

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICE

D00023156

**Decision of Independent Expert
(Summary Decision)**

Sands Capital Management, LP

and

RKT Webservices

1. The Parties:

Complainant: Sands Capital Management, LP
1000 Wilson Blvd. Suite 3000
Arlington
Virginia
22209
United States

Respondent: RKT Webservices
Louisiana St 1000
Houston
TX
77002
United States

2. The Domain Name:

sandsuk.co.uk

3. Notification of Complaint

I hereby certify that I am satisfied that Nominet has sent the complaint to the Respondent in accordance with section 3 and 6 of the Policy.

Yes

4. Rights

The Complainant has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown rights in respect of a name or mark which is identical or similar to the domain name.

Yes

5. Abusive Registration

The Complainant has, to my reasonable satisfaction, shown that the domain name sandsuk.co.uk is an abusive registration.

Yes

6. Other Factors

I am satisfied that no other factors apply which would make a summary decision unconscionable in all the circumstances.

Yes

7. Comments (optional)

On the basis of its ownership of its SANDS CAPITAL and SANDSCAP marks, its registrations for its SANDS CAPITAL marks, and its evidence of the use and recognition of those marks, Complainant has established Rights in the relevant marks.

Respondent has taken Complainant's founder's distinctive surname, SANDS, the core of its marks and brand, and simply added "uk" and "co.uk," falsely suggesting that the Domain Name is the Internet presence of Complainant's U.K. affiliate.

The website to which the Domain Name resolved was almost entirely copied from Complainant's legitimate website. Further, Complainant has adduced compelling

circumstantial evidence that links the Domain Name with at least one prior objectionable domain name.

The Expert finds that Respondent acquired the Domain Name for the purpose of unfairly disrupting Complainant's business within the meaning and purview of Policy § 5.1.1.3.

8. Decision

I grant the Complainant's application for a summary decision. In accordance with section 12 of the Policy, the domain name will therefore be transferred to the Complainant.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Paul M. ...', is written over the 'Signed:' label.

Dated: 07 December 2020