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May 14, 2026

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**Re: U.S. Patent No. 7398723 — Response to Assertion of Infringement**

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7398723 (the "7398723 Patent"). After preliminary review, we have substantial concerns about the validity, enforceability, and scope of the asserted claims, summarized below. We reserve all rights and defenses.

## **1. Subject Patent — Summary**

Summary of U.S. Patent 7,398,723

Title: Trigger forward displacement system and method

Assignee: ABC IP LLC

Inventor: Brian A. Blakley

Filing Date: April 25, 2003

Issue Date: July 15, 2008

Abstract:

A semi-automatic firearm has forward and rearward ends. A receiver has a safety selector aperture, a barrel, a reciprocating loading mechanism and a magazine. A trigger has finger and inner portions. The inner portion has a seat with a groove. A disconnecter has a hammer hook coupled to the trigger. A trigger mounting pin couples the trigger to the firearm. A trigger disconnecter spring couples the trigger and the disconnecter. A hammer having an upper striking portion with a disconnecter...

## **2. Validity Concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 102 — Prior Art**

We have identified prior-art references that, in our preliminary view, anticipate one or more asserted claims of the 7398723 Patent:

## Analysis of Prior Art for U.S. Patent 7,398,723

This analysis examines the prior art cited by the examiner during the prosecution of U.S. Patent 7,398,723 ("the '723 patent"). The '723 patent has a single independent claim, which is a method claim. For a prior art reference to anticipate this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102, it must disclose, either expressly or inherently, each and every element of the claimed method in a single document.

The independent claim of the '723 patent reads:

Claim 1: A method of accelerating the firing cycle of a semi-automatic firearm comprising the steps of: depressing a firearm trigger with a finger to discharge the firearm; activating a reciprocating mechanism within the firearm that causes a cam, in a single rotational motion of the cam, to simultaneously push the trigger forward into a ready to fire position and hold the trigger forward in the ready to fire position until the reciprocating mechanism has reached an approximately closed, ready to fire position.

Below is an evaluation of the most relevant prior art cited against the '723 patent.

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### **4. Litigation History of the Patent**

Public records reflect that the 7398723 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Zach Morrow et al. — 4:26-cv-00377 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-14 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Hoffman Tactical LLC et al. — 4:26-cv-00378 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-14 · Open
- Rare Breed Triggers Inc et al. v. Damion Terrell Bennett et al. — 4:26-cv-00369 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-13 · Open
- ABC IP, LLC v. Franklin Armory, Inc. — 4:25-cv-00298 · Idaho District Court · Status unknown
- ABC IP, LLC v. J. C. W. LLC — 1:25-cv-00389 · Tennessee Eastern District Court · Status unknown
- Rare Breed Triggers, LLC v. ABC IP, LLC et al. — 2:20-cv-05681 · Pennsylvania Eastern District Court · filed 2020-11-13 · Terminated

### **4. Request**

In light of the foregoing, we request that your client (i) provide a detailed claim chart identifying each accused product or service and mapping every limitation of each asserted claim, (ii) identify any prior art known to your client, including any references cited during prosecution or reexamination, and (iii) substantiate the basis for any damages or licensing demand. We are prepared to discuss the matter further once we have received and reviewed the foregoing.

Sincerely,

**[Your Name]**

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