's subsidiary, Societe Generale CIB.

The Respondent has not made any use or preparations to use the disputed domain name for any bona fide offering of goods or services or any fair or legitimate non-commercial use. It is not authorised by the Complainant to use the disputed domain name and is not commonly known by this name or any corresponding name. There is no other basis on which the Respondent could claim any rights or legitimate interests in the disputed domain name.

Bad faith registration and use can be inferred from the fact that the disputed domain name must be intended to refer to the Complainant's subsidiary Societe Generale CIB and the absence of any bona fide use in connection with the Complainant's group.

FOR ALL THE REASONS STATED ABOVE, THE COMPLAINT IS

Accepted

AND THE DISPUTED DOMAIN NAME(S) IS (ARE) TO BE

1. **CIBSOCIETEGENERALE.COM**: Transferred

PANELLISTS

Name	**Jonathan Turner**

DATE OF PANEL DECISION 2017-08-15

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