

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

INARI AGRICULTURE, INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE LLC,
Patent Owner.

Case IPR2024-01014
Patent No. 8,901,378

PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70(a), Patent Owner Corteva Agriscience LLC requests oral argument on all instituted grounds for claims 1–8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,901,378, including but not limited to the topics raised in Patent Owner’s Response, Petitioner’s Reply, and Patent Owner’s Sur-reply, along with any motions to exclude or evidentiary issues raised by the parties, and any additional issues raised by the parties or the Board prior to or during the course of the oral argument. Oral argument is currently scheduled for August 26, 2025. Paper 16 at 12.

Patent Owner respectfully requests that the panel hear oral argument in person at the USPTO main office in Alexandria, Virginia.¹ Given Petitioner’s request for 60 minutes (Paper 30), Patent Owner similarly requests 60 minutes for the oral argument should the Board grant Petitioner 60 minutes. Patent Owner believes, however, that the oral argument could proceed with no more than 45 minutes per

¹ On July 9, pursuant to the Board’s guidance in the scheduling order (Paper 16 at 7), the undersigned counsel reached out to Petitioner to request the parties jointly seek an in-person hearing and asked Petitioner to inform Patent Owner if it objected to this proposal. On July 11, after Patent Owner submitted its request for a remote hearing (Paper 30), counsel for Petitioner responded to the July 9 e-mail, indicating that it had already requested a remote hearing. The parties did not otherwise correspond about or discuss the location of the hearing.

side. To the extent the Board schedules the hearing to last less than 120 minutes of total argument time, Patent Owner requests that it be given half the length of the hearing. Patent Owner also respectfully requests that it be permitted to reserve part of its argument time for rebuttal on the issue of entitlement to a priority date earlier than Barbour's 2006 publication date. *See* Paper 15 at 9 (noting that Patent Owner bears the burden of production). Finally, Patent Owner requests the ability to use computers and audio/visual equipment to display demonstrative exhibits and evidence, including the use of a projector and screen.

Patent Owner is available to meet and discuss this request further at the Board's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing **Patent Owner's Request for Oral Argument** was served on July 14, 2025, via e-mail directed to counsel of record for the Petitioner at the following:

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