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Mr. James J. Lin
DIRECTION INTERNATIONAL
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. Box 19-79
Taichung, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Re: James CHANG - Appln. No. 08/569,003
METHOD OF MAKING BATH SCRUBBER...
Your reference: SLC02PI032US
Our reference: CHANG=84

Dear Mr. Lin:

Faxed herewith is a copy of pages 2 and 3 only of a restriction requirement mailed August 18, 1998, designated Paper No. 5. A complete copy accompanies the confirmation copy of this report.

Looking at the attached page 2, you will see that the examiner considers that the claims are directed to three (3) patentably distinct inventions respectively identified as Groups I, II and III, as follows:

Group I, claims 1-3 and 5, drawn to a method of making a scrubber;

Group II, claims 4, 6, 7 and 13, drawn to an apparatus used to make a scrubber; and

Group III, claims 8-12, drawn to a scrubber.

In the usual way, we are required to elect only one of the three (3) groups for further prosecution on the merits. The requirement may be traversed, but the election must still be made. If you do wish for us to traverse the requirement, please provide us with reasons.

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If the election is made without traverse (or with traverse, but the traversal is ultimately unsuccessful as usually occurs), then the claims directed to the non-elected groups will be withdrawn from consideration and not examined. However, if it is desired to continue prosecution on either or both of the non-elected groups, this can be done by filing one or two divisional applications.

A shortened term for response has been set to expire in only thirty days, i.e. the due date is September 18, 1998. Please let us have your instructions sufficiently soon so that we can meet this due date, preferably by

September 17, 1998.

Thank you. We await hearing from you. Our debit note for services is attached to the confirmation copy of this report.

Sincerely,

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