EXHIBIT W

Patent Owner's Response and Notice of Supplemental Evidence in Response to Petitioner's Objections to Patent Owner's Evidence Dated October 30, 2019



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1 2		ES DISTRICT COURT OF MINNESOTA	1	965 PROCEEDINGS		
,			2	IN OPEN COURT		
	Select Comfort Corporati Select Comfort SC Corpo		3			
	Plaintiffs/Counter-Defer	ndants,)	4	THE COURT: You may all be seated. Thank you.		
	vs.	vs.) St. Paul, Minnesota) September 28, 2017 John Baxter; Dires, LLC d/b/a) 9:00 a.m.		5 Mr. Baxter, I will just remind you, I won't		
	John Baxter; Dires, LLC			6 re-administer the oath. You remain under oath from when I		
	Personal Touch Beds and Personal) Comfort Beds; Digi Craft Agency,) LLC; Direct Commerce, LLC d/b/a) Personal Touch Beds; Scott) Stenzel; and Craig Miller,) Defendants/Counter-Claimants.		7	administered that to you.		
			8	So whenever you're ready, counsel, we may		
			9	continue.		
			10	MR. ANDREW HANSEN: Thank you, your Honor. Good		
			11	morning.		
			12	THE COURT: Good morning.		
			13	DIRECT EXAMINATION		
		RABLE DONOVAN W. FRANK and a Jury	14	BY MR. ANDREW HANSEN: (continued)		
	UNITED STA	TES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE	15	Q. Good morning, Mr. Baxter.		
	(TR	(TRIAL - VOLUME V)		A. Good morning.		
			17	MR. ANDREW HANSEN: Dorian, could you put		
				Plaintiffs' 135 up? And could you zoom in on the second ad?		
			19	BY MR. ANDREW HANSEN:		
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				21 three months after your time at Personal Comfort ended. My		
				2 question is, is that similar to ads you ran while at		
				Personal Comfort?		
	Ddidd.l.			A. Yes.		
	Proceedings recorded by mechanical stenography; transcript produced by computer.		24	Q. And can you open up to Plaintiffs' 990, that's the large		
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	<u>APPEARANCES</u>		1	Exhibit. I think it's right here?		
	For the Plaintiffs: Fox Rothschild, LLP ANDREW S. HANSEN, ESQ.		2	MR. ANDREW HANSEN: Your Honor, may I approach?		
		DENNIS E. HANSEN, ESQ.	3	THE COURT: You may.		
		ELIZABETH A. PATTON, ESQ. Suite 2000	4	BY MR. ANDREW HANSEN:		
		222 South Ninth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402	5	Q. Open up to page 410 of 990. And if you go 22 lines		
	For Defendants Dires,	Madel BA	6	down, hopefully Dorian can get it highlighted here. Do you		
	Digi Craft Agency,	Madel, PA CHRISTOPHER W. MADEL, ESQ. JENNIFER M. ROBBINS, ESQ. CASSANDRA B. MERRICK, ESQ. Suite 700 800 Hennepin Avenue	7	see that where she's highlighting?		
	Direct Commerce, Scott Stenzel, and Craig		8	A. Yes.		
	Miller:		9			
		Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403	10	MR. ANDREW HANSEN: And, Dorian, can you bring that up just above?		
	For Defendant John	Berens & Miller, PA		• •		
	Baxter:	BARBARA P. BERENS, ESQ. CARRIE L. ZOCHERT, ESQ.	11	BY MR. ANDREW HANSEN:		
		Suite 3720	12	Q. And, Mr. Baxter, on 990, if you look at this ad that's above that was actually on the Internet and then look at		
		80 South Eighth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402	13	,		
	Court Reporters:	CARLA R. BEBAULT, RMR, CRR, FCRR	14	990, does 990, the spreadsheet, reflect the text that we see		
	·	Suite 146 316 North Robert Street	15	in that ad?		
		St. Paul, Minnesota 55101	16	A. Yes.		
		KRISTINE MOUSSEAU, RPR-CRR	17	Q. And so where it says "Sleep 55 off Number Beds" in the		
		Suite 1005 300 South Fourth Street	18	spreadsheet, that's that blue "Sleep 55 percent off Number		
		Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415	19	Beds" in the ad text, right?		
			20	A. Correct.		
			21	Q. And then the Online Edition bed sale, which is the		
			22	description line 1, that's at the bottom?		



1087 1089 1 **Q.** Now a lot of those questions were about false **Q.** Whatever you call them, right? 2 A. Yeah. 2 advertising, right? 3 A. Yes. 3 MR. MADEL: I have no further questions. 4 Q. How many times has the Federal Trade Commission 4 THE COURT: Additional, if you wish, counsel? 5 contacted you regarding false advertising? 5 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION** 6 BY MR. ANDREW HANSEN: 6 A. Zero. **Q.** How many times has the Federal Consumer Protection 7 Q. Mr. Baxter, a moment ago you were talking about the 8 Finance Bureau contacted you regarding false advertising? e-mail that said tricky marketing, right? Do you remember that? A. Zero. 9 10 Q. Your business was located in Florida; is that right? 10 **A.** Yes. 11 A. Yes. **Q.** And you said that you were referring to the click to 12 **Q.** Orlando? 12 call --13 **A.** Yes. 13 **A.** Yes, at the time. 14 **Q.** How many times has the Florida Attorney General 14 **Q.** -- right? 15 contacted you regarding false advertising? 15 And that it was -- nobody had a name for it, 16 **A.** Never. 16 right? 17 **Q.** How about the Florida Department of Commerce? 17 A. Yes. 18 **A.** Never. 18 Q. And didn't Google have a name for it? Google called it 19 **Q.** Let's keep going further down. Orlando is in Orange 19 click to call, right? 20 County, Florida I believe, right? 20 A. I don't think so at that time, no. 21 **A.** Yes. 21 **Q.** Did they call it call extension? 22 Q. How many times has the Orange County District Attorney 22 A. Maybe something like that. 23 contacted you regarding false advertising? 23 Q. But they didn't call it tricky marketing, did they, to 24 **A.** Zero. 24 your knowledge? 25 Q. Anybody at the county level ever contact you for false 25 A. No. 1090 1088 1 MR. ANDREW HANSEN: No more questions. 1 advertising? 2 **A.** No. 2 THE COURT: Any additional examination? Q. Let's go down to the City of Orlando. Has the City 3 MS. BERENS: No, your Honor. Thank you. 4 Attorney ever contacted you regarding false advertising? 4 MR. MADEL: No, your Honor. Thank you. THE COURT: Call your next witness. 5 5 **Q.** Has the dog catcher from Orlando contacted you regarding 6 MR. DENNIS HANSEN: Your Honor, our paralegal went false advertising? 7 to grab our next witness David Karr. In the meantime, 8 A. No. 8 permission to approach and hand your Honor a binder. 9 MR. ANDREW HANSEN: Objection to the question. 9 THE COURT: Yep. 10 THE COURT: I'll sustain that. It's irrelevant. 10 MR. DENNIS HANSEN: Your Honor, Plaintiffs call 11 BY MR. MADEL: 11 David Karr. 12 **Q.** How many consumers have brought a class action against 12 THE COURT: If you want to step forward, sir. And 13 you for false advertising in your life? 13 then before you step in to the witness stand, if you would 14 **A.** Zero. 14 raise your right hand, please. 15 **Q.** How many consumers have alleged fraud against you? 15 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth 16 and nothing but the truth, so help you God? MR. KARR: I do. 17 **Q.** How many consumers have sued you for false advertising? 17 18 **A.** Zero. 18 THE COURT: And there's a couple steps up there 19 **Q.** Deceptive trade practices? 19 but you can step into the witness box and have a seat, 20 **A.** No one. 20 please. And then as I tell every witness, whether it's a 21 Q. How many people in your life have contended that you combination of moving the chair and the microphone, because 21 22 engaged in false advertising against consumers? 22 that's -- you have to sit quite close to it. Otherwise it 23 A. One. 23 won't pick you up. If you would state your full name and

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2 THE COURT: You may inquire, counsel.

3 MR. DENNIS HANSEN: Thank you, your Honor.

4 Permission to approach and hand the witness a binder?

5 THE COURT: You may.

6 MR. DENNIS HANSEN: Thank you.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. DENNIS HANSEN: 8

- 9 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Karr.
- 10 **A.** Good afternoon.
- 11 **Q.** Where do you live?
- 12 **A.** I live in Greenville County in South Carolina.
- 13 **Q.** Can you give the jury a brief summary of your
- 14 educational background?
- 15 **A.** Yes. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in
- 16 accounting from Bob Jones University in 1977.
- 17 **Q.** Where is Bob Jones University?
- 18 **A.** It's located in Greenville, South Carolina.
- 19 **Q.** Have you lived in Greenville your entire life?
- 20 **A.** Not my entire life but since I was six.
- 21 **Q.** What do you do for a living, Mr. Karr?
- 22 A. I'm the General Manager of Select Comfort SC
- 23 Corporation.
- 24 **Q.** And what is Select Comfort SC Corporation?
- 25 A. Select Comfort SC Corporation is a wholly-owned

- 1 subsidiary of Select Comfort and it runs the Comfortaire
- 2 business.
- **Q.** How long -- well, has the Comfortaire business always 3
- 4 been run by Select Comfort SC Corporation?
- 5 **A.** No, Comfortaire started in 1981 and for most of its
- 6 existence was actually a competitor to Select Comfort. And
- 7 then in January, I think, of 2013, Select Comfort purchased
- 8 Comfortaire and Comfortaire Direct from their previous
- 9 owners which was Park Place Corporation.
- 10 **Q.** How long have you worked for Comfortaire, Mr. Karr?
- 11 **A.** I have been involved with Comfortaire in some capacity
- 12 since 1985.
- 13 **Q.** Can you tell us about your roles with Comfortaire since
- 14 1985?
- 15 **A.** Sure. I was introduced to Comfortaire when I joined
- 16 Park Place. My main responsibilities, of course, were to
- 17 Park Place. I came in on the finance side. Park Place had
- 18 a subsidiary called Comfortaire, and I handled the financial
- side of Comfortaire. In 1987 I was made President of 19
- 20 Comfortaire. I still had my dual roles with Park Place and
- at the acquisition, my titles with Park Place were Chief 21
- 22 Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer for Park Place,
- 23 and then the President of Comfortaire.

A. Yes. 1

- 2 **Q.** Can you describe your roles and responsibilities?
- **A.** Sure. Early on the company was very small and basically
- did about everything. I was responsible for sales and
- marketing, for operations, for supply chain, for legal, for 5
- finance. And then, of course, the Internet came along and 6
- then I was also responsible for our Internet relationships,
- whether they be with third-party partners or whether we did
- them in-house. 9
- **Q.** You mentioned that you are now the General Manager of 10
- the Comfortaire business. What are your responsibilities in
- 12 that role?
- 13 **A.** They are actually very similar. I am responsible for
- sales and marketing, for operations, for supply chain. And 14
- 15 then I have cross-functional partners at Select Comfort who
- 16 handle human capital, finance, compliance, legal, and brand.
- 17 **Q.** Let's talk a little bit more about what Comfortaire is.
- 18 What business is Comfortaire in?
- 19 **A.** Comfortaire is in the adjustable air bed business.
- 20 **Q.** Please just share with the jury a brief history of
- 21 Comfortaire.
- 22 **A.** Sure. As I said, Comfortaire has been around since
- 23 1981. I wasn't acquainted with it until 1985. But
- 24 Comfortaire was the first company to introduce an air bed to
- 25 third-party retail and have continuously been a supplier of

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air-supported sleep for third-party retail partners longer 1

- 2 than anybody else in this category.
- 3 Then, of course, we were acquired by Select
- Comfort in 2013.
- 5 **Q.** What products did Comfortaire sell before the
- 6 acquisition?
- **A.** Pre-acquisition -- well, from our inception we have
- created and sold air beds. That's our business.
- 9 **Q.** And where did Comfortaire sell those air beds?
- **A.** We sold air beds with third-party retail partners or
- 11 dealers. We have about 200 dealer relationships, about 400
- 12 storefronts in the U.S. And I'll just name a couple. One
- 13 of our larger is Raymour and Flanigan in northeast. That's
- 14 about 100 stores. And then some that might be familiar here
- 15 would be HOM Furniture here in Minneapolis and in the
- 16 Minnesota area.
- 17 **Q.** How did the acquisition by Select Comfort of Comfortaire
- 18 come about?
- 19 A. Really late in 2012 Select Comfort contacted -- well,
- 20 Park Place about an opportunity, and it was like the perfect
- 21 time and the price was right. And the acquisition occurred
- 22 in January of 2013.
- 23 **Q.** Why did Park Place sell the Comfortaire business to



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1	1195 THE COURT: All right. So we will stand in	1	INDEX	119/	
2 re 3 re 4 co 5 w 6 co 7 sa 8 o 9 e 10 th 11 12 y 113 sa 114 fi 115 a 116 re 117 a 118 le 118	THE COURT: All right. So we will stand in ecess, and I'll just let you indicate to the extent it's elevant, unrelated to the issues here, just the way the ourtroom floor is designed where the jurors come in and where we usually get everything going, usually if they have omplaints or at least everything that Brenda and Becky is aying, everybody seems to be in good spirits, so as apposed to saying, not that they would confide with us everything, and generally we have kind of a good sense if they feel They haven't asked Brenda to ask me any questions et, because I would have to forward those on to you, but o we have one juror that the young woman sitting in the first row there, she is here every morning working at 7:00 a.m., a little after 7:00, so we have to, for a number of easons, I got in Becky and I showed up about the same time bout two minutes after 7:00, and she was waiting for us to et her in the jury room.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	PLAINTIFFS' WITNESSES JOHN BAXTER Direct Examination by Mr. Andrew Hansen Examination by Ms. Berens Cross-Examination by Mr. Madel Redirect Examination by Mr. Andrew Hansen DAVID KARR Direct Examination by Mr. Dennis Hansen Cross-Examination by Mr. Madel EXHIBITSREC'D None	PAGE 965 1076 1085 1089 1092 1151	
	So we'll stand in recess. You, of course, may tep down, Mr. Karr, and we will see everybody at nine 'clock in the morning. We're in recess. Thank you.	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25			
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	(Court adjourned at 5:25 P.M.) * * * We, Carla R. Bebault and Kristine Mousseau, certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.				
12	Certified by: <u>s/ Carla R. Bebault</u> Carla R. Bebault, RMR, CRR, FCRR				
13	Certified by: <u>s/ Kristine Mousseau, RPR-CRR</u> Kristine Mousseau, RPR-CRR				
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