

Decision for dispute CAC-UDRP-103742

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Domain names	lu-arcelormittal.com
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Case administrator

Organization	Denisa Bilík (CAC) (Case admin)
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Complainant

Organization	ARCELORMITTAL (SA)
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Complainant representative

Organization	Nameshield (Enora Millocheau)
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Respondent

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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 several "ARCELORMITTAL" trademarks, among which the International Trademark "ARCELORMITTAL" n° 947686 ("the ARCELORMITTAL trademark").

The Complainant also uses multiple domain names consisting of the wording "ARCELORMITTAL", such as <arcelormittal.com>, which is connected to the official website of the Complainant ("the ARCELORMITTAL domain name").

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

FACTS ASSERTED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND NOT CONTESTED BY THE RESPONDENT:

The Complainant is the world's largest steel producing company and the market leader in steel for use in automotive, construction, household appliances, and packaging. It holds sizeable captive supplies of raw materials and operates extensive distribution networks. The Complainant has its headquarters in Luxembourg (see <arcelormittal.com>).

The Complainant uses the ARCELORMITTAL trademark and the ARCELORMITTAL domain name in connection to its

activities worldwide.

The Respondent registered the domain name <lu-arcelormittal.com> on April 12, 2021 ("the disputed domain name"). The disputed domain name is currently not being used for an active website, and it appears that it has never been used for an active website since it was registered.

PARTIES CONTENTIONS

NO ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLIANT RESPONSE HAS BEEN FILED.

RIGHTS

The Complainant has, to the satisfaction of the Panel, shown that 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 that the Respondent has 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 that 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 the Policy are met and that there is no reason why it would be inappropriate to provide a decision.

PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR THE DECISION

I. The disputed domain name is confusingly similar to the Complainant's trademark

The Panel finds that the disputed domain name <lu-arcelormittal.com> is confusingly similar to the Complainant's ARCELORMITTAL trademark. The disputed domain name incorporates entirely the ARCELORMITTAL trademark of the Complainant.

The Complainant rightfully contends that the addition of the geographic abbreviation "LU", which stands for Luxembourg is not sufficient to escape the finding that the disputed domain name is confusingly similar to the Complainant's trademark. As the Complainant's headquarters are in Luxembourg, this could even increase the likelihood of confusion in the eyes of the public.

II. 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

The Panel notes that the Complainant has never granted the Respondent any license or authorization to use the ARCELORMITTAL trademark for the disputed domain name, nor is the Respondent affiliated to the Complainant in any way.

The Panel notes that the Respondent's name or contact details contain no reference to ARCELORMITTAL or similar words or names and is not commonly known under the disputed domain name. Moreover, the disputed domain name is not used for any active website. The Respondent has not by virtue of the content of the website, nor by its use of the disputed domain name shown that it will be used in connection with a bona fide offering of goods or services.

Therefore, the Panel finds that the Complainant has shown that the Respondent has not made legitimate use of the disputed domain name for a bona fide offering of goods or services.

In lack of any Response from the Respondent, or any other information indicating the contrary, the Panel concludes that the Respondent has no rights or legitimate interests in respect of the disputed domain name.

III. The Complainant has, to the satisfaction of the Panel, shown that the disputed domain name was registered and is being used in bad faith

The Complainant's ARCELORMITTAL trademark is internationally well-known for metals and steel production. The reputation and distinctiveness of the ARCELORMITTAL trademark indicate that the Respondent likely had knowledge of the Complainant's trademark at the time of the registration of the disputed domain name.

Moreover, the failure of the Respondent to use the disputed domain name for bona fide offerings and hence to present a credible evidence-backed rationale for registering and using the disputed domain name, as well as the passive holding of the disputed domain name, all show that the Respondent has registered and used the disputed domain name in bad faith.

In lack of any Response from the Respondent, or any other information indicating the contrary, the Panel concludes that the Respondent has registered and used the disputed domain name in bad faith.

FOR ALL THE REASONS STATED ABOVE, THE COMPLAINT IS

Accepted

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

1. **LU-ARCELORMITTAL.COM**: Transferred

PANELLISTS

Name	Tom Joris Heremans
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DATE OF PANEL DECISION	2021-05-24
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