

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

**FIRST QUALITY RETAIL SERVICES, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY CONSUMER PRODUCTS, LLC,
FIRST QUALITY PRODUCTS, LLC
FIRST QUALITY ENTERPRISES, LLC,**

Petitioners,

v.

ESSITY HYGIENE AND HEALTH AB,

Patent Owner

Case No. IPR2024-01487

U.S. Patent No. 9,308,138

PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to the Board's May 16, 2025 Scheduling Order (Paper No. 9), Petitioners First Quality Retail Services, LLC, First Quality Consumer Products, LLC, First Quality Products, LLC, and First Quality Enterprises, LLC ("Petitioners") respectfully request oral argument as currently scheduled on February 18, 2026. Petitioners and Patent Owner jointly request that the oral argument be conducted in-person at the USPTO main office in Alexandria, Virginia. Petitioners also request the ability to use a computer, projector, and screen to display possible demonstratives and exhibits.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.70, Petitioners specify the following issues to be argued:

- Issues related to the Board's Institution Decision (Paper No. 8) and the grounds instituted in the Decision;
- Whether claims 1, 3, 21-22, and 24-25 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Bergstrom-'059;
- Whether claims 1, 3-5, 20-22, and 24-25 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Nakazawa-'190 and Glaug-'753;
- Whether claim 7 is unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Nakazawa-'190, Glaug-'753, and Cohen-'429;

- Whether claims 1-5, 7-8, 21-22, and 24-25 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Nakazawa-'190 and Ponomarenko-'236;
- Whether claims 1, 3-5, 21-22, and 24-25 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Nakazawa-'190;
- Reply to any arguments raised in the Patent Owner Response (Paper No. 13) or Patent Owner's forthcoming Sur-Reply to Petitioners' Reply;
- Respond to any issues specified by Patent Owner in a request for oral argument should it file such a request;
- Any arguments or additional issues raised by either party in a request for oral argument, motion to strike (if any), motion to exclude (if any), or any other motion, paper, opposition, response, reply, or sur-reply filed by either party before oral argument; and
- Any other outstanding motions and pleadings, and other issues the Board deems necessary for issuing a Final Written Decision.

Petitioners and Patent Owner further jointly request that each side be allotted sixty (60) minutes in total to present arguments. Petitioners also inform the Board

that they anticipate that more than five individuals, including counsel, will attend the argument on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that, on January 2, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of **PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT** to be served via email on the attorneys identified in Patent Owner's Mandatory Notices, (Paper 4), who consented to electronic service.

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