Community Trade Mark Registration No 1224831 OSHO in Classes 41 & 42 in the name of Osho International Foundation ("OIF") and Application for Invalidity No 5063 thereto by Osho Lotus Commune e.V. ("Osho Lotus")

Witness Statement

- I, Thomas Forsberg, also known as Muktesh of Industrigatan 5, 1 tr, S-112 46 Stockholm, Sweden, do hereby state as follows:
- 1. I was formerly the coordinator of a meditation centre in Sweden called Osho Madhur Meditationscenter ("Osho Madhur") (previously Rajneesh Madhur Meditationscenter) located at Fridhemsgatan 41, S-112 46 Stockholm, and later at Rörstrandsgatan 37, S-113 40 Stockholm. I was working at Osho Madhur for ten years from 1989 until 1999 and had close connections, through the centre, with Osho International Foundation in Switzerland and the Osho International Foundation Centre in Pune. I am authorised and competent to make this witness statement and all the statements made herein are true and from my personal knowledge.
- 2. From 1989, Osho Madhur was licensed by OIF to use the trade mark OSHO. Previously, it was licensed to use the trade mark RAJNEESH in relation to meditation services. In line with the terms of license, Osho Madhur always made it very clear that OSHO (and previously, RAJNEESH) was a trade mark of OIF. I can say this because I was personally responsible for all of the publications issued by Osho Madhur including all of the meditation programmes and promotional material used back in 1998/9 and throughout my time at Osho Madhur. To demonstrate this, I attach copies of the front covers and inside pages of old programmes for April to June 1999, July to December 1999 and January to June 2000. In each case, the inside pages contain a statement that Osho ® is a trade mark of Osho International Foundation. I have highlighted this statement and confirm that in English the words "Osho ® ar ett registrerat varumärke som tillhör Osho International Foundation", translate as "Osho ® is a registered trade mark of Osho International Foundation".
- 3. I have been shown a copy of material which I am told has been submitted in these proceedings by Osho Lotus, the organisation owned by Robert Doetsch. This consists of a page from an old issue of the Osho Madhur newsletter and features on the left hand side of the page information about Osho Madhur programme for January to June 1999. At the bottom of the page, it contains an advertisement for an 'Osho Birthday Festival' on 11-13 December 1998. A copy of the material to which I refer is attached at Exhibit TF 1.
- 4. I understand that this has been submitted by Osho Lotus as evidence to prove that the trade mark OSHO is being used by a third party unrelated to OIF. This is clearly very misleading because the use of OSHO was under license from OIF at the time this newsletter was published in 1998.
- 5. I find it highly insulting that Osho Lotus has submitted without my consent a copy of an old programme of Osho Madhur which is out of context and therefore misleading, and, moreover, that it is using this material to attack the licensor and owner of the OSHO trade mark.

AND I MAKE THIS STATEMENT believe all the statements to be true.

Thomas Forsberg

Date: 15th of May 2011