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CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION
PRIVILEGED LEGAL OPINION

Re: Infringement Review Relating to Use and/or Sale of Honeycomb Bristles in the USA
HONEYCOMB BRUSH BRISTLES AND BRUSH...
Our reference: CANSLER 3

Dear Ron:

As I indicated to you in our report of February 13, 1995, on the above identified subject, I was not fully certain whether claim 1 of the Nakashima patent could be read on KETEMA's honeycomb brush bristle without reviewing the file history of the Nakashima patent.

Summary Opinion

After careful review of that file history, it is our opinion[1] that the Nakashima patent 4,559,268 presents no problem of infringement with respect to the manufacture, sale or use in the U.S.A. of the KETEMA honeycomb brush bristle.

Infringement Analysis

As previously indicated, the Nakashima USP 4,559,268 relates to a brush filament which appears to have a plurality of hollow cavities when viewed in cross-section. The single independent claim reads as follows:

> 1. A filament for brushmaking made of a thermoplastic polymer and having a plurality of cavities or hollow structures, a lateral

[1] Please be advised that our opinion is not a guarantee. The patent law in the U.S.A. is complex and is not consistently applied by patent examiners or the courts, or even by patent attorneys. Consequently, there is no certainty, if suit were to be filed, that the Court or Jury would agree with our opinion.