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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3	REMOTE TECH: Thank you to everyone for	08:03:19
4	attending this proceeding remotely, which we	08:03:23
5	anticipate will run smoothly. Please remember to	08:03:27
6	speak slowly and do your best not to talk over one	08:03:29
7	another. Please be aware that we are recording this	08:03:32
8	proceeding for backup purposes. Any off the record	08:03:35
9	discussion should be had away from the computer.	08:03:38
10	Please remember to mute your mic for those	08:03:39
11	conversations. Please have your video enabled to	08:03:41
12	help the reporter identify who is speaking. If you	08:03:43
13	are unable to connect with video and are connecting	08:03:47
14	via phone, please identify yourself each time before	08:03:48
15	speaking. I apologize in advance for any technical	08:03:51
16	related interruptions. Thank you.	08:03:54
17	VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins media number one	08:03:58
18	in the videotaped deposition of Michael Jobin in the	08:04:01
19	matter of Trove Brands, LLC, V CamelBak Products,	08:04:04
20	LLC, (PTAB), in the United States patent and	08:04:12
21	trademark office, case number IPR 2024-01137.	08:04:17
22	Today's date is July 10th, 2025, and the time on the	08:04:25
23	video monitor is 8:04 A.M., Pacific time. The remote	08:04:29
24	videographer today is Cole Kirkendall, representing	08:04:36
25	Planet Depos, and all parties of this video	08:04:38

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1	deposition are attending remotely. Would counsel	08:04:40
2	please voice identify themselves and state whom they	08:04:43
3	represent?	08:04:45
4	MR. PETERSON: Jacob Peterson from the law	08:04:50
5	firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, here on behalf of	08:04:52
6	petitioner Trove Brands. Here with me is Zachary	08:04:56
7	Messick, also from Morgan Lewis.	08:05:00
8	MR. MUDD: This is Jason Mudd from the firm	08:05:02
9	of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, appearing on behalf of the	08:05:05
10	patent owner, CamelBak.	08:05:06
11	VIDEOGRAPHER: The court reporter today is	08:05:08
12	Michael Cagliata, representing Planet Depos. Would	08:05:10
13	the reporter please swear in the witness?	08:05:14
14	(Oath given.)	08:05:17
15	DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. PETERSON	08:05:36
16	Q. Good morning, Mr. Jobin. How are you	08:05:36
17	today?	08:05:39
18	A. I'm fine, thanks. Good morning.	08:05:39
19	Q. For my sake, could you please let me know	08:05:41
20	how you prefer I call you during the deposition	08:05:49
21	today? Would Mr. Jobin be all right?	08:05:51
22	A. That would be fine.	08:05:53
23	Q. And just so we're on the same page, we're	08:05:54
24	here to discuss your testimony in IPR 2024-00 -- let	08:06:02
25	me rephrase that. We're here to discuss your	08:06:10

1	testimony in IPR 2024-01137. Is that your	08:06:12
2	understanding?	08:06:18
3	A. Yes.	08:06:19
4	Q. And to make things easier on myself as we	08:06:19
5	were discussing, and easier for you as well, would it	08:06:32
6	be all right if we refer to this particular IPR by	08:06:35
7	the shorthand, IPR?	08:06:38
8	A. Yes. I sometimes refer to the patent as	08:06:43
9	the '255 patent as well. But IPR is fine.	08:06:44
10	Q. The patent that's at issue in this case is	08:06:48
11	U.S. patent number 10,676,255. Consistent with what	08:06:56
12	you just mentioned, would it be all right if I also	08:07:05
13	used the shorthand '255 patent to refer to the	08:07:07
14	specific patent?	08:07:10
15	A. Yes.	08:07:11
16	Q. I'm here today representing the petitioner,	08:07:12
17	Trove Brands, as we said at the beginning. Do you	08:07:21
18	understand that?	08:07:23
19	A. Yes.	08:07:24
20	Q. And even though you're testifying virtually	08:07:24
21	today, do you understand that the testimony you give	08:07:30
22	is under oath and subject to the same penalty of	08:07:32
23	perjury as though you were testifying in a courtroom?	08:07:34
24	A. Yes.	08:07:37
25	Q. And where are you located today?	08:07:43

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1	A.	I'm at my home in Boston, Massachusetts.	08:07:45
2	Q.	Is there anyone -- excuse me. Is there	08:07:48
3		anyone in the home with you today?	08:07:51
4	A.	Nobody in the room with me. My wife is in	08:07:53
5		her office elsewhere in the house.	08:07:58
6	Q.	Do you have any materials with you in the	08:08:03
7		room today?	08:08:05
8	A.	Just my laptop computer on which I'm	08:08:07
9		obviously engaged in this Zoom call. There are two	08:08:10
10		documents that I have available for reference at the	08:08:17
11		moment, and that would be a copy of my declaration as	08:08:21
12		filed and a copy of the '255 patent. Both are	08:08:24
13		un-annotated and in the as filed condition.	08:08:32
14	Q.	And just to confirm, you don't have any	08:08:35
15		other windows open other than the Zoom window on your	08:08:41
16		computer?	08:08:44
17	A.	Let me check real quick. No. Just the	08:08:44
18		Zoom window and then the declaration and the copy of	08:08:48
19		the patent, which are available for reference.	08:08:52
20	Q.	As we go through the questions today, I'm	08:09:02
21		going to assume that you understand the question	08:09:04
22		asked unless you tell me otherwise. Is that okay?	08:09:07
23	A.	Understood.	08:09:09
24	Q.	Is there anything that would prevent you	08:09:10
25		from thinking clearly and testifying truthfully	08:09:17

1	today?	08:09:20
2	A. No.	08:09:20
3	Q. In terms of cadence today, I will try to go	08:09:21
4	for about an hour at a time and then take breaks, but	08:09:30
5	if you would like to take a break earlier, please	08:09:33
6	just let me know and I'd be happy to accommodate	08:09:35
7	that.	08:09:38
8	A. Sounds good.	08:09:39
9	Q. As an initial ground rule, have you been	08:09:40
10	informed that you are not to discuss the content of	08:09:50
11	your testimony with your counsel during the breaks?	08:09:54
12	A. That is my understanding.	08:10:00
13	Q. In this proceeding you have submitted a	08:10:01
14	declaration which has been identified as	08:10:18
15	Exhibit 2016. As we go, would it be all right if I	08:10:22
16	used the shorthand, your declaration, to refer to	08:10:28
17	that specific declaration?	08:10:31
18	A. Yes.	08:10:32
19	Q. In terms of preparation for your deposition	08:10:35
20	today, what did you do to prepare?	08:10:46
21	A. Well, I read through my declaration in	08:10:50
22	detail. I read through the '255 patent again. I	08:10:53
23	read through the prior art references and I read Dr.	08:10:57
24	Vallee's declaration, the petition. I read the	08:11:04
25	board's institution decision. That type of material.	08:11:13

1	In addition, I met with counsel yesterday for several	08:11:20
2	hours.	08:11:24
3	Q. Was there anything you came across during	08:11:24
4	your review that you no longer agree with or changed	08:11:29
5	your mind on?	08:11:32
6	A. No.	08:11:35
7	Q. It looks like there are three individuals	08:11:35
8	named as inventors on the '255 patent. Do you happen	08:12:07
9	to know any of those individuals?	08:12:11
10	A. Well, certainly the primary individual,	08:12:14
11	Choi comes to mind. I would have to check the top of	08:12:16
12	the patent again to remember the other two	08:12:19
13	individuals.	08:12:21
14	Q. And in what -- how do you know Mr. Choi?	08:12:23
15	A. Only as the named inventor, or the first	08:12:31
16	named inventor on this patent. I've never met Mr.	08:12:35
17	Choi.	08:12:40
18	Q. You have not personally met?	08:12:40
19	A. I have not, no. I've not met Choi, no.	08:12:43
20	Q. All right. Can we please mark Exhibit 2016	08:12:46
21	for identification and bring it up on the screen?	08:13:04
22	(Exhibit 2016 marked for identification.)	08:13:08
23	REMOTE TECH: Yes, sir. Marking it now and	08:13:10
24	bringing it up. Give me one second. Here is	08:13:12
25	Exhibit 2016 now.	08:13:22

1 Q. Can we turn to paragraph 40, which is on 08:13:36
2 page 17 of 80 of Exhibit 2016? All right. I would 08:13:41
3 like to ask you some questions about these figures 08:13:52
4 here near the top of page 16, at the end of 08:13:55
5 paragraph 40, let's say. Could you please describe 08:14:02
6 how a user would add liquid to the drink container 08:14:07
7 shown in figures 1 and 2 at the end of paragraph 40? 08:14:11

8 A. Well, the patent specification discloses 08:14:17
9 that the cap assembly is removable from the vessel. 08:14:22
10 So the user can, in this case, unscrew the cap, fill 08:14:26
11 the vessel, and screw the cap back on. 08:14:31

12 Q. Could you please describe how a user would 08:14:35
13 transition the mouthpiece from the stowed position 08:14:39
14 shown in Figure 1 to the dispensing position shown in 08:14:43
15 Figure 2? 08:14:47

16 A. The user would grasp the little portion of 08:14:48
17 the pink part and just simply move it from the 08:14:55
18 position shown in Figure 1 to the position shown in 08:15:00
19 Figure 2. When that pivot mount is rotated about its 08:15:04
20 axis, the mouthpiece that is attached to it comes 08:15:12
21 with it. 08:15:15

22 Q. Could you please describe how a user would 08:15:20
23 drink from the mouthpiece shown in Figure 2 when the 08:15:23
24 mouthpiece is in the dispensing configuration? 08:15:27

25 A. Well, in this embodiment, the mouthpiece is 08:15:31

1 presented in a convenient location for the person to 08:15:35
2 engage their mouth with the mouthpiece. This 08:15:36
3 particular embodiment has a mouthpiece that is 08:15:41
4 intended to be bite actuated. So when the user bites 08:15:46
5 the mouthpiece, the mouthpiece deforms, because it's 08:15:50
6 made of a resilient material, it deforms to open the 08:15:56
7 passageway through which the user can suck the liquid 08:16:00
8 through. 08:16:03

9 Q. Could you please describe how a user would 08:16:06
10 transition the mouthpiece from the dispensing 08:16:08
11 position shown in Figure 2 to the stowed position 08:16:11
12 shown in Figure 1? 08:16:15

13 A. Once again, it's quite straightforward. In 08:16:16
14 this embodiment, the person would simply push on the 08:16:21
15 mouthpiece and pivot mount assembly to rotate it back 08:16:24
16 in the stowed position. 08:16:31

17 Q. You said a person would push on the 08:16:33
18 mouthpiece and the pivot mount assembly -- 08:16:35

19 A. Well, the mouthpiece and the pivot mount 08:16:39
20 are an assembly. They're engaged with one another in 08:16:42
21 such a way that they rotate together. Although the 08:16:46
22 mouthpiece is resilient, you could push on it because 08:16:51
23 it's supported by the rigid pink pivot mount inside 08:16:55
24 of it. So it's sort of enveloping over the outside 08:17:01
25 in the way that it's illustrated in another figure 08:17:05

1 within the '255 specification.

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2 So that assembly of mouthpiece and pivot
3 mount assemble together as shown here are a rigid
4 body that can rotate together. So you can push on
5 either the mouthpiece or the pivot mount in order to
6 put it into the stowed position. You can see,
7 though, that the pink part has a little finger tab on
8 it. It would be logical to be able to lift that
9 finger tab to rotate it if you didn't want to
10 contaminate the mouthpiece with your finger.

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11 Q. When the mouthpiece is in the dispensing
12 position shown in Figure 2, what would happen if the
13 user pushed the mouthpiece away from the handle
14 rather than towards the handle?

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15 A. Well, the pivot mount in this particular
16 embodiment is restricted in the number of degrees
17 that it can rotate. Here, it's rotating
18 approximately 90 degrees from the stowed to the
19 dispensing positions. Other embodiments may allow
20 for a different amount of rotation, but in this
21 particular embodiment the pivot mount comes up
22 against the stop which prevents it from rotating
23 further. So nothing particular would happen if you
24 were to push it further in that direction.

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25 Q. So would it be correct to say that a user

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1	would be unable to push the mouthpiece away from the	08:19:01
2	handle rather than towards the handle when it's in	08:19:06
3	the dispensing position shown in Figure 2?	08:19:09
4	A. Well, you would have to look at the	08:19:12
5	cross-sectional view to get a clearer picture.	08:19:15
6	Remember that this particular embodiment shows a	08:19:19
7	mouthpiece that is bite actuated. It's made of a	08:19:22
8	resilient material. So it is logical that that	08:19:26
9	mouthpiece, at least the tip of it near the distal	08:19:32
10	end, which is marked in dark green, could flex a bit	08:19:32
11	under the force of a person's thumb if you pushed on	08:19:36
12	it with enough force to deform the material, but the	08:19:39
13	natural state as it's engaged with the pivot mount is	08:19:43
14	as shown in these figures.	08:19:48
15	Q. When the mouthpiece is in the dispensing	08:19:57
16	position shown in Figure 2, what would happen if a	08:20:01
17	user held a pivot mount in place with one finger and	08:20:04
18	pushed the mouthpiece towards the handle with another	08:20:06
19	finger?	08:20:10
20	A. Well, as I stated earlier, if you look at	08:20:10
21	the section review of this embodiment, it helps to	08:20:14
22	inform how supported the green mouthpiece part is by	08:20:19
23	the pivot mount in this case. So it's mostly	08:20:22
24	surrounding and engaged with the pivot mount in a way	08:20:28
25	that those portions don't move. The very tip, again,	08:20:31

1 is a resilient material that is designed to deform 08:20:36
2 under the force of bite pressure. So if a comparable 08:20:40
3 pressure were applied to that mouthpiece while the 08:20:44
4 pivot mount was held stationary, some deformation 08:20:49
5 might be expected. But if the mouthpiece is not held 08:21:03
6 stationary I would expect it just to rotate together 08:21:04
7 with the pivot mount. 08:21:05

8 Q. Let's turn to paragraph 112, please. Is 08:21:12
9 that large enough on the screen? 08:21:46

10 A. Yes, I can see it. 08:21:47

11 Q. Okay. So referring to paragraph 112, what 08:21:48
12 does the phrase, "compressive forces" mean? 08:21:58

13 A. Well, this is citing to a particular -- 08:22:09
14 particular paragraphs within the '255 patent. What 08:22:18
15 they're communicating here is how the mouthpiece is 08:22:21
16 adapted to compress when the user bites the outer 08:22:27
17 perimeter of the mouthpiece in a particular location. 08:22:35
18 That compressive forces would be applied by the teeth 08:22:42
19 as the jaw is closing in order to push inwardly and, 08:22:45
20 in doing so, you would distort the shape of the slit 08:22:50
21 to form an opening through which the fluid can flow. 08:22:55

22 Q. The phrase, "compressive forces", is 08:23:00
23 plural; correct? 08:23:05

24 A. Yes, it's plural because teeth are applying 08:23:06
25 force from two different directions at the same time 08:23:10

1 in this instance.

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2 Q. Does claim 1 require teeth to be applying
3 forces from two different directions at the same
4 time?

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5 A. Well, I'm going to look at claim 1 just to
6 see what the language says again.

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7 Q. Could you please mark for identification
8 Exhibit 1002?

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9 (Exhibit 1002 marked for identification.)

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10 REMOTE TECH: Yes, sir. Give me one second
11 and I'll pull it right up. Here's 1002.

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12 Q. And the second page, please. Would it be
13 helpful if I repeated my question, Mr. Jobin?

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14 A. Yes, it certainly would. This is not a
15 copy of the '255 patent, however. It is a
16 reexamination certificate. So I'm looking at this as
17 a document which shows certain modifications that
18 were made to the claims during the examination
19 process.

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20 Q. So do the claims in the reexamination
21 certificate reflect the issued claims at this time,
22 in your understanding?

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23 A. My presumption is that they do, but I have
24 not independently confirmed that recently. If I'm
25 responding to your question, I understood it to be

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1	directed towards the language of claim 1 of the '255	08:25:26
2	patent. So that's where I would normally go to look	08:25:29
3	at that language.	08:25:32
4	Q. Is this the language of claim 1 that we	08:25:35
5	would look to that's shown in the reexamination	08:25:37
6	certificate?	08:25:40
7	A. Well, I can only see a part of the language	08:25:41
8	here, so I would have to compare it to be certain.	08:25:43
9	If you can ask your question, I'll do my best to	08:25:46
10	answer it.	08:25:50
11	Q. My question was, does claim 1 require teeth	08:25:52
12	to be applying forces from two different directions	08:25:59
13	at the same time?	08:26:04
14	A. Well, what I note when I'm looking at	08:26:07
15	independent claim 1 is that towards the bottom of	08:26:11
16	independent claim 1, maybe about two thirds of the	08:26:14
17	way down, there's a limitation which states, "wherein	08:26:18
18	the resilient mouthpiece is adapted to resiliently	08:26:22
19	compress responsive to compressive forces", that's	08:26:27
20	forces plural, "applied to the resilient mouthpiece	08:26:30
21	by a user's teeth." Teeth is also plural.	08:26:34
22	So based on an understanding of anatomy and	08:26:36
23	based on what a person of ordinary skill would	08:26:41
24	understand from this disclosure in the '255, yes.	08:26:43
25	Compressive forces are being applied on both sides by	08:26:47

1 the user's teeth as one bites.

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2 Q. Would that limitation have a different
3 meaning if the phrase read, compressive force, rather
4 than, compressive forces?

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5 A. Well, it says compressive forces. They're
6 applied by the teeth. It's not talking about a
7 scenario where a force is applied in one direction.
8 It's a biting action that's intended to deform and
9 operate the valve. I haven't really considered that
10 question. It seems that it would be different, but
11 forces is plural and force is singular.

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12 Q. Do the independent claims of the '255
13 patent encompass a drink container where the
14 resilient mouthpiece is adapted to simultaneously
15 experience compressive forces from both the user's
16 teeth and from another source?

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17 A. Well, the point of the limitation is that
18 it's directed towards a bite valve and a resilient
19 mouthpiece that responds to and functions under
20 compressive forces applied by the teeth. The
21 specification makes that clear. The specification
22 does not lead me or a person of ordinary skill, I
23 don't think in this case, to understand that
24 additional forces, I mean, outside of gravity, I
25 suppose, that other forces are being applied to the

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1 mouthpiece. Remember, the mouthpiece is engaged with
2 the pivot mount. There's some type of -- typically
3 some type of a friction fit or interference fit,
4 according to most of the embodiments that are shown.
5 So there's a certain amount of tension in the
6 material that's inherent in that type of assembly,
7 but I wouldn't characterize that necessarily as an
8 external force outside of a force applied by the
9 teeth.

10 Q. Do the independent claims of the '255
11 patent preclude the drink container from having a
12 resilient mouthpiece that is adapted to
13 simultaneously experience compressive forces from
14 both a user's teeth and from another source?

15 A. Well, the claims are directed toward that
16 specific scenario where the user's teeth -- or where
17 at least the mouthpiece is adapted to respond to
18 forces by a user's teeth. It's not covering -- it's
19 not directed towards a situation while it's being
20 bit, if that's what you're getting towards. It's
21 describing a configuration or a structure that is
22 adapted to allow a user to bite the valve in order to
23 -- it's adapted to and configured to allow the user
24 to bite it to use it, but it's not describing
25 anywhere here that I can see other forces that are

1 applied at the same time. I don't know that that's 08:31:12
2 something that's within the scope of this particular 08:31:16
3 independent claim. 08:31:20

4 Q. Are those other forces precluded by the 08:31:24
5 language of the independent claims? 08:31:29

6 A. Well, again, I think I already stated that 08:31:30
7 other forces exist in its system such as this. I 08:31:33
8 mean, we have gravity that's acting upon the pivot 08:31:37
9 and acting upon the mouthpiece. I'm not aware of any 08:31:41
10 other forces acting upon the mouthpiece. I think I 08:31:44
11 talked about some type of stress that might be 08:31:49
12 present in the material from being united with the 08:31:52
13 pivot mount, but that's not a force that's being 08:31:59
14 applied -- I don't think that that situation is one 08:32:03
15 that is discussed or part of the limitation or part 08:32:09
16 of the independent claim. Whether or not it 08:32:14
17 precludes that, I haven't considered. What I have 08:32:20
18 considered is the forces that are, at least the 08:32:23
19 mouthpiece, the resilient mouthpiece, is adapted to 08:32:32
20 respond to. 08:32:37

21 Q. Could we please turn back to paragraph 112 08:32:38
22 of the declaration? In this paragraph you discuss 08:32:41
23 the phrase, "resiliently compress". What does the 08:32:52
24 phrase "resiliently compress" mean? 08:32:56

25 A. Well, once again, if you look at the 08:33:00

1 specification and understand the various embodiments 08:33:02
2 that are shown, they describe a bite valve. A bite 08:33:06
3 valve is one that is adapted or configured to fit a 08:33:09
4 user's mouth in such a way that when -- it 08:33:15
5 resiliently compresses in a way that causes a slit to 08:33:23
6 deform in a way that the fluid can flow. When you 08:33:28
7 release those compressive forces, the valve, the 08:33:32
8 resilient mouthpiece closes the valve and prevents 08:33:34
9 fluid from passing. So there's a benefit that it 08:33:40
10 closes off the passage way to prevent fluid from 08:33:43
11 flowing when it's not desired. 08:33:46

12 Here, it says, the resilient mouthpiece 08:33:48
13 quote, "adapted to resiliently compress responsive to 08:33:50
14 compressive forces applied by a user's teeth." 08:33:55

15 That means that it is configured or adapted 08:33:57
16 to fit the mouth so that when you bite on it and your 08:34:01
17 teeth compress the material, it's designed to 08:34:05
18 resiliently compress in order to function. That's 08:34:07
19 what that disclosure from the '255 is about. 08:34:11

20 Q. How is a resilient mouthpiece different 08:34:18
21 from a non-resilient mouthpiece? 08:34:22

22 A. Well, if you design a mouthpiece from a 08:34:31
23 rigid material, for example, such as a tip of a cigar 08:34:33
24 or cigarillo would be hard plastic, it's designed to 08:34:37
25 fit the mouth. So it's a mouthpiece, but it's not 08:34:42

1 designed to compress when the teeth bite it. It's 08:34:45
2 designed to resist deformation. So the difference 08:34:48
3 between a resilient mouthpiece that's designed to 08:34:54
4 compress is very distinct from a structure which is 08:34:54
5 made from a rigid material that is designed to resist 08:34:57
6 deformation. 08:35:00

7 Q. Could we please next turn to paragraph 160. 08:35:06
8 Sentence 2 of paragraph 116 you use the term, 08:35:20
9 "surrounded". What does the term, "surrounded", 08:35:26
10 mean? 08:35:28

11 A. Well, it's evident when you look at the 08:35:29
12 section view that the resilient mouthpiece, which is 08:35:36
13 identified in green as element 2 of the flexible tube 08:35:39
14 part is inserted into the pivotal mount, which is 08:35:43
15 shown in pink in this figure, in such a way that the 08:35:50
16 pivotal mount entirely surrounds the perimeter of the 08:35:55
17 so identified mouthpiece. In other words, the 08:36:02
18 mouthpiece is not accessible to the piece that's 08:36:04
19 rounded by the rigid material of the pivotal mount 08:36:13
20 which protects it. 08:36:16

21 Q. In your last answer, and also in 08:36:20
22 paragraph 116 you used phrase, "entirely surrounded". 08:36:23
23 What does the phrase, "entirely surrounded", mean? 08:36:29

24 A. Well, here you can see, and it's not as 08:36:32
25 evident in this figure, but it is evident in section 08:36:36

1 view elsewhere in Ribarits, the green portion of the 08:36:40
2 mouthpiece, the perimeter of it, the portion that if 08:36:43
3 it were configured would have to be exposed in order 08:36:45
4 to be configured to be bit, is surrounded by the 08:36:52
5 plastic material of the pivotal mount. In other 08:36:57
6 words, the mouthpiece is not exposed. It doesn't 08:37:00
7 extend beyond the pivotal mount. It's entirely 08:37:03
8 surrounded by it. 08:37:05

9 Q. Could we scroll down to the top of the next 08:37:10
10 page, which is also part of the paragraph 116? These 08:37:13
11 might be the figures that you're referring to. 08:37:17

12 A. Yes. Here you can see the green portion is 08:37:19
13 entirely within the cross hatched section of element 08:37:22
14 3, and it's clear that when you see the assembled 08:37:27
15 view that the flexible tube and the identified 08:37:32
16 portion of the flexible tube in green is not exposed. 08:37:38
17 It's not extending beyond this pink part. 08:37:44

18 Q. In your last answer you used a slightly 08:37:49
19 different phrase. You said, "entirely within", 08:37:51
20 rather than, "entirely surrounded". Do you agree 08:37:56
21 that the alleged mouthpiece is not entirely 08:38:04
22 surrounded by drinking spout 3? 08:38:07

23 A. Well, that's not what I said. What I said 08:38:12
24 is that I -- what I stated above in this 08:38:14
25 paragraph 116 is that it is surrounded by. Around 08:38:17

1 the perimeter of is surrounded by, it does not extend 08:38:20
2 beyond the portion in pink, which is identified as a 08:38:26
3 pivot mount. The pivoting portion is understood by a 08:38:30
4 person of ordinary skill to be protecting the 08:38:36
5 flexible tube, because it is encasing it. It's 08:38:41
6 surrounding it. I think I also said the term 08:38:46
7 "protecting it". It's designed, as I understand it, 08:38:49
8 and as one of ordinary skill would understand it, to 08:38:51
9 be the mouthpiece, this pink portion. That's what is 08:38:56
10 engaging with the lips of the user as they're sucking 08:39:01
11 fluid out of this vessel. 08:39:05
12 Q. So my question is more specifically about 08:39:13
13 the phrase, "entirely surrounded". You say, entirely 08:39:15
14 surrounded. So you assert that the alleged 08:39:20
15 mouthpiece is entirely surrounded by drink spout 3? 08:39:23
16 A. Well, there is a portion of that mouthpiece 08:39:26
17 that is visible from the top view. That's, for 08:39:33
18 example, in the lower left view that's present on the 08:39:37
19 page now. You can see the face, which is illustrated 08:39:40
20 in dark green. It's a different color. I guess you 08:39:45
21 would call it the distal face or the exit of the 08:39:51
22 mouthpiece, but the mouthpiece itself, the portion 08:39:54
23 that has been identified, rather, as the mouthpiece 08:39:57
24 by petitioner here is all surrounded by the pink 08:40:00
25 part, which is identified in Ribarits as a 08:40:09

1 mouthpiece.

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2 Q. Do you agree now that the alleged
3 mouthpiece is not entirely surrounded by the drinking
4 spout 3?

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5 MR. MUDD: Object to the form.

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6 THE WITNESS: Well, that's not what I said.
7 What I said was that the distal end of the mouthpiece
8 -- it's identified in a different color. It's in
9 dark green because it's a different feature of the
10 mouthpiece. It's not the portion that one would
11 engage with. I don't agree with petitioner's opinion
12 that a mouthpiece is present here because a
13 mouthpiece, by definition, has to engage with the
14 mouth. Here, it doesn't. There's another part that
15 engages with the mouth in this assembly, and that's
16 identified as the pink part. That's designed to
17 engage the lips.

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18 The portion that's designed to engage the
19 lips in Ribarits is the pink part. That's a rigid
20 material that surrounds the portion of the flexible
21 tube that has been identified by the petitioner as
22 the mouthpiece. I was saying earlier that I don't
23 agree that that is a mouthpiece because it doesn't
24 engage the mouth. It's surrounded by, especially as
25 seen in section view, around the perimeter. The

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1 distal face, as I discussed earlier, is visible, but 08:42:04
2 it's not something that one could engage with the 08:42:07
3 mouth. 08:42:10

4 Q. What material is drinking spout 3 made of? 08:42:10

5 A. Well, drinking spout 3 is not identified as 08:42:20
6 a particular material, to my recollection. One of 08:42:24
7 ordinary skill would understand that to be of a 08:42:27
8 material that is suitable, a suitable, rigid 08:42:30
9 material. In order to function as it's described, I 08:42:38
10 would view that as possibly polypropylene. It could 08:42:41
11 be possibly made out of another material such as 08:42:45
12 polycarbonate. It's distinct from the flexible tube, 08:42:46
13 which is described as a flexible material that can 08:42:51
14 form a seal. I would view that part to be made out 08:42:54
15 of a silicon rubber or other suitable flexible 08:43:01
16 material. 08:43:07

17 Q. What would happen if a user bit down on the 08:43:07
18 section of drinking spout 3 located on opposite sides 08:43:10
19 of the green colored portion of tubular element 2? 08:43:13

20 A. Well, it's a rigid part. It's not designed 08:43:23
21 or configured to resiliently deform. It's designed 08:43:26
22 to maintain its shape. Nothing in particular would 08:43:30
23 happen if you were to bite down on it. 08:43:35

24 Q. It's your position that nothing in 08:43:49
25 particular would happen to drinking spout 3 if it was 08:43:51

1 bitten by a user on the section of drinking spout 3
2 located on opposite sides of the green colored
3 portion of tubular element 2?

4 A. Well, one of ordinary skill would not
5 understand that drinking spout to be resiliently
6 deformable. That's not how it's described. That's
7 not how one would understand this construction.
8 That's not how one would understand this assembly.
9 When the material needs to have flexible
10 characteristics such as the flexible tube, Ribarits
11 states that. But the portion of the drinking spout
12 that engages the flexible tube in order to bend it
13 and to compress it and seal it as shown in the upper
14 right view on this page, there's necessarily a rigid
15 material. It's not flexible.

16 So my opinion is based on what one of
17 ordinary skill would understand in light of the
18 specification. That's a rigid part that would not
19 deform if it were bit by the user.

20 Q. If a user bit down on the section of
21 drinking spout 3 located on opposite sides of the
22 green colored portion of tubular element 2, where
23 would the compressive forces from a user's teeth
24 dissipate if not in the form of deformation?

25 A. Well, once again, this is a rigid material.

1	The forces that one would apply are not high. The	08:46:10
2	flexible or resilient mouthpiece material that's	08:46:16
3	described in the '255 patent is of a material that's	08:46:20
4	configured to deform. It's soft. It's got a	08:46:23
5	durometer which is flexible and allows it to deform	08:46:28
6	easily under the relatively low forces applied by the	08:46:31
7	teeth. Here with this rigid material, you can bite	08:46:34
8	down on it and it's going to resist deformation.	08:46:39
9	It's going to prevent you from inadvertently closing	08:46:43
10	the tube, in my view.	08:46:46
11	It's designed to put one's lips around.	08:46:48
12	There's a little bit of an arched shape to it, and	08:46:54
13	that's the shape that's presented. It does not have	08:46:58
14	a particular location such as the mouthpiece that's	08:47:04
15	described in the '255 spec for one's teeth. In other	08:47:08
16	words, there's a bit of a recurve shape to the	08:47:14
17	mouthpiece in some embodiments which give the teeth	08:47:17
18	somewhere to go when you are engaging with the	08:47:23
19	mouthpiece. In this case, it's just sort of an oval	08:47:26
20	shape that fits your mouth as you're sucking liquid	08:47:29
21	out of the bottle.	08:47:33
22	Q. If a user bites down on the section of the	08:47:34
23	drinking spout 3 located on opposite sides of the	08:47:40
24	green colored portion of tubular element 2, wouldn't	08:47:44
25	that be some of the resulting stress being	08:47:48

1 transferred to the green colored portion of tubular
2 element 2?

3 A. Well, I don't think so. This is a pretty
4 robust part. I mean, the wall sections are here
5 robust. There's ribbing here internally. It's got
6 an arched shape to it. It's got quite a bit of
7 structure. Again, one of ordinary skill would
8 understand this to be a mouthpiece that does not
9 configure to deform when compressive forces are
10 applied by the teeth. It's really more configured,
11 in my view, for the lips than the teeth, the way that
12 it's shaped.

13 Q. Is it your position that the material used
14 and structure used for drinking spout 3 is entirely
15 rigid and incapable of transmitting any force to
16 adjacent or embedded structures?

17 A. Again, I'm thinking about what forces one
18 can apply with the teeth. It's a couple of pounds.
19 It's not a significant -- I don't have the exact
20 numbers, but just thinking about it logically, how
21 much force one can apply with the teeth? It's not a
22 lot. You don't want to damage your teeth, for one
23 thing. This is a convex shape. The wall thicknesses
24 are robust, especially in the corners. There's
25 ribbing. It's a shape that looks like it's very

1 resistant to deformation. If one applies tens or 08:49:35
2 hundreds of pounds of force, could it deform under 08:49:39
3 that force and transmit some force to a tube inside? 08:49:42
4 I don't know. I would have to do some testing to 08:49:50
5 know, but what I understand and what a person of 08:49:52
6 ordinary skill understands is that this drinking 08:49:55
7 spout has a tube within it but that the spout 08:49:58
8 protects the tube from damage during use. 08:50:01

9 Q. Would you agree that some plastics when 08:50:06
10 bitten deform under the pressure of the bite and 08:50:13
11 transmit at least some force to adjoining components? 08:50:16

12 A. That's a broad statement. Any particular 08:50:24
13 materials or any particular configurations, I would 08:50:29
14 have to evaluate those individually. 08:50:33

15 Q. In your experience, have you ever 08:50:36
16 encountered a real world scenario where compressive 08:50:50
17 forces applied to one part of a physically connected 08:50:54
18 plastic structure resulted in absolutely zero force 08:50:57
19 transfer to an adjoining part? 08:51:02

20 MR. MUDD: Object to the form. 08:51:05

21 THE WITNESS: Well, certainly that is 08:51:06
22 different from what you asked me earlier. Absolutely 08:51:12
23 zero force? I mean, again, I've stated that under 08:51:15
24 the scenario that's presented here, which is to say, 08:51:18
25 the pink portion of this bottle assembly engaging the 08:51:27

1 lips of the user, if one were to bite on it would it 08:51:31
2 deform? My opinion is that it's designed not to 08:51:35
3 deform. Are we talking about if there's microscopic, 08:51:38
4 some type of -- again, the type of deformation that 08:51:44
5 is described within the '255 spec that frames this 08:51:49
6 conversation is about a deformation that's 08:51:55
7 significant enough to alter the flow characteristics 08:51:59
8 going through the tube. In other words, to open the 08:52:03
9 valve. 08:52:07

10 This is not the case in this configuration. 08:52:08
11 This is a tube that's open, especially when the spout 08:52:11
12 is in the open state. It of course is closed by the 08:52:14
13 spout because it's rigid enough to impart those 08:52:18
14 forces to that portion, that's what it's configured 08:52:24
15 to do. But the portion in green doesn't change. If 08:52:25
16 one were to bite on it, it's not going to close the 08:52:27
17 green portion. It's not going to fundamentally 08:52:30
18 change the characteristics of flow, not the way that 08:52:33
19 it's configured. 08:52:36

20 Q. In your last answer you spoke about 08:52:41
21 "designed to deform". My question is a little bit 08:53:08
22 different than that. It's have you encountered a 08:53:12
23 real world scenario where compressive forces applied 08:53:18
24 to one part of a physically connected plastic 08:53:23
25 structure resulted in absolutely zero force transfer 08:53:26

1 to an adjoining part?

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2 MR. MUDD: Objection to form.

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3 THE WITNESS: Well, it's pretty broad and
4 hypothetical but, yes. It all comes down to the
5 magnitude of forces, the strength of the materials,
6 and the nature of the design of the part as to
7 whether force is transmitted to an adjacent or
8 adjoined part. Here we're talking about a tube
9 that's just inserted into this plastic structure.
10 Whether any force would be transferred to it, in my
11 view based on the scenario of bite forces, I don't
12 see that happening.

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13 In the broader sense of whether I've ever
14 seen something where no force was transmitted? Sure.
15 But again, it's about the magnitude of the forces.

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16 Q. So your answer is, yes. You've seen a
17 scenario in the real world where compressive forces
18 applied to one part of a physically connected plastic
19 structure resulted in absolutely zero force transfer
20 to an adjoining part?

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21 MR. MUDD: Same objection.

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22 THE WITNESS: Sure. If you've got a
23 protective sleeve and that's protecting a material
24 that's inside of it and you apply a force to the
25 protective sleeve and it doesn't deflect, it doesn't

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1 transfer any force to the part that's on the inside. 08:55:00

2 I mean, that's logical. Again, it's a very broad 08:55:03

3 sort of hypothetical situation. I think each -- if 08:55:09

4 you wanted to evaluate, you would have to look at 08:55:15

5 those cases individually in order to be able to 08:55:17

6 assess them. I'm directing my comments to what's 08:55:21

7 shown here in Ribarits in the context of what we know 08:55:24

8 from the '255. 08:55:28

9 Again, if you're applying tons of force to 08:55:30

10 a plastic structure, it's going to yield. That's the 08:55:34

11 nature of plastic materials, of course. In the real 08:55:37

12 world and in this particular application, the range 08:55:40

13 of the forces is much more limited. 08:55:44

14 Q. Let's turn to paragraph 119 if we could, 08:55:46

15 please. In particular, the second and third 08:55:52

16 sentences read, "the drink spout 3 completely 08:56:07

17 surrounds the tubular element 2, indicating that it 08:56:11

18 is meant to protect the tubular element from any 08:56:14

19 deformation caused by the user's teeth. A POSITA 08:56:17

20 would have made this design choice so that a user 08:56:22

21 could drink from the bottle without unintentionally 08:56:25

22 cutting off the liquid supply when biting down." 08:56:29

23 Is it your understanding that a user would 08:56:39

24 need to bite drinking spout 3 to drink from it? 08:56:41

25 A. No, but the drinking spout is engaged by 08:56:47

1 both the teeth and the lips. I mean, they come 08:56:51
2 together as a package. So when you are using this 08:56:54
3 drinking spout, it's certainly conceivable that one 08:56:59
4 would bite it, but nothing would happen. That's the 08:57:04
5 point. The drinking spout prevents the tube from 08:57:07
6 being inadvertently closed during the drinking 08:57:10
7 process. I think that's what a POSITA would 08:57:13
8 understand this structure to do. 08:57:16

9 Q. Do you agree that if drink spout 3 08:57:21
10 protected the tubular element 2 from only some 08:57:27
11 deformation that -- do you agree that if drink spout 08:57:30
12 3 protected tubular element 2 from only some 08:57:47
13 deformation that Ribarits drink bottle could still 08:57:50
14 continue to function effectively and be drunk from by 08:57:57
15 a user? 08:58:01

16 MR. MUDD: Object to the form. 08:58:02

17 THE WITNESS: Well, I hadn't considered 08:58:06
18 that scenario because that's not what Ribarits 08:58:08
19 presented to me. What's presented to me is a 08:58:15
20 structure which does protect the tube from 08:58:17
21 compression during the drinking process. So I don't 08:58:17
22 know. It depends on how it's configured. 08:58:19

23 Q. All right. I was planning to change 08:58:48
24 topics, subject matter, next. Would now be a good 08:58:50
25 time for a break? 08:58:53

1	A. Sure.	08:58:55
2	MR. MUDD: Works for me.	08:58:56
3	VIDEOGRAPHER: I will read us off the	08:59:00
4	record, then. We are going off the record at 8:59	08:59:01
5	A.M., Pacific time.	08:59:04
6	(Recess taken.)	08:59:05
7	REMOTE TECH: Okay. We are back on the	09:12:55
8	record at 9:12 A.M., Pacific time.	09:12:56
9	Q. Mr. Jobin, did you speak with anyone during	09:13:01
10	the break?	09:13:06
11	A. No.	09:13:07
12	Q. Could we please turn to paragraph 56 of the	09:13:08
13	declaration? That would be Exhibit 2016. In the	09:13:15
14	second to last sentence of paragraph 56 of your	09:13:47
15	declaration you say, "as a matter of physics,	09:13:51
16	rotational motion about the axis of rotation requires	09:13:56
17	maintaining a constant radius or distance between the	09:14:01
18	mouthpiece and the axis of rotation defined by the	09:14:04
19	lateral projections."	09:14:07
20	A. You're in paragraph 56?	09:14:10
21	Q. Yes, correct. The second to last sentence.	09:14:12
22	A. Okay. Sorry. I was in the wrong portion	09:14:19
23	of that paragraph. Go ahead.	09:14:21
24	Q. I'll just repeat that. So in this	09:14:23
25	paragraph 56 you say, "as a matter of physics,	09:14:26

1 rotational motion about the axis of rotation requires 09:14:30
2 maintaining a constant radius or distance between the 09:14:35
3 mouthpiece and the axis of rotation defined by the 09:14:37
4 lateral projections." 09:14:41

5 My question is, what does it mean to 09:14:44
6 maintain a constant radius or distance between the 09:14:49
7 mouthpiece and the axis of rotation defined by the 09:14:52
8 lateral projections? 09:14:56

9 A. Well, here we're in the claim construction 09:15:00
10 portion of my declaration, which I am shedding light 09:15:03
11 on what I understand these limitations to mean. When 09:15:11
12 I look at this limitation where it talks about an 09:15:14
13 axis that's defined bilateral projections, I 09:15:17
14 understand that to be an axis about which the 09:15:21
15 mouthpiece is intended to pivot. Now, it's assisted 09:15:24
16 by the pivot mount, which is engaged with cylindrical 09:15:29
17 receptacles in the cap so that the pivot mount itself 09:15:39
18 pivots about those lateral projections, and the way 09:15:45
19 this is worded, it's my understanding that the 09:15:49
20 mouthpiece moves with the pivot mount in what I 09:15:52
21 understand to be rotational motion about that axis. 09:15:58

22 Q. Could we please turn to paragraph 42? 09:16:04
23 Could you please explain what it means to maintain a 09:16:27
24 constant radius or distance between the mouthpiece 09:16:31
25 and the axis of rotation defined by the lateral 09:16:33

1 projections in the context of figures 28 and 29 shown 09:16:36
2 at the end of paragraph 42? 09:16:40

3 A. Well, in certainly other figures I've 09:16:43
4 illustrated an axis of rotation and I've illustrated 09:16:48
5 a radius to some feature on the mouthpiece, for 09:16:54
6 example, which indicates that the mouthpiece is 09:17:02
7 engaged in rotational motion about that axis. 09:17:04
8 Looking at this figure, I have not annotated it in 09:17:08
9 such a way. The pivot is not clearly identified in 09:17:11
10 it sectional view. My understanding is that it would 09:17:15
11 be located through the section view, basically in 09:17:21
12 front of and back of the screen. Perpendicular to 09:17:32
13 the screen would be the axis. So this section view 09:17:36
14 is cut through the center of the cap assembly and 09:17:39
15 through the mouthpiece and the pivot mount assembly, 09:17:42
16 and it rotates in the plane of the screen, in the 09:17:48
17 plane of the page if you're looking at this document. 09:17:54

18 If I had it on paper, I could put a pencil 09:17:58
19 mark on where that axis is, but you can see that the 09:18:03
20 pivot mount in pink and the assembled mouthpiece in 09:18:08
21 green rotate about a particular axis in order to go 09:18:16
22 from the stowed position to the open position. So 09:18:22
23 what it means is that the position of the mouthpiece 09:18:28
24 in this view is controlled by the pivot mount. It's 09:18:33
25 engaged to the pivot mount in a way that when the 09:18:38

1 pivot mount rotates, it rotates with the pivot mount 09:18:41
2 the same number of degrees, and they rotate together. 09:18:47
3 That's what the claim language is intended to convey, 09:18:52
4 and that's what's actually happening in this 09:18:55
5 embodiment. 09:19:01

6 Q. If a person of ordinary skill in the art 09:19:03
7 wanted to confirm for themselves that figures 28 and 09:19:06
8 29 shown at the end of paragraph 42 maintain a 09:19:10
9 constant radius or distance between the mouthpiece 09:19:17
10 and the axis of rotation defined by the lateral 09:19:19
11 projections, what steps would a person of ordinary 09:19:22
12 skill in the art take to obtain that confirmation? 09:19:26

13 A. Well, there's a number of ways. One of 09:19:31
14 ordinary skill in the art could look at the section 09:19:34
15 view and understand that to be true, first of all 09:19:36
16 because they understand how this assembly is put 09:19:39
17 together. In the context especially of the other 09:19:42
18 disclosure within the '255 patent. Another way that 09:19:44
19 one could do it if one were only looking at this 09:19:50
20 particular section view and perhaps didn't have much 09:19:54
21 other context, you could print these out at scale and 09:19:56
22 simply cut out with scissors, the pivot mount and the 09:20:01
23 mouthpiece. So you have a little assembly that is 09:20:07
24 paper, but it's representing the motion in 2D like 09:20:11
25 it's illustrated here, and then you would move it to 09:20:15

1 another view, put a pin on the pivot point, and then
2 rotate it, the piece of paper. That alone is what
3 one is doing in their mind when one is understanding
4 these two states, the as stowed state and the in use
5 state.

6 Then, you could see every position in
7 between that this assembled mouthpiece and pivot
8 mount move together about the axis that's defined by
9 the lateral projections of the pivot mount.

10 Q. Could a person of ordinary skill in the art
11 take measurements throughout the range of motion to
12 obtain that confirmation?

13 A. Well, if one in ordinary skill of the art
14 wanted to confirm the assumption, I mean, if you look
15 at the descriptions of Figure 28 and 29 it talks
16 about what's happening as well. So you use that
17 context to give you guidance, but one understands
18 that the confirmation between the mouthpiece and the
19 pivot mount isn't changing between figures 28 and 29.
20 The relationship between those two components is
21 fixed in such a way that when that assembly rotates
22 from stowed to use position, they rotate together.
23 That's the intention that's being communicated by
24 these two figures.

25 Q. If we were to imagine a physical

1	implementation of a water bottle shown in figures 28	09:22:04
2	and 29, could a person of ordinary skill in the art	09:22:08
3	use measurements throughout the ranges of motion from	09:22:14
4	the stowed position to the dispensing position to	09:22:22
5	confirm that the physical implementation maintains a	09:22:26
6	constant radius or distance between the mouthpiece	09:22:31
7	and the axis of rotation defined by the letter of	09:22:34
8	projections?	09:22:38
9	A. Well, again, that understanding is defined	09:22:39
10	by the figures, the rest of the spec, and by the	09:22:42
11	texts that supports these figures. Yes. You could	09:22:45
12	take a ruler and measure the mouthpiece and measure	09:22:48
13	the pivot mount components and verify that they're	09:22:53
14	the same in both figures, and you could measure the	09:22:57
15	distance from the identified pivot point, and that	09:23:02
16	pivot point would be a point that could be identified	09:23:06
17	relative to some datums on the cap, for example, so	09:23:09
18	that it's consistent between figures 28 and 29. It's	09:23:15
19	at a particular distance from the bottom of the cap	09:23:18
20	and it's located a certain distance off the center	09:23:20
21	line of the cap, for example. Mark that in both	09:23:23
22	figures and then measure from that pivot axis to any	09:23:26
23	portion of the mouthpiece that you would like. Let's	09:23:31
24	just say the very distal end of it. Then, confirm in	09:23:33
25	both of these figures that it's the same.	09:23:37

1 If that pivot point is present in the 09:23:40
2 physical object, it's going to be true throughout 09:23:45
3 that range of motion. 09:23:49

4 Q. And if it were not true through part of the 09:24:05
5 range of motion that a constant radius or distance 09:24:08
6 between the mouthpiece and axis of rotation defined 09:24:13
7 by the lateral projections was maintained, then would 09:24:17
8 the claim limitation not be satisfied? 09:24:24

9 A. Well, that hypothetical situation doesn't 09:24:32
10 exist in this embodiment. That is not what one of 09:24:35
11 ordinary skill would understand from this embodiment. 09:24:42
12 The relationship between the pivot mount and the 09:24:45
13 mouthpiece and the axis through which they both 09:24:48
14 rotate is the same throughout the range of motion. 09:24:52
15 One of ordinary skill would understand that just 09:24:56
16 based on the way it's configured. You could confirm 09:24:58
17 it with the paper exercise I discussed previously. 09:25:01
18 You could confirm it with a 2D CAD model where you 09:25:04
19 could rotate it throughout the range of motion. You 09:25:10
20 could construct a physical model based on this 09:25:11
21 information and confirm that. 09:25:13

22 But one of ordinary skill can tell by these 09:25:14
23 figures alone that that's going to be true. 09:25:18

24 Q. Let's next turn to paragraph 104, please. 09:25:53
25 In this paragraph you discuss the earth, the moon, 09:26:24

1 and the sun, and looking specifically at the second
2 sentence you say that "a POSITA would understand that
3 the moon does not satisfy the requirements of the
4 definition for rotational motion about the sun."

5 I would like to ask you about the earth.
6 Would a POSITA have understood that the earth does
7 not satisfy the requirements of the definition for
8 rotational motion about the sun?

9 A. Well, at a high level I disagree that this
10 analogy is applicable. That's because the distance
11 between earth and the sun is not fixed. The orbit is
12 elliptical and, therefore, not rotational motion in
13 the classical sense. So this system is being put
14 forth by petitioner, Dr. Vallee, to illustrate a two
15 axis system in which the moon is purportedly rotating
16 about the earth. So the center of the earth is the
17 axis of rotation, or the moon, and that the earth is
18 rotating about the sun in which the center of the sun
19 is reportedly the axis of rotation for it.

20 What I've observed, again, ignoring the
21 fact that I don't believe that's rotational motion in
22 the classical sense because it's orbital mechanics
23 and it's a different motion, but simplifying it to a
24 mechanical system, the analogy -- in this case, the
25 earth, which is I guess you could say the analogy for

1 the pivot mount is rotating about an axis, but 09:28:21
2 something that rotates about the pivot mount is 09:28:27
3 rotating about a different axis entirely. It doesn't 09:28:30
4 make any sense to me and I've disagreed with 09:28:34
5 petitioner's view on this. 09:28:39

6 Q. Could we please turn to paragraph 56? In 09:28:43
7 the header above paragraph 56 you discussed the term, 09:29:06
8 "pivotal". Does the '255 patent define the term 09:29:09
9 "pivotal"? 09:29:14

10 A. The '255 patent uses the term pivotal in 09:29:18
11 the context of different embodiments and different 09:29:22
12 functions of this device so that one of ordinary 09:29:27
13 skill in the art would understand what pivotal means. 09:29:29
14 Pivotal as a word also has meaning to a person of 09:29:34
15 ordinary skill. One of ordinary skill in the art 09:29:37
16 would understand that term to mean rotation about an 09:29:39
17 axis. Dr. Vallee doesn't disagree with that. He 09:29:43
18 agrees with that definition as far as I understood it 09:29:49
19 based on his testimony. 09:29:51

20 So pivotal is not a term that has been 09:29:53
21 defined, and I think that's because it's a term that 09:29:56
22 a reader or person of ordinary skill in the art in 09:30:00
23 this case would know and understand the scope of 09:30:06
24 based on the knowledge of a person of ordinary skill 09:30:07
25 and based on the disclosure within the '255 patent. 09:30:10

1	Q. Could we next turn to paragraph 59, please?	09:30:18
2	In the very first sentence of paragraph 59 you say,	09:30:36
3	"a POSITA looking at the '255 specification would	09:30:40
4	find further support for this construction", and then	09:30:46
5	you identify three different citations. I would like	09:30:49
6	to briefly look at each of those three citations with	09:30:54
7	you, if we could. Could we please mark for	09:31:00
8	identification Exhibit 1001?	09:31:04
9	(Exhibit 1001 marked for identification.)	09:31:06
10	REMOTE TECH: Yes, sir. Please stand by.	09:31:09
11	Pulling it up now. 1001 is on the screen now.	09:31:12
12	Q. All right. Could we turn back to	09:31:36
13	paragraph 59 for a moment? We'll note the first	09:31:39
14	cite. So it's column 5, lines 16 to 23. So the	09:31:42
15	statement here, column 5, lines 16 to 23, recites	09:32:11
16	that, "for example, selectively shaping the	09:32:19
17	cross-sectional configuration or perimeter of at	09:32:22
18	least the central region may permit the drink bottle	09:32:26
19	to be rotationally oriented by a user for drinking of	09:32:29
20	the sequentially -- from the sequentially discussed	09:32:32
21	valve actuated valve assembly without requiring the	09:32:39
22	user to look at the rotational position of the valve	09:32:40
23	assembly relative to the user's hands that is holding	09:32:43
24	the central region of the food container's wall	09:32:47
25	structure."	09:32:50

1 What I would specifically like to note here
2 is that this sentence begins with the statement, for
3 example. With the phrase, for example. Could we
4 turn to the next cite? So turn back to paragraph 59
5 briefly and look at the next cite. So it's column 7,
6 lines 54 to 60. So here at column 7, lines 54 to 60
7 it says, "as illustrative examples mouthpiece and the
8 distal portion of the mount may be coupled to the
9 base of a trap assembly by a joint and/or valve 108,
10 such as may take the form of a pivotal joint, a ball
11 joint, or other suitable structure that provides for
12 adjusting the angular and/or rotational orientation
13 of the mount relative to the base of the cap
14 assembly."

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15 I would like to note here again that the
16 sentence begins with a phrase that includes the word
17 example and, in particular here, it includes the
18 phrase, "as illustrative examples".

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19 Can we turn back to paragraph 59 again and
20 look at the last cite number? So it's column 12,
21 lines 20 to 28. I'll refrain from reading this one
22 in full. We would just like to note that the fourth
23 word in this sentence is again the word, "example".
24 It begins with the phrase, "yet another illustrative
25 example."

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1 If the '255 patent describes these
2 statements as examples and doesn't state that the
3 term "pivotal" is defined by these examples, what
4 basis is there to treat these examples as evidence of
5 how the term must be construed?

6 A. One of ordinary skill in the art learns
7 from these examples and other embodiments from within
8 the '255 specification what a pivot mount does and
9 how it moves. All of these examples use the word
10 rotate or rotational in context of the pivot mount.
11 It's tying the word pivot to the word rotational to
12 help inform the viewer that that's how that word is
13 intended to be used. It's not being used
14 inconsistently. It's being used consistently
15 throughout these two examples and other embodiments
16 within the '255 specification. That's what's
17 informing my understanding of what a pivot mount is
18 and how it engages in rotational motion about the
19 axis defined by the projections.

20 Q. Could we next please turn to paragraph 71?
21 In the first sentence of paragraph 71. You say that
22 a POSITA would understand the word "pivot" to itself
23 mean something which rotates or turns. Does the term
24 "rotates" have a different meaning from the term
25 "turns"?

1	A. What I am saying is a person of ordinary	09:37:01
2	skill would understand the word pivot to mean either	09:37:03
3	of those, rotates or turns. They're the same. I	09:37:06
4	mean, it's something that moves about a particular	09:37:08
5	axis of rotation. It's describing a particular type	09:37:11
6	of motion.	09:37:14
7	Q. You assert that the term "rotate" has the	09:37:19
8	same meaning as the term "turn"?	09:37:22
9	A. In this context, I'm tying the	09:37:27
10	understanding of pivot to rotates. It could also be	09:37:33
11	described as turns, but rotates in particular to me	09:37:39
12	is the -- I guess I would say the scientific term for	09:37:47
13	this type of motion. Rotational motion is the term	09:37:50
14	that would be used in the physics textbook.	09:37:53
15	Q. So my question, then, is a bit more	09:37:59
16	specific. Does the term "rotates" have a different	09:38:03
17	meaning from the term "turns"?	09:38:05
18	A. I mean, generally speaking I suppose it	09:38:09
19	depends on the context. What I have observed here	09:38:13
20	and what I've put forth in my opinion is that	09:38:16
21	rotational motion is analogous to pivotal motion as	09:38:20
22	it's used in the '255 spec. I've not put forth an	09:38:25
23	opinion that turns is the correct definition. I	09:38:28
24	haven't evaluated that term in detail but it's,	09:38:35
25	again, looking -- this particular example is what a	09:38:38

1 lay person would understand, turning about an axis, 09:38:41
2 rotating about an axis to a lay person would mean the 09:38:47
3 same thing. I prefer to use the term rotational 09:38:48
4 motion as the scientific definition, and that's what 09:38:51
5 I've put forth in my opinions. 09:38:54

6 Q. Could we please next turn to paragraph 77? 09:38:56
7 In paragraph 77 you say that the claim language 09:39:18
8 requires pivotal movement with rather than away from 09:39:20
9 the pivotal mount. Does the claim language permit 09:39:28
10 pivotal movement away from the pivotal mount? 09:39:31

11 A. Well, we're not evaluating the term pivotal 09:39:38
12 movement alone. The limitation is more specific than 09:39:41
13 that. If I scroll up to just above 76, the section 09:39:44
14 that we're talking about, the limitation states, "a 09:39:50
15 resilient mouthpiece engaged with the mount outlet 09:39:54
16 and removably coupled to the pivotal mount for 09:39:58
17 pivotal movement with the pivotal mount." 09:40:05

18 That's a lot of words. What it's 09:40:06
19 communicating is that the mouthpiece is engaged with 09:40:08
20 the mouth outlet in the way that the two move 09:40:11
21 together. They move with each other about the axis 09:40:13
22 defined by the projections on the pivotal mount, 09:40:16
23 which are described in an earlier limitation. 09:40:22

24 So it's with -- it means to turn, or rotate 09:40:25
25 in this case, about that axis in the same direction 09:40:31

1 and at the same rotational velocity, because those 09:40:34
2 pieces are engaged. They're coupled. It does not 09:40:39
3 mean that the resilient mouthpiece would move in a 09:40:43
4 different direction from the mount outlet, because 09:40:43
5 that would not be congruent with the limitation's 09:40:46
6 language about it being engaged with the mouth 09:40:52
7 outlet. 09:40:54

8 Q. Does the language of claim 1 permit pivotal 09:40:54
9 movement away from the pivotal mount? 09:41:22

10 MR. MUDD: Object to the form. 09:41:28

11 THE WITNESS: I think that the language 09:41:36
12 that I've just described in this particular 09:41:37
13 limitation is quite clear about how the mouthpiece in 09:41:39
14 the pivotal mount are moving together. They're 09:41:42
15 moving with each other and they're engaged with each 09:41:46
16 other. That would preclude, just as a -- you can't 09:41:48
17 be engaged with and moving with something and have 09:41:51
18 the mouthpiece moving off in a different direction 09:41:55
19 and not coupled to the pivotal mount. It doesn't 09:41:59
20 make sense. The definition of the word "with" means 09:42:04
21 combined or coupled to, not independent of. 09:42:12

22 MR. PETERSON: Okay. No further questions 09:44:07
23 at this time. We'll pass it to you, Jason, if you 09:44:08
24 have any questions. 09:44:11

25 MR. MUDD: Can we take maybe a five minute 09:44:14

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1	break real quick and come back?	09:44:18
2	MR. PETERSON: Sure.	09:44:21
3	VIDEOGRAPHER: I will read us off. We are	09:44:23
4	going off the record at 9:44 A.M., Pacific time.	09:44:25
5	(Recess taken.)	09:44:31
6	VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record at	09:48:07
7	9:48 A.M., Pacific.	09:48:11
8	MR. MUDD: No questions from patent owner,	09:48:14
9	and we'll read and sign.	09:48:16
10	VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. If there's no	09:48:22
11	follow-up questions from counsel, this concludes the	09:48:24
12	videotaped deposition of Michael Jobin. We are going	09:48:27
13	off the record at 9:48 A.M., Pacific time.	09:48:30
14	(Proceedings concluded at 9:48 A.M.)	
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17 MICHAEL JOBIN, occurred virtually on Thursday,
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