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Another fake company luring translator into accepting their jobs: Wordminds / wordminds.com . The domain was created on 17 AUG 2013. It is just **another façade for the infamous Travod International**. (READ BELOW ON THIS NOTE).

They are associated with "Traduno – Online Translation – Traduceri online" / traduno.md (MD = Moldova)

In a recent contact, a "Anna" (no other name) sent a message from the IP 188.237.205.225, located in MOLDOVA (more below...). Contact was made through an anonymizer website!

When looking up "Wordminds Limited" at the House of Companies, we find that "Wordminds Limited" has been incorporated on 19MAR2004, and **DISSOLVED ON 21OCT2008**. The scammers took the name of a dead company, "Wordminds Limited", and made up a website with it with no UK registration number, with a **FAKE ADDRESS**: Windsor Avenue, Wimbledon, SW19 London UK (still shown on Translators Café) showing no number and with an incomplete postal code, and with a map showing them located them in the Strand, and not in Wimbledon (actually, South Wimbledon). With this address burnt, they are now (04JUN2014) located in another **FAKE ADDRESS**: 26 York Street, London, W1U 6PZ, London.

Phones: +442081232852 / +442070978511 / +442071935480 / +442071936812 / +442071930080 / +442071932946 / They also use 020 8123 2852, a phone number from Thames View Ltd / 41, Erebus Drive, London, United Kingdom, SE28 0GB / Other phones used: (347) 354-1821 / (631) 479-2692 / (631) 629-5163

Also weird: this "UK company" pays in Euros and requests jobs to be delivered in CET hours...
On ProZ, they're members of "Educational Testing Service – TOEFL" **REALLY?**

On Translation Directory, they pose as "Wordminds Translations (English to German Translator)" and claiming «I am a native speaker of German»!!!

On TRADUguide, they're located in the British Virgin Islands (recently they changed the address to the UK)!!!

On Twitter, they're located in the US!

On their PDF flyer, they write: «*Honesty and transparency are the cornerstones of our work.*» **REALLY?**
Skype: wordminds.translate was located NOWHERE (later changed to London)! / sales1.wordminds (Andrew Wordminds)

This is just a hilarious example about how this gang does its business (!) in the translation world. In the words of one of their "sales managers" (read "spammer"), their job is: «*Presentation and selling companies services through emails and phone calls. Database cold calling.*» They last, on average, 4-5 months on their glorious spamming careers, and they work on this address *Copou (Iasi, Romania), Habitat Building – Blv. Carol I (near TimeOut café)*. They are paid 1000 Ron (223,00 EUR/month) + monthly sales bonus!!! Read also how these clowns should be treated.

NOTE (06JUN2014): Claiming everywhere to be a UK based company, these scammers had to deny everything to one of their victims at the time of payment. Data from their invoice:

1. *Payment method: Paypal: payment@wordminds.com*

2. *We are not subject to VAT.*

3. *Company registration number: 2053658* ("because we are incorporated in Hong Kong, and we have a branch in London") **Additional Note**: "Wordminds Limited" was incorporated (in HONG KONG) on 13 MAR 2014. Company registration number (CR): 2053658. **REMEMBER**: Their domain was created on 17 AUG 2011! **So, the "branch" was created 3 years before the head company?**

In Romania, Wordminds SRL (CUI / Fiscal ID: 33653138) was founded in 03OCT2014. The phone number (mobile,

Orange) on file is: 0745230049.

NOTE (02MAR2016): On 25MAR2015, another Wordminds Limited was registered in the UK (Cardiff): registration number 9508314 / Registered address: 60 Windsor Avenue, London, SW19 2RR (a mailbox address). And, who's the owner of this company? Taya Burnett, an Australian, residing in Australia!
And, where do they want to get paid («Not VAT payers», they claim in their invoices) ? Here: CIM BANQUE SA (Lugano – Switzerland). And when asked for a UK Bank account and a VAT ID, they just change their "address" in their invoices:

Suite 2405, Progress Commercial Building 9, Irving Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (just another mailbox address...)

ABOUT TRAVOD / TRAVOD INTERNATIONAL / TRAVOD LIMITED

The IP for "Wordminds Limited" is the same as for "Travod International". Travod does claim to have an office in Moldova (besides New York, London and Hong Kong...), but the reading of this piece can prove very educational about the deceptive tactics of this Moldovan company... To our knowledge, this gang is NOT involved in the scamming of CVs, but their operation is but a pack of lies and deceptions.

Their domain travod.com has been registered on 11FEB2009 and ownership data is, of course, not available! They keep several profiles on ProZ: [TRAVOD – TRAVOD](#) (US), [Travod / Travod International](#) and [TRAVOD freelance team](#). VAT/TAX ID: 1688354 (in globtra.com). *Where?*

On [this post on Translation Directory](#), Travod also claims to be based in the USA, but their IP gives them away: 178.168.59.25 (Chisinau, Moldova). Matthew Smith (a FAKE name), the "owner" of Travod wrote (see [Posts](#)) wrote: «Good news! TRAVOD Int. is now an ATA-certified language services professional!!» ([SEE ALSO ON TWITTER](#)) **THAT'S A LIE! ATA doesn't certify companies!** And, even [Mathew's foto](#) (**NOW REMOVED**) is, in fact, an Internet photo found [here](#) and [here](#). So, who is the ghost "Matthew Smith"?

On their ProZ profile, Travod claims to be a member of the Asociación Argentina de Traductores e Intérpretes (their Members Directory doesn't show any "Travod"), of the Association of Translation Agencies (ataweb.nl), now called Netherlands Association of Translation Companies (VViN) (their Members Directory doesn't show any "Travod") and of a phantasmagorical "Asociación de Traductores Profesionales"!!!!

Recently, they claim to be a UK registered company, Travod Limited (previously called "35 Beelions International Limited"). This new company has been created on 29AUG2013 (**THEIR DOMAIN DATES FROM FEB2009**) and the address is a virtual office on 24 Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2BN (UK). **There are 361 companies located on this address!** In their brochure, "headquarters" are located in New York and London (how nice!), and Moldova is their "East Europe Representatives"...

Travod is always looking for "Sales Managers". Their job seems to be spamming websites and portals with ads about their outfit ([see this example, together with Chid David below](#)), and to create ghost users to provide crap referrals like this:

Christopher Cason said: *"Check out Matthew."*

Justine Lopez – Marketing Expert: *"Check out TRAVOD International for prompt and professional service!"*

Paul Frankenberg: *"Matthew Smith is the real deal – check out TRAVOD International."*

Peter Trapasso said: *"Check out Matthew."*

Randy Tucker: *"Check out Matthew's TRAVOD International Translation.... You'll be glad you did!"*

Steven Bonacorsi: *"Matthew is very skilled in International Translation."*

Recently, this gang started an ad campaign under the hashtag #IAmTravod

It is no wonder that [Robert Wiscon / robertwiscon@gmail.com](#) (a known scammer, [Note 69](#)) is on the mailing list of Travod. Being an aggressive bottom-feeder, Travod will send their jobs to whoever is ready to work for 2 or 3 cents, false translators included.

Names used by the Travod / Wordminds gang:

Travod Int.

Travod International

Travod International Agency

Travod International Translations

Wordminds Limited

Wordminds SRL (Founded: 2014 / Fiscal Code: 33653138 / Registration: J22/1538/2014, Romania / VAT No.: NONE)

Wordminds Translations (United Kingdom)

Addresses (mailbox offices) used by the Travod / Wordminds gang:

20 Broadwick Street, London (Travod)

201a Munster Road, Fulham, London, SW6 6BX (Wordminds)

24 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2BN (Travod)

244 5th Avenue, Suite M-284, New York 10016

26 York Street, London, W1U 6PZ, London (Wordminds)

30 Canton Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Travod), i.e., [a shopping center...](#)

35 Sciusev Str, Chisinau, Moldova

44 Bd des Batignolles, Paris 75017, France (Travod) [Nice office, in a protestant church...](#) / [No, we're not lying...](#)

445 Broadhollow Rd Ste C18, Melville, NY 11747 (Travod) / For instance, in [europages.co.uk](#)

445 Broadhollow Rd, Dix Hills, NY 11747 (Travod)

60 Windsor Avenue, London SW19 2RR (Wordminds)

7 Winkley Street, London E2 6PY / 7 Winkley Street London, E2 6PY / 7 Winkley Street, London E2 64Y, United Kingdom (a coworking office) (Wordminds)

[Bucuresti 85/2, Chisinau, Moldova \(Travod\)](#) / [Same address and phone number used by a "Focus Marketing"](#)

Bucuresti 90, Chisinau, Moldova

Bulevardul Carol I 4 E, 700505 Iasi, Nord-Est – Romania (Wordminds SRL)

[Kemp House, 152 – 160 City Road, EC1V 2NX London, UK \(Travod\)](#)

[Kemp House, 152 – 160 City Road, EC1V 2NX London, UK \(Wordminds\)](#)

[Suite 2405 Progress Commercial Building, 9 Irving Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong](#) / Virtual office for many other companies ([see ONE example](#))

Suite M-284, 244 5th Avenue, New York NY 10016 (Travod) / (631) 629-5163

The Apex 2 Sheriffs Orchard, Coventry, CV1 3PP ([mail forwarding address](#), Wordminds)

Windsor Avenue, Wimbledon, SW19 London UK ([mail forwarding address](#), Wordminds)

IP addresses: [178.168.59.25 \(see reputation of this IP\)](#) / 188.138.204.101 (Moldova) / 173.34.10.62 (Canada)

PEOPLE BEHIND THIS COMPANY:

Cristina Lisii / Appointed: 16JUN2014. Cristina is a 25-year old Moldovan national studying in the UK on a scholarship.

David Alexander Livingston / [He started there in 2006 at 23 years of age.](#)

King Howard Cordero Enriquez / Resigned 14AUG2014

Cornelius Platen Grobler / Resigned 10FEB2014

Piers Noel Ormiston Curle (Lawyer, Company Secretary, Wordminds)

[Taya Burnett \(Director, Wordminds, since 25 March 2015\)](#) / Lives in Australia

Tinvision Limited (Company Secretary, Wordminds, since 25 March 2015) / Company belongs to Taya Burnett (as of 09 Mar 2016, Ana Boisteanu).

According to the Companies House, Wordminds Limited was incorporated on 25 March 2015. It shows an impressive Balance Sheet (as at 31 March 2016 and also 2017):

Called up share capital not paid: £ 1000

Net assets: £ 1000

Issued share capital: £ 1000

1000 Ordinary Shares of £ 1 each

Total Shareholder funds: £ 1000

For the year ending 31 March 2016 the company was entitled to exemption under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 [relating to dormant companies](#). On 07 Jun 2017, this outfit has gone dormant (i.e., has had no transactions...),

but on 24 Jul 2017, Simona-Ancuta Baltag is "currently seeking partners in Canada"...

DORMANT COMPANY? In essence, a dormant company is one that has had no significant accounting transactions during the accounting period. A significant accounting transaction is defined as one that the company should enter in its accounting records. Provided no such transactions occur then the company can have dormant company status. It is not required to file a profit and loss account or directors' report. Dormant companies are also exempt from the requirement to file a corporation tax return. ([SOURCE](#)). And yet, with no accounting transactions to show (how are monies received from clients and paid to translators?) we read "Translators without Borders Announces Bronze Sponsor Wordminds". **Another "no accounting transaction"?**

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Elena Grigoras / London / elena.g@travod.com / **On 07APR2015, at 12:30 UTC+1 Elena emails from Moldova (188.138.204.101), and at 16:48 UTC+1, claiming to be based in New York, emails from a Canadian IP address: 173.34.10.62.**
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