

TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET

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SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT		
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	Termination and Release of Security Interest in Trademarks Recorded at Reel 7141, Frame 0712		
CONVEYING PARTY DATA			
Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
Stellus Capital Investment Corporation		09/01/2023	Corporation: MARYLAND
RECEIVING PARTY DATA			
Name:	Vortex Companies, LLC		
Street Address:	18150 Imperial Valley Drive		
City:	Houston		
State/Country:	TEXAS		
Postal Code:	77060		
Entity Type:	Limited Liability Company: DELAWARE		
PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 6			
Property Type	Number	Word Mark	
Registration Number:	6174307	CREW CARE	
Registration Number:	6169351	WE WIN BIG TOGETHER	
Registration Number:	6106085	WHY DIG?	
Registration Number:	5960426		
Registration Number:	5349794	VORTEX INFRASTRUCTURE	
Registration Number:	5349792	VORTEX INFRASTRUCTURE	
CORRESPONDENCE DATA			
Fax Number:			
<i>Correspondence will be sent to the e-mail address first; if that is unsuccessful, it will be sent using a fax number, if provided; if that is unsuccessful, it will be sent via US Mail.</i>			
Phone:	2136207848		
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NAME OF SUBMITTER:	Justine Lu		
SIGNATURE:	/Justine Lu/		

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DATE SIGNED:	09/01/2023
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Total Attachments: 4

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**TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST
IN TRADEMARKS**

This **TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST IN TRADEMARKS**, dated as of September 1, 2023 (“Release”), is made by Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, as Administrative Agent (“Administrative Agent”) in favor of Vortex Companies, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Grantor”).

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Security Agreement dated as of December 21, 2020 (as (“Security Agreement”) by and among the Grantor, Administrative Agent, and others party thereto, Grantor collaterally assigned to, and pledged and granted to the Administrative Agent, for it and the benefit of the Secured Parties, a security interest in the entire right, title and interest of Grantor in and to all Trademarks, including the trademark registrations and trademark applications listed on Schedule A attached hereto (collectively, “Trademark Collateral”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Security Agreement, Grantor executed and delivered to Administrative Agent the Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Trademarks recorded at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) on December 21, 2020 at Reel 7141 Frame 0712 (“Notice”).

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, and Grantor agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Defined Terms. All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Security Agreement or Notice.

SECTION 2. Termination and Release. Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, without any representation, warranty, recourse, or undertaking of any kind (whether express or implied), hereby:

(a) terminates, cancels, discharges, and releases the collateral assignment to and security interest in the entire right, title and interest of Grantor in and to the Trademark Collateral, including, but not limited to, the foregoing listed on Schedule A attached hereto, granted pursuant to the Security Agreement or Notice; and

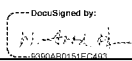
(b) authorizes the recordation of this Release with the USPTO at Grantor’s expense.

SECTION 3. Choice of Law. This Release shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, has caused this Termination and Release of Security Interest in Trademarks to be duly executed as of the date first set forth above.

Administrative Agent:

Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, as Administrative Agent

By:  _____
DocuSigned by:
W. Todd Huskinson
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Name: W. Todd Huskinson

Title: Authorized Signatory

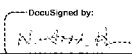
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, has caused this Termination and Release of Security Interest in Trademarks to be duly executed as of the date first set forth above.

Administrative Agent:

Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, as Administrative Agent

By: 
Name: W. Todd Huskinson
Title: Authorized Signatory

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Schedule A

**Vortex Companies, LLC
(Delaware Limited Liability Company)**

**U.S. Trademarks Subject to Security Interest
Granted by Vortex Companies, LLC
In Favor of Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, as Administrative Agent
Recorded December 21, 2020 at Reel 7141 Frame 0712**

Trademark Registrations

Mark	Reg. No.	Reg. Date
CREW CARE	6174307	10/13/2020
WE WIN BIG TOGETHER	6169351	10/06/2020
WHY DIG?	6106085	07/21/2020
Design Only	5960426	01/14/2020
VORTEX INFRASTRUCTURE	5349794	12/05/2017
VORTEX INFRASTRUCTURE and Design	5349792	12/05/2017