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Art Unit: 1792

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**Chocolate Confections** 

Petitioners: Electronic Frontier Foundation

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The undersigned requests notification via e-mail to the following address in the event the third-party submission is determined to be non-compliant.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## THIRD-PARTY PREISSUANCE SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.290 CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF RELEVANCE

Cite No. 1 – Document Number US-6,280,785

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO/SB/429 are documents that may be considered material to the patentability of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.290.

Copies of the patents or publications cited are enclosed, except as waived by 37 C.F.R. § 1.290(d)(3)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.290(d)(2), Petitioners' undersigned representative submits the following concise description of relevance for the Yang reference (US-6,280,785) ("Yang"), Cite No. 1 on Form PTO/SB/429:

Yang discloses the use of a computer or other controller that receives layer data from CAD software and transmits the information as drive signals to the dispensing head to control the dispensing head's mechanical movements as part of an additive manufacturing system. These mechanical movements determine the shape and dimensions of each layer of the 3D-printed object. Yang at col. 4, lines 25-48. This computer or other controller of an additive manufacturing system is similar to the controller configured to receive printing instructions and to relay commands based on the instructions that is described in Claim 1 of the instant Application. The additive manufacturing system described in Yang can be used to print chocolate 3D objects. Yang at col. 1, line 16; col. 4, lines 16, 51, 57. Yang further discloses a moveable support member onto which the 3D object is printed, by depositing the composition layer by layer. Yang at col. 4, lines 2-4, 25-48; col. 6, lines 55-67; col. 7, lines 1-2; figures 1, 2, 3(b). Such a support member is reminiscent of the platen described by the Applicants in Claim 1 and in ¶ 0030, 0042, 0061-0062 of the Specification. A dispensing head that is directed by drive signals from the controller when depositing chocolate onto the support member to print the chocolate 3D object is also disclosed in Yang. Yang at col. 4, lines 2-48; col.6, lines 55-67, col. 7, lines 1-2. The dispensing head described in Yang can use an extrusion nozzle to extrude the chocolate when printing the object. Yang at col. 1, lines 29-33; col. 11, lines 20-34. The dispensing head in Yang is similar to the print head disclosed in Claims 1 and 9 of the instant Application. The method of using the dispensing head in Yang is reminiscent of the method for using the print head to extrude chocolate as described in Claim 15 of the instant Application.

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Yang also teaches the use of a pump to bring the liquid chocolate material to the print head from the chamber of the dispensing head that stores the chocolate and the method of pumping liquid chocolate from the chamber to the dispensing head. Yang at col. 2, lines 44-62 (discussing relevant prior work in the field); col. 6, lines 34-54; col. 13, lines 38-53. The pump described by Yang is similar to the pump in Claim 9 of the instant Application and the method in Yang of using the pump is similar to the method of pumping mentioned in Claim 15 of the instant Application.

Should Examiner or the Office find that the above statement of relevance, or any portion thereof, is non-compliant with some requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.290, Petitioners respectfully request the third-party submission be entered if the error is of such minor character that it does not raise an ambiguity as to the content of the submission. *See* 70 Fed. Reg. 42,150, 42,168 (July 17, 2012).

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Respectfully submitted,

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# THIRD-PARTY PREISSUANCE SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.290 CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF RELEVANCE

Cite No. 2 – Document Number US-4,032,667

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.290(d)(2), Petitioners' undersigned representative submits the following concise description of relevance for the Kreuter reference (US-4,032,667) ("Kreuter"), Cite No. 2 on Form PTO/SB/429:

Kreuter discloses a cycle for the repeated usage of flowable chocolate, where some of the chocolate is used and the remaining chocolate is returned for further use in the cycle. The cycle is set up to keep the chocolate in a tempered state as it flows through the cycle. Kreuter at col. 1, lines 8-68 (discussing prior work in the field); col. 4, lines 27-56. This cycle is similar to the recirculation loop described in Claim 1 of the instant Application. Kreuter teaches the use of several stages of heating the chocolate, with an ultimate temperature of 33-34°C (91.4-93.2°F) to temper the chocolate, and application of a high shear stress to help maintain the tempered state. Kreuter at col. 2, lines 53-65; col. 4, lines 10-56; col. 8, lines 48-61. The heating and shearing in Kreuter is similar to the reservoir for shearing and heating and the step of shearing and heating chocolate in a reservoir described in Claims 9 and 15 of the instant Application. Kreuter further discloses maintaining the temperature of the chocolate as it passes through the housing, pumps, and conduits, with the use of double walls within which a thermostatically controlled heating medium circulates, or some other temperature maintenance method. Kreuter at col. 8, lines 9-15. This is reminiscent of the heating line mentioned in Claim 9 of the instant Application, as well as the heating of the flowable chocolate material described in Claim 1.

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