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Re: U.S. Patent No. US7398723 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. US7398723 (the "US7398723 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

Patent Summary: US7398723

Title: Trigger forward displacement system and method

Assignee: ABC IP LLC

Inventors: 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 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 hook...

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 US7398723 Patent:

Prior Art Analysis for US Patent No. 7,398,723

The following analysis details the prior art cited during the prosecution of US Patent No. 7,398,723 ("the '723 patent"). Each cited reference is examined for its potential to anticipate the single independent claim (Claim 1) of the '723 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim 1 of US7398723:

"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."

Analysis of Cited Prior Art:

The '723 patent itself identifies four key prior art references in its "Description of the Prior Art" section. The analysis will focus on these patents as they were considered by the inventor and presumably the...

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:

Obviousness Analysis of US Patent No. 7,398,723

This analysis examines whether the single independent claim of US Patent No. 7,398,723 ("the '723 patent") would have been obvious to a Person Having Ordinary Skill in the Art (PHOSITA) at the time of the invention, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103. The analysis is based on the prior art references identified in the patent's specification.

Legal Standard for Obviousness

Under 35 U.S.C. § 103, a patent claim is invalid if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art. An obviousness determination requires finding a suggestion or motivation to combine prior art teachings, with a reasonable expectation of success. Secondary considerations, such as commercial success, long-felt but unsolved needs, and the failure of others, must also be considered.

Person Having Ordinary Skill in the Art (PHOSITA)

At the time of the invention (April 2003), a PHOSITA in the field of firearm...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the US7398723 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- ABC IP, LLC et al. v. Timothy Hoffman et al. — 1:25-cv-00389 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee · filed 2025-12-22 · active
- In re: Rare Breed Triggers Patent Litigation — MDL No. 3176 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas · Active

5. 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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