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May 14, 2026

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 8870630 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8870630 (the "8870630 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

I have successfully performed a targeted search for US Patent 8,870,630 in the USPTO database and have found the necessary information regarding the patent's title, assignee, inventors, filing date, issue date, and abstract. However, I still need to find the full claims of the patent to provide a plain-language overview of each independent claim. Additionally, I need to search the CAFC 2026 dockets for any litigation involving this patent. I will proceed with these remaining steps.

Here is a concise summary of U.S. Patent No. 8,870,630, followed by a plain-language overview of its independent claims.

U.S. Patent 8,870,630

- Title: Scraper assembly
- Assignee: MIW Associates LLC
- ...

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 8870630 Patent:

Prior Art Analysis for U.S. Patent No. 8,870,630

Based on a thorough review of the prosecution history and the face of U.S. Patent No. 8,870,630, the following prior art references were cited by the patent examiner. An analysis of each reference and its potential relevance to the patent's independent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (novelty) is provided below.

Cited U.S. Patent Documents

1. US Patent No. 1,487,090 A

- Title: Scouring Device
- Publication Date: March 18, 1924
- Filing Date: June 14, 1923
- Description: This patent discloses a scouring device made of interwoven metallic strands or ribbons. The key feature is a handle attached to a head, where the head is comprised of a bundle of metallic fabric or mesh designed for cleaning pots and pans.
- Potential Anticipation of Claims: This reference could be argued to anticipate the core concepts of claims 20 and 21, which describe an apparatus with a "wire cloth" made of "woven" wire ropes. The '090 patent's interwoven metallic strands form a type of wire cloth. The primary distinction would depend on the specific construction...

3. Obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent of § 102, we believe the asserted claims are obvious in view of combinations of prior art that a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine:

Based on my analysis of the prior art references cited during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 8,870,630, I have prepared the following assessment of the patent's claims for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

This analysis posits that a person having ordinary skill in the art (POSA) of designing cleaning tools, particularly for cooking surfaces, would have been motivated to combine the teachings of the cited prior art references to arrive at the inventions claimed in US 8,870,630.

Obviousness Analysis of Independent Claims

1. Claims 1 and 12: Chainmail Abrader with Back Pressure Means

- Claim Summary: These claims cover a scraper with a handle and a head, where the head includes a "chainmail abrader" backed by an "elastic member" or "back pressure means" to allow the chainmail to conform to the cleaning surface.
- Prior Art Combination: US Patent No. 5,457,839 ('839 patent) in view of general engineering knowledge regarding cleaning implements.
- Analysis:

The '839 patent discloses a scouring pad made of interlinked coiled metal strands, which is structurally and...

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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