

Declaration of Anna Tanova-Atanasova Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.68 in
Support of Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 8,371,282

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Splat-R-Ball, LLC, Daisy Manufacturing Company,
and S-Beam Precision Products Ltd.
Petitioners

v.

Spin Master, Inc.
Patent Owner

U.S. PATENT NO. 8,371,282

Case IPR2023-TBD

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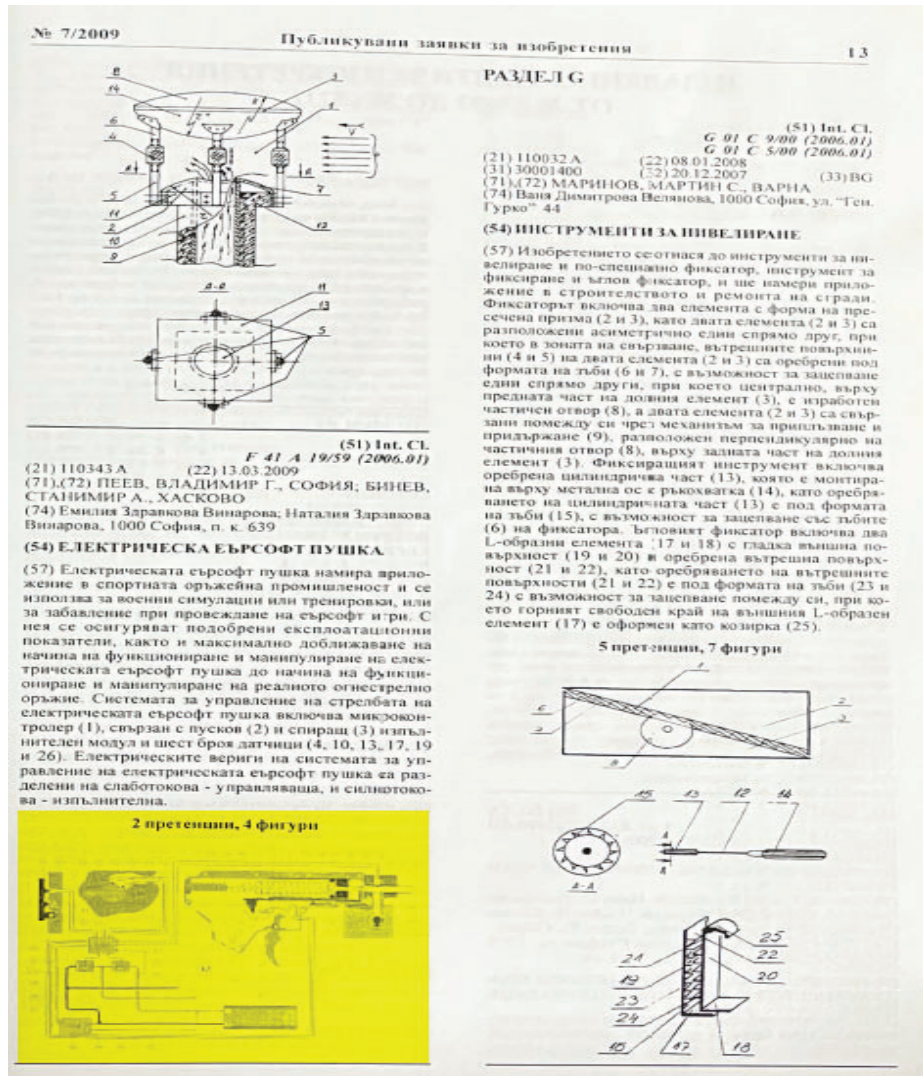
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I, the undersigned **Anna Tanova-Atanasova**, a Bulgarian citizen, attorney-at-law, qualified to exercise the legal profession in the Republic of Bulgaria and member of the Sofia Bar, Personal attorney No. 1500593810, counsel at **CMS Sofia Lawyers' Partnership**, **HEREBY DECLARE:**

1. Exhibit 1011, **Bulgarian National Patent Application No. 110343** (hereinafter referred to as "Peev") was filed with the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria (the "**BPO**") on March 13, 2009, by the Applicants (who are also listed as inventors), namely Mr. Vladimir Georgiev Peev and Mr. Stanimir Angelov Binev.

2. Peev's application was referenced in the **BPO's Official Bulletin Issue No. 7 dated July 31, 2009**. Below is an image of the notification of the Peev application as it appears on page 13 of the **paper version of Issue No. 7**, which is publicly available in the premises of the Central Patent Library of the BPO:

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3. The same image shown above is also publicly available on BPO's official webpage.

4. The above referenced publication of Peev (both in the paper and electronic versions of Issue No. 7) contains the following data: (i) Patent Application Number (No. 110343), date of filing (March 13, 2009), (ii) Names of the Applicants / Inventors and their towns of residence in Bulgaria (Mr. Vladimir Peev – city of Sofia, Mr. Stanimir Binev – town of Haskovo), (iii) IP representative, namely Ms. Emiliya Zdravkova Vinarova and Ms. Nataliya

Zdravkova Vinarova (both having their office in Sofia), (iv) the Abstract of the Patent Application, (v) information that the Patent Application contains two patent claims and 4 drawings, and (vi) an image of one of the drawings.

5. **The Abstract** of the Patent Application as published and currently available in the paper and electronic version of the above referenced Issue No. 7 from 31 July 2009 is translated into English in **Exhibit 1011**.

6. The first page of the Patent Application as well as the Patent Specification, including the description, the claims and the drawings, have been since July 31, 2009 and presently are, publicly available upon request by any person, at the premises of the Central Patent Library of the BPO, and is depicted as the Bulgarian-language portion of **Exhibit 1011**.

7. The applicable Bulgarian **Law on Patents and Utility Models Registration** Section 46(c)(2) that was in force on 31 July 2009 (the date of publication of the Patent Application in BPO's Official Bulletin) is translated in **Exhibit 1012**.

8. Article 46(c)(2) of the above referenced applicable version of the Bulgarian **Law on Patents and Utility Models Registration** reads:

“At the same time as publishing a mention of the application, the Patent Office shall provide access to its description, claims and drawings.”

Exhibit 1012 at Art. 46(c)(2).

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9. Pursuant to Article 46(c)(2), the full description, claims, and all drawings of Peev, as provided and translated in **Exhibit 1011**, were published and available from the Bulgarian Patent Office as of July 31, 2009.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I understand that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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Respectfully submitted,



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