

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,

Petitioner,

v.

ROBERT BOSCH LLC,

Patent Owner.

CASE NO. IPR2016-00034

U.S. Patent No. 6,973,698

PATENT OWNER ROBERT BOSCH LLC'S NOTICE OF APPEAL

Please take notice that, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 90.2(a) and 90.3(a) and 35 U.S.C. §§ 141(c), 142, and 319, Patent Owner Robert Bosch LLC (“Bosch”) hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit stemming from the Final Written Decision entered on April 24, 2017 (Paper No. 65) (the “Final Written Decision”) in the above-captioned *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 6,973,698 (“the ’698 patent”).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 90.2(a)(3)(ii), Bosch’s issues on appeal include at least the following: (i) in finding claim 1 of the ’698 patent unpatentable as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 4,807,326 to Arai et al. (“Arai”) and U.S. Patent No. 4,028,770 to Appel (“Appel ’770”), the Board made factual findings unsupported by the evidence, and failed to make factual findings mandated by the evidence—for example, by finding that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to build a wiper blade generating *non-uniform* contact pressure, even though the prior-art references only taught the desirability of *uniform* contact pressure, and by finding that Appel ’770 incorporated U.S. Patent No. 3,192,551 to Appel by reference in its entirety, and not only for its teachings of uniform contact pressure; (ii) any findings or determinations supporting or related to those issues, as well as other issues decided adversely to Bosch in any orders, decisions, rulings, and opinions; and (iii) it would violate the Constitution of the United States for the Patent and Trademark

Office to extinguish Bosch's property rights in the '698 patent by cancelling the claims at issue in this *inter partes* review.

Simultaneously with this submission, Bosch is filing a true and correct copy of this Notice of Appeal with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and a true and correct copy (or copies) of the same, along with the required filing fee, with the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit as set forth in the accompanying Certificate of Filing.

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CERTIFICATE OF FILING

The undersigned hereby certifies that, in addition to being electronically filed through E2E, a true and correct copy of the above-captioned PATENT OWNER ROBERT BOSCH LLC'S NOTICE OF APPEAL is being filed by Express Mail (Label No. EL 788212103) with the Director on June 26, 2017, at the following address:

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The undersigned also hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above-captioned PATENT OWNER ROBERT BOSCH LLC'S NOTICE OF APPEAL and the filing fee is being filed via CM/ECF with the Clerk's Office of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on June 26, 2017.

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