

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

DBR FINANCE, INC.,
Petitioner,
v.

RUGGED CROSS HUNTING BLINDS, LLC,
Patent Owner.

Patent 11,399,535
Filing Date: June 11, 2021
Issue Date: August 2, 2022
Title: CAMOUFLAGE MATERIAL, FOR A HUNTING BLIND

Inter Partes Review No.: IPR2024-00291

**PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL
ARGUMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.70**

Petitioner hereby requests oral argument under 37 C.F.R. § 42.70 and the Board's June 13, 2024 Scheduling Order (Paper 14). Oral argument is currently scheduled for March 14, 2025. (Paper 14, Due Date 8).

Petitioner requests argument on all grounds accepted for trial in the Institution Decision, including:

1. Whether claims 1-5, 8-13, and 15-18 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Whybrew in view of Strength;
2. Whether claims 6-7, and 19 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Whybrew in view of Strength and Ransom; and
3. Whether claim 14 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Whybrew in view of Strength and Hazinski.

Furthermore, Petitioner requests argument on any additional issues that Patent Owner may seek to raise on oral argument including rebuttal to any material in Patent Owner's presentation, any additional issues raised in papers filed in this proceeding to include Patent Owner's Response or Sur-Reply, any additional issues raised in papers which are yet to be filed such as Motions to Exclude and Oppositions to Motions to Exclude, and any other filings, motions, pleadings, or issues deemed necessary by the Board for issuing a Final Written Decision.

The parties have conferred; while Patent Owner has indicated a preference to conduct the Oral Hearing in person, it is Petitioner's preference to conduct the Oral

Hearing remotely via video teleconference. Petitioner is willing to accommodate whatever is the preference of the Board on this matter.

Finally, given the number of grounds and number of challenged claims, Petitioner suggests that an allocation of one hour of time per side would be appropriate for the oral argument.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.105, I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the **PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT** in connection with U.S. Patent No. 11,399,535 to be served via electronic mail on January 29, 2025 to the following email addresses:

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