

Decision for dispute CAC-UDRP-105421

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Domain names	schneiderelectric-france.com

Case administrator

Name	Olga Dvořáková (Case admin)
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Complainant

Organization	SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE
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Complainant representative

Organization	NAMESHIELD S.A.S.
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Respondent

Name	lancien snheiders
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OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Panel is not aware of any other legal proceedings which are pending or decided and which relate to the disputed domain name.

IDENTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The Complainant is the owner of the EUTM (Reg. No. 1103803) SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC, registered on March 12, 1999, and other international trademarks, incorporating the brand of SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Complainant (Schneider Electric SE), which was founded in 1871, is a French industrial business trading internationally. It manufactures and offers products for power management, automation and related solutions. The Complainant is featured on the NYSE Euronext and the French CAC 40 stock market index. In 2019, the Complainant revenues amounted to 28.9 billion euros.

The Complainant also is using and communicating on the Internet through various domain names, the main one being <schneiderelectric.com>, registered on April 4, 1996.

The disputed domain name <schneiderelectric-france.com> was registered on April 27, 2023.

The disputed domain name resolves to a registrar parking page. MX servers are also configured for the disputed domain name.

PARTIES CONTENTIONS

The Complainant submits that the requirements of the Policy have been met and that the disputed domain name should be transferred to it.

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 Panel agrees with the Complainant that the disputed domain name <schneiderelectric-france.com> is confusingly similar to the Complainant's trademark SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC. The evidence presented by the Complainant shows the extensive use of its trademark internationally and it is, therefore, regarded as the well known trademark. The Panel agrees with the Complainant that the addition of geographical term "FRANCE" to the well-known sign does not set aside the confusing similarity between the disputed domain name and the Complainant's trademark (see section 1.8 of WIPO Overview 3.0). On the contrary, the addition of the term "FRANCE" refers directly to the Complainant who is a French industrial business.

The Panel acknowledges that the Complainant presented prima facie evidence that the Respondent is not sponsored by or affiliated with Complainant in any way. Furthermore, Complainant has not licensed, authorized, or permitted Respondent to use Complainant's trademark in any manner, including in domain names. The disputed domain name is not used for the website purposes (resolves only to a registrar parking page), however, it has been set up with MX records which suggests that it may be actively used for e-mail purposes. The panels in previous CAC UDRP cases underlined that such activity would be far from any good faith use (see the decision of CAC Case No. 102827, JCDECAUX SA v. Handi Hariyono: "There is no present use of the disputed domain name but there are several active MX records connected to the disputed domain name. It is concluded that it is inconceivable that the Respondent will be able to make any good faith use of the disputed domain name as part of an e-mail address."). In conclusion, Respondent's use of the disputed domain name does not constitute a bona fide offering of goods or services or a legitimate non-commercial or fair use (Policy Para. 4(a)(ii)).

As no administratively compliant response has been provided to the Panel and the prima facie evidence was not challenged by the Respondent, the Panel concludes that the Respondent, when it registered the disputed domain name, meant nothing else except the Complainant's trademark SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC (see WIPO Overview 3.0, para. 3.1.1). Previous UDRP panels have consistently found that the mere registration of a domain name that is identical or confusingly similar (particularly domain names incorporating the entire trademark plus a geographical term) to a famous or widely-known trademark by an unaffiliated entity can by itself create a presumption of bad faith. Accordingly, the Panel finds that the disputed domain name was registered in bad faith. Moreover, previous panels have also held that the use of a domain name for purposes other than to host a website may constitute bad faith, namely, sending e-mail, phishing, identity theft, or malware distribution (see WIPO Overview 3.0, para. 3.4). As the disputed domain name has been set up with MX records (which means that it may be actively used for email purposes), the Panel is, therefore, convinced that the disputed domain name was also used in bad faith.

FOR ALL THE REASONS STATED ABOVE, THE COMPLAINT IS

Accepted

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

1. **schneiderelectric-france.com**: Transferred
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DATE OF PANEL DECISION **2023-06-13**

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