

GROUNDBREAKING TECHNOLOGY

Relevance: A new world-wide patent pending that can be reserved for future license by a company as a defensive measure to protect existing patents or expired patents for manufactured product or products.

Claims on the new patent apply to the surface of a manufactured product (not the product's functionality or design) ... aka., the "surface grain patent".

Use Case Examples and Logic

1 *Company A wants to extend the life of existing patented product(s)*

- Company A's existing patent(s) expires in 5 years thus exposing products based on expired patent to duplication by competitors at that time
- Company reserves a surface grain patent license now for its existing patent(s)
- Company A gains additional life on existing patented products because, while competitors could have legally copied the expiring patented products in 5 years, they cannot do so without violating new surface grain patent
- Company A's existing patented product protection is "extended" based on new protection from surface grain patent

2 *Company A wants to restart the clock on expired patented product(s)*

- Company A has existing patent that has expired, thus exposing products based on expired patent to duplication by competitors
- Company A licenses or reserves surface grain patent pending
- Company A "reclaims" expired patented product protection because, while competitors could legally copy the expired patent, they cannot do so without violating new surface grain patent when issued

3 *Company B wants to duplicate Company A's expired patented product(s)*

- Company B wants to copy Company A's product and prevent others from doing the same
- Company B licenses surface grain patent pending
- Company B "grabs" expired patented product protection from the market because, while competitors could legally copy the expired patent, they cannot do so without violating new surface grain patent when issued
- *It is possible that Company B could interfere with Company A's product production based on expired or current patents if Company B has new surface grain patent protection*