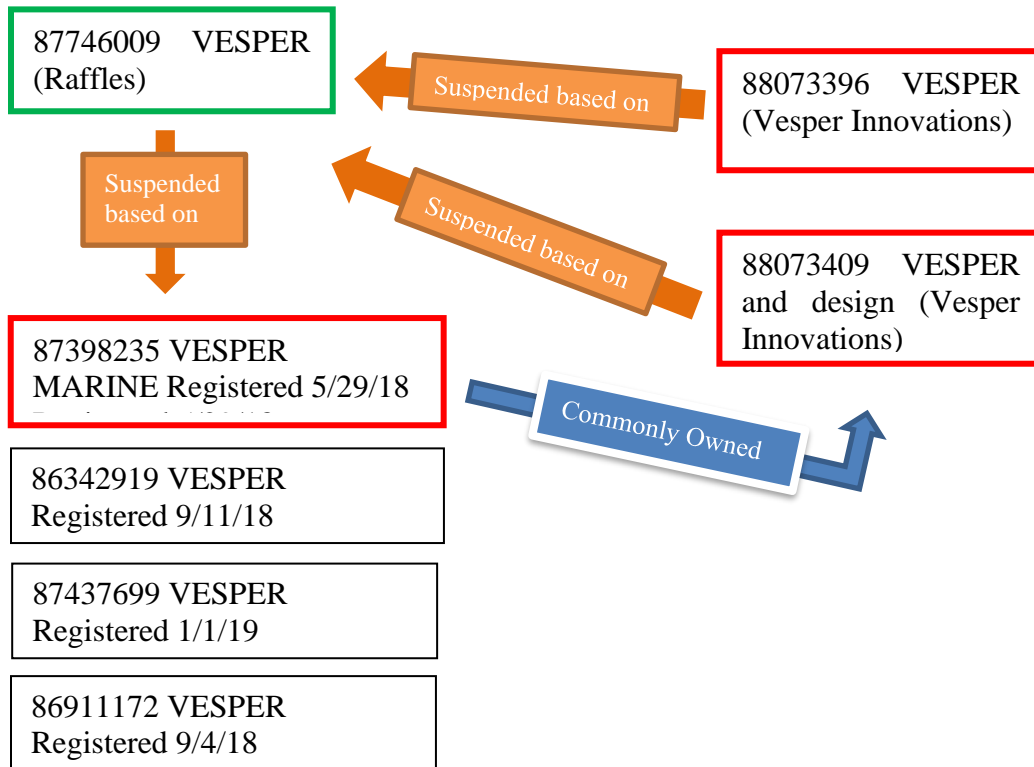


The applicant respectfully requests that the examining attorney lift the suspension in this application. This application has been suspended for two years, based on a single cited application which is also suspended based on several other marks, all of which are registered and none of which remain pending.

The current applicant (Vesper Innovations Limited) is the owner of a prior registration for VESPER MARINE, registration number 5478572 registered May 29, 2018 and claiming a date of first use as of February 27, 2008. The applicant also has two applications currently pending: VESPER (application 88073396) and VESPER and design (application 88073409). Each claims a similar description of goods in international class 9. These are all circled in red below.

The Applicant's VESPER application and its VESPER *and design* application are both suspended based on application 87746009 for the mark VESPER, in the name of Raffles Investments (Proprietary) Limete ETC. This application (the "Raffles VESPER" application, in the green box below) is also suspended. Because the Raffles VESPER application includes several classes of goods, it is suspended based on five separate registrations: serial numbers 87398235, 87437699, 86911172, and 87246040. Notably, one of these five registrations is the current applicant's earlier registration for VESPER MARINE, described above. Moreover, *all* of the marks cited against the Raffles VESPER application in the suspension letter are either registered or dead. Indeed, that has been the case for nearly a year, and most of those marks were registered at the time of the original suspension letter, yet the application remains suspended.

Graphically, the above summary is represented below.



At this stage, the Raffles VESPER application should not be suspended. Each and every application listed in the suspension letter is registered or dead, and has been in that status for nearly a year. Once the Raffles VESPER application is examined again, it should be rejected based on the present applicant's own prior mark for VESPER MARINE, and in any event it will allow the currently pending application to be examined again rather than remaining in an indefinite and circular suspension.