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## United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 97118527

Mark: DRAGON-LINE MOBILE DRIP IRRIGATION

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# COMBINED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/PRIORITY ACTION NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within <u>six months</u> of the issue date below or the application will be <u>abandoned</u>. Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears at the end of this Office action.

**Issue date:** August 25, 2022

PRIORITY ACTION

**USPTO database searched; no conflicting marks found.** The trademark examining attorney has searched the USPTO database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); TMEP §704.02.

**Applicant must address issues shown below.** On August 25, 2022, the examining attorney and Kent Erickson discussed the issues below. Applicant must timely respond to these issues. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §2.62(a); TMEP §708.05.

#### **Definite Identification of Goods Requirement**

Wording in the identification of goods is (1) indefinite and must be clarified, (2) overbroad in that it encompasses goods/services in more than one international classification and/or (3) misclassified. *See* TMEP §1402.01. Please see suggested identification below for specific wording that requires clarification and/or reclassification.

Please note that bolded wording/punctuation indicates a suggested addition(s)/amendment(s) to applicant's current identification to make it definite. Finally, please note that the suggested identification may include additional international classifications and, if applicant adopts these suggested identifications, applicant will need to comply with the requirements set forth in the multiple class requirements section below.

Applicant may substitute the following wording, if accurate:

Class 06: Mobile irrigation system conversion kit comprised of **metal drip irrigation tubing**, fluid manifolds and conduits, fluid connectors and fittings and adapters, guide and support wires, and anchoring and attachment brackets, all used to convert a mobile center pivot or linear movement spray irrigation system into a mobile drip irrigation system used by farmers and agricultural product producers to water crops growing on a large agricultural field

Class 17: Mobile irrigation system conversion kit comprised of **non-metal flexible drip irrigation tubing**, fluid manifolds and conduits, fluid connectors and fittings and adapters, guide and support wires, and anchoring and attachment brackets, all used to convert a mobile center pivot or linear movement spray irrigation system into a mobile drip irrigation system used by farmers and agricultural product producers to water crops growing on a large agricultural field

Class 19: Mobile irrigation system conversion kit comprised of **non-metal rigid drip irrigation tubing**, fluid manifolds and conduits, fluid connectors and fittings and adapters, guide and support wires, and anchoring and attachment brackets, all used to convert a mobile center pivot or linear movement spray irrigation system into a mobile drip irrigation system used by farmers and agricultural product producers to water crops growing on a large agricultural field

#### Additions to Identification Not Permitted

Applicant's goods and/or services may be clarified or limited, but may not be expanded beyond those originally itemized in the application or as acceptably amended. See 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Applicant may clarify or limit the identification by inserting qualifying language or deleting items to result in a more specific identification; however, applicant may not substitute different goods and/or services or add goods and/or services not found or encompassed by those in the original application or as acceptably amended. See TMEP §1402.06(a)-(b). The scope of the goods and/or services sets the outer limit for any changes to the identification and is generally determined by the

ordinary meaning of the wording in the identification. TMEP §§1402.06(b), 1402.07(a)-(b). Any acceptable changes to the goods and/or services will further limit scope, and once goods and/or services are deleted, they are not permitted to be reinserted. TMEP §1402.07(e).

For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable *U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual. See* TMEP §1402.04.

To expedite prosecution of this trademark application, when amending the identification as required above, the Office strongly encourages the applicant to select pre-approved wording contained within this manual that accurately describes the goods and/or services therein. Failure to do so may result in delay.

#### Section 1(b) Requirements for Combined Applications

The application identifies goods and/or services in more than one international class; therefore, applicant must satisfy all the requirements below for each international class based on Trademark Act Section 1(b):

- (1) List the goods and/or services by their international class number in consecutive numerical order, starting with the lowest numbered class.
- (2) Submit a filing fee for each international class not covered by the fee(s) already paid (view the USPTO's current fee schedule). The application identifies goods and/or services that are classified in at least 3 classes; however, applicant submitted a fee(s) sufficient for only 1 class(es). Applicant must either submit the filing fees for the classes not covered by the submitted fees or restrict the application to the number of classes covered by the fees already paid.

See 37 C.F.R. §2.86(a); TMEP §§1403.01, 1403.02(c).

For an overview of the requirements for a Section 1(b) multiple-class application and how to satisfy the requirements online using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, see the Multiple-class Application webpage.

#### Class Fees

The fee for adding classes to a TEAS Standard application is \$350 per class. See 37 C.F.R. \$2.6(a)(1)(iii). For more information about adding classes to an application, see the Multiple-class Application webpage.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

**Application has been amended as shown below.** As agreed to by the individual identified in the Priority Action section, the examining attorney has amended the application as shown below. Please notify the examining attorney immediately of any objections. TMEP §707. In addition, applicant is advised that amendments to the goods and/or services are permitted only if they clarify or limit them; amendments that add to or broaden the scope of the goods and/or services are not permitted. 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a).

#### **DISCLAIMER**

The following disclaimer statement is added to the record:

No claim is made to the exclusive right to use "MOBILE DRIP IRRIGATION" apart from the mark as shown.

See 15 U.S.C. §1056(a); TMEP §§1213, 1213.08(a)(i).

How to respond. Click to file a response to this nonfinal Office action.

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#### RESPONSE GUIDANCE

- Missing the response deadline to this letter will cause the application to <u>abandon</u>. The response must be received by the USPTO before midnight **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. TEAS maintenance or <u>unforeseen circumstances</u> could affect an applicant's ability to timely respond.
- Responses signed by an unauthorized party are not accepted and can cause the application to abandon. If applicant does not have an attorney, the response must be signed by the individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant. If applicant has an attorney, the response must be signed by the attorney.
- If needed, **find contact information for the supervisor** of the office or unit listed in the signature block.

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#### NEW HYBRID WINCH SYSTEM

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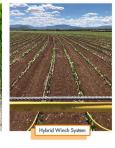


With the introduction of the hybrid style as the height of the manifold is now fully adjustable to adapt to any crop and crop rotation thanks to our V-Jack cable hooks. We have also designed the hybrid system where the position of the drip line relative to the row is adjustable as well with the use of our patented winds assembly. This allows for unparalled adjustability for a drip system as lines can be adjusted throughout the season to allow farmers to use the drip lines ensure even germination of seeds, spoon-feed plants nutrients without root burn, and keep drip lines in the center of the furrow to ensure even distribution of water to both of the rows. All these features will result in reducing inputs such as energy, fertilizer, and water needed to grow your crops.











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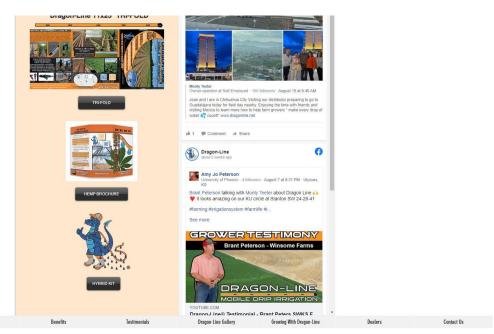
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#### USPTO OFFICIAL NOTICE

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A USPTO examining attorney has reviewed your trademark application and issued an Office action. You must respond to this Office action in order to avoid your application abandoning. Follow the steps below.

- (1) **Read the Office action**. This email is NOT the Office action.
- (2) **Respond to the Office action by the deadline** using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). Your response must be received by the USPTO on or before 11:59 p.m. **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. Otherwise, your application will be <u>abandoned</u>. See the Office action itself regarding how to respond.
- (3) **Direct general questions** about using USPTO electronic forms, the USPTO <u>website</u>, the application process, the status of your application, and whether there are outstanding deadlines to the <u>Trademark Assistance Center (TAC)</u>.

After reading the Office action, address any question(s) regarding the specific content to the USPTO examining attorney identified in the Office action.

#### GENERAL GUIDANCE

- <u>Check the status</u> of your application periodically in the <u>Trademark Status & Document Retrieval (TSDR)</u> database to avoid missing critical deadlines.
- <u>Update your correspondence email address</u> to ensure you receive important USPTO notices about your application.
- Beware of trademark-related scams. Protect yourself from people and companies that may try to take financial advantage of you. Private companies may call you and pretend to be the USPTO or may send you communications that resemble official USPTO documents to trick you. We will never request your credit card number or social security number over the phone. And all official USPTO correspondence will only be emailed from the domain "@uspto.gov." Verify the correspondence originated from us by using your Serial Number in our database, TSDR, to confirm that it appears under the "Documents" tab, or contact the Trademark Assistance Center.

• Hiring a U.S.-licensed attorney. If you do not have an attorney and are not required to have one under the trademark rules, we encourage you to hire a U.S.-licensed attorney specializing in trademark law to help guide you through the registration process. The USPTO examining attorney is not your attorney and cannot give you legal advice, but rather works for and represents the USPTO in trademark matters.