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v.

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PETITION
FOR INTER PARTES REVIEW OF U.S. PATENT 5,904,172**

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I. BRIEF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

1. I am a Licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois and Oklahoma, with over 10 years of experience in mechanical engineering. My experience in machinery and mechanisms spans numerous industries; I have worked directly designing mechanical systems and machinery and have consulted on the operation of machinery in various fields including rail, hydraulic equipment, hydraulic cylinders, and industrial machinery.

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