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Re: Soilworks v. Midwest Industrial Supply

I have been retained by Kutak-Rock LLP to evaluate if the Durasoil product infringes any of the Midwest products covered in US 7,074,266 and US 7,081,270.

Enclosed is my CV and list of technical publications, authored patents, and major presentations. I have particular experience with soil-type material from my research at Exxon- Mobil on separating valuable organics from tar sands, which are 90% clay and soil-type material. Over the last 5 years, I have given 6 depositions.

My conclusions are based on an understanding of the composition of Durasoil and an analysis of the Midwest patents US 7,074,266 and US 7,081,270.

First, the components of Durasoil. It contains white mineral oil which is generally defined as a very pure paraffinic hydrocarbon. The second component is light petroleum which has been hydro-treated to assure that it is paraffinic. The third component is a middle distillate from the fractionation of oil which has been hydro-treated. It also contains some esters; these are modified carboxylic acids.

Durasoil does not contain key components claimed in the above named Midwest patents. The Midwest product contains organic acids (carboxylic and fatty acids). This would give the product an acidic property where the paraffinic components in Durasoil give it a non-acidic property.

The Midwest product contains and emulsifier, which in industrial use are typically long-chained alcohols or fatty acids

Durasoil does not include an iso-alkane (a paraffinic component that has some branching rather than a straight chain material. Iso-alkanes do not naturally occur in petroleum but are manufactured in a specialized process (the most common synthetic iso-alkane is is-octane used in gasoline to increase performance).

The Midwest product includes a polyolefin (a low molecular weight polymer). This is used as a binder for the other organic components. Durasoil does not use polymeric materials or a binder.

From the above analysis, it is my conclusion that Durasoil is distinctly different from the materials claimed in the Midwest patents.



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Appendix 1- EWF CV and publications

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced R&D director at Exxon and Honeywell and presently an expert witness along being a Professor of Chemical Engineering at University of Illinois.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, 1970 B.S.,
Engineering Science, Yale, 1967

PRESENT PROFESSIONAL

1. Consultant and expert witness 1992-present. EWF Consulting, Inc.
Technical consultant to medium-sized chemical companies and national laboratories. Expert witness on patent infringement and process/product liability cases with law firms.
2. Professor of Chemical Engineering, University of Illinois 1992-present
Teaching of courses in process and product design. Technical writing and oral communication.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Allied-Signal/UOP (now Honeywell), Des Plaines, IL, 1982-1992
Manager of Chemical Process/Product Technology

- Responsible for the commercial development of new products in the areas of petrochemicals, polymers, membranes and films, environmental processes, and chemical processing, and novel process systems.
- This work led to new membranes, surface-modified films, ozone-friendly fluorocarbons, extraction processes for treating contaminated soils, conducting polymer resins, carbon molecular sieves, etc.
- Managed the advanced technology for UOP division of Honeywell, the process technology affiliate of Honeywell. This included petroleum processes and process technology in the food and related industries.

- Led the design effort that identified new commercial applications for oxygen-enrichment membranes and ultrafiltration processes for food processing.
- Lead technology manager in the Dow/Honeywell patent infringement suit, which resulted in a \$30 million award to Honeywell.
- Project Manager for a \$5 million Department of Energy contract on the development of energy saving membrane processes. The yield from this contract included the first commercial processes for hydrocarbon separations, and a gas-membrane process for removal of carbon dioxide from natural gas.
- Obtained for Honeywell R&D contracts from NASA and Los Alamos and established joint R&D projects with Kraft and Procter & Gamble.

Corporate Research, Exxon, Linden, NJ, 1973-1982

Senior Research Engineer.

- Established a new program on the extraction of oil from Canadian tar sands and obtained the key patents. Directed the laboratory studies, developed unique software for process analysis, and built a small-scale demonstration units.
- Developed new test methods for the characterization of asphaltenes, lubricating oils, and synthetic fuels.
- Served as the principal engineer in the investigation of potential uses of supercritical fluid technology within Exxon's business units.
- Was lead engineer of the engineering/chemistry team that commercialized Exxon's FLEXSORB process for the use of aqueous tertiary amines for removal of acid gases from natural gas.

Ford Foundation, Chile 1971-1973

Fellow

Established new R&D programs focused on the food and mineral industries within government labs and universities.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Author of 40 technical papers and 35 presentations at technical meetings, national laboratories and industrial research centers. Author of 6 US patents.

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