

HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL INC

Applicant

KYODO SENPAKU KAISHA LTD

Respondent

STATEMENT OF CLAIM  
(Order 4, rule 6, Order 11)

1. The applicant is an interested person for the making of the application within the meaning of section 475 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Particulars

- (a) The applicant is incorporated in Australia.
  - (b) To the extent that the application relates to conduct – during the 2 years immediately before the conduct the subject of the application:
    - (i) the applicant's objects or purposes included the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment; and
    - (ii) the applicant engaged in a series of activities related to the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment.
  - (c) To the extent that the application relates to proposed conduct – during the 2 years immediately before the making of the application:
    - (i) the applicant's objects or purposes included the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment; and
    - (ii) the applicant engaged in a series of activities related to the protection or conservation of, or research into, the environment.
2. At all times material to the making of this application the respondent has been and is a company incorporated in Japan and capable of being sued.

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Filed on behalf of the applicant  
Form 7, Order 4, rule 6, Order 11

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3. Section 225 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* established the Australian Whale Sanctuary on 16 July 2000.
4. The Australian Whale Sanctuary comprises, amongst other areas, the waters within 200 international nautical miles seaward of the baseline established under international law of the Australian Antarctic Territory.
5. The Antarctic minke whale species (*Balaenoptera bonaerensis*), also commonly known as the "Southern Hemisphere minke whale", is a member of the Order Cetacea (whales, dolphins and porpoises), Sub-order Mysticeti (baleen whales or mysticetes) and Family Balaenopteridae. Each Antarctic minke whale, part of an Antarctic minke whale and any product derived from an Antarctic minke whale is therefore a cetacean for the purposes of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
6. The respondent has intentionally engaged in a series of activities that have resulted in Antarctic minke whales being killed, taken and interfered with in the Australian Whale Sanctuary, and subsequently intentionally treated and possessed those whales, in contravention of sections 229, 229A, 229B, 229C, 229D and 230 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

#### Particulars

- (a) Between or about 25 February 2001 to 20 March 2001, in the order of 36 Antarctic minke whales were intentionally killed, taken and interfered with by employees or agents of the respondent in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in waters within 200 international nautical miles seaward of the baseline established under international law of the Australian Antarctic Territory between Longitude 142° East to Longitude 160° East.
- (b) Between or about 29 November 2001 to 9 March 2002, in the order of 215 Antarctic minke whales were intentionally killed, taken and interfered with by employees or agents of the respondent in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in waters within 200 international nautical miles seaward of the baseline established under international law of the Australian Antarctic Territory between Longitude 45° East to Longitude 136° East.
- (c) Between or about 21 February 2003 to 8 March 2003, in the order of 13 Antarctic minke whales were intentionally killed, taken and interfered with by employees or agents of the respondent in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in waters within 200 international nautical miles seaward of the baseline established under international law of the Australian Antarctic Territory between Longitude 142° East to Longitude 160° East.
- (d) Between or about 30 November 2003 to 3 March 2004, in the order of 164 Antarctic minke whales were intentionally killed, taken and interfered with by employees or agents of the respondent in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in waters within 200 international nautical miles seaward of the baseline established under international law of the Australian Antarctic Territory between Longitude 45° East to Longitude 136° East.

- (e) The whales, and parts and products of the whales, particularised in paragraphs 6(a)–(d) were subsequently intentionally treated and possessed by employees or agents of the respondent and sold as whale products in Japan.
- (f) The conduct particularised in paragraphs 6(a)–(e) was engaged in using 5 vessels owned by the respondent, being the:
- (i) *Nisshin Maru* (7,575 gross tonnage vessel);
  - (ii) *Yushin Maru* (720 gross tonnage vessel);
  - (iii) *Kyo Maru No. 1* (812.08 gross tonnage vessel);
  - (iv) *Kyoshin Maru No. 2* (372 gross tonnage vessel);
- and, prior to 2002/2003:
- (v) *Toshi Maru No. 25* (739.92 gross tonnage vessel);
- and, from 2002/2003:
- (vi) *Yushin Maru No. 2* (747 gross tonnage vessel).
7. The conduct set out and particularised in paragraph 6 of this Statement of Claim was purported to be done in accordance with the Japanese Whaling Research Program under Special Permit in the Antarctic (JARPA) issued by the Government of Japan to the respondent under Article VIII of the *International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (International Whaling Convention) 1946* (“the Special Permit”). This program has been conducted since 1987/1988.
8. The Special Permit is not a recognised foreign authority for the purposes of subsection 7(1) of the *Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Act 1980*.
9. The conduct set out and particularised in paragraph 6 of this Statement of Claim was not authorised by any permit or recognised foreign authority for the purposes of subsection 7(1) of the *Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Act 1980*.
10. At no time has the respondent been permitted or authorised to kill, take, interfere with, treat or possess Antarctic minke whales in accordance with sections 231, 232 or 238 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.
11. Unless restrained by the Court, the respondent proposes to continue to intentionally kill, take, interfere with, treat and possess Antarctic minke whales in contravention of sections 229, 229A, 229B, 229C, 229D and 230 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in the future.

#### Particulars

- (a) Between or about late February 2005 to early March 2005, the respondent proposes to intentionally kill, take and interfere with, in the order of 13 to 36 Antarctic minke whales in the Australian Whale Sanctuary in waters within 200 international nautical miles seaward of the baseline established under

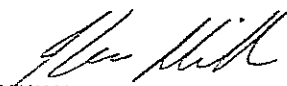
international law of the Australian Antarctic Territory between Longitude 142° East to Longitude 160° East.

- (b) The respondent proposes to intentionally treat and possess the whales, and parts and products of the whales particularised in paragraph 11(a) and to sell the parts and products in Japan.
- (c) The respondent proposes to continue activities similar to the conduct set out and particularised in paragraph 6 of this Statement of Claim in subsequent years.

The applicant claims the relief specified in the application.

This pleading was prepared by Stephen Gageler SC and Chris McGrath of counsel.

Dated: 19 October 2004

  
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Ilona Millar (Principal Solicitor)

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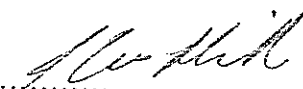
Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE  
(Form 15B)  
(Order 11, rule 1B)

I, Ilona Millar (Principal Solicitor), certify to the Court that in relation to the pleading dated 19 October 2004 filed on behalf of the applicant, the factual and legal material available to me at present provides a proper basis for:

- (a) each allegation in the pleading; and
- (b) each denial in the pleading; and
- (c) each non-admission in the pleading.

Dated: 19 October 2004

  
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Ilona Millar (Principal Solicitor)  
Legal representative for the applicant

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