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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: larry@olivergrimsely.com

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Re: Espro U.S. Patent Nos. 9,392,900 and 9,408,490

Dear Mr. Guffey:

We thank you for your letter of May 26, 2016, wherein you indicated that a response to our May 16, 2016 letter to Ms. Morse would be forthcoming. However, it has been two months without further response.

Accordingly, please find attached a courtesy copy of a Complaint for patent infringement filed against your client today in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York alleging infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9,392,900 ("the '900 Patent"). We are in the process of arranging for your client to be served.

An additional Espro patent will issue from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 14/318,371 as U.S. Patent No. 9,408,490 ("the '490 Patent") on August 9, 2016. A copy of the Issue Notification and allowed claims are attached to this letter.

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One or more claims of both the '900 and '490 patents are infringed by your client's Simpli Press product. Continuing infringement beyond the date of this letter, or, in the case of the '490 Patent, after issuance, constitutes willful patent infringement.

Very truly yours,

Brian R. Pollack

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application with the listing of claims as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for separating an infused extract from a mixture of an infusible material and the extract, the apparatus comprising:

a plunger element adapted to be inserted into an infusing container containing the mixture and having one or more vertical inner walls oriented parallel to a vertical axis of the container, wherein the plunger element is adapted to be moved within the container along the vertical axis thereof, wherein the plunger element comprises includes:

a <u>handle</u> means adapted to move the plunger element within the infusing container along the vertical axis thereof;

a first surface transverse to the vertical axis and comprising <u>including at</u> <u>least one</u> sealing means situated at one or more edges of said first surface, wherein said <u>at least one</u> sealing means are <u>is</u> adapted for sealing engagement with the one or more inner walls of the infusing container as the plunger element is moved within the container, to define a first chamber containing the mixture of infusible material and extract bounded by said first surface;

a second surface extending perpendicularly from said first surface and defining a second chamber, said second surface <u>defining comprising</u> one or more extract flow openings <u>therethrough</u>, wherein said one or more extract flow openings are adapted to permit flow of extract from said first chamber into said second chamber in a direction non-parallel to an axis of the plunger, and wherein at least a portion of said one or more extract flow openings <u>defined</u> in said second

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surface are situated at a depth, wherein said depth is separated from said first surface, either above or below said first surface along the vertical axis.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first surface additionally <u>defines comprises</u> one or more vent openings <u>therethrough</u>, wherein said vent openings are adapted to permit at least one of:

the flow of air out of said first chamber; and

the flow of at least a portion of a low density component comprised in the mixture out of said first chamber.

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4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more extract flow openings <u>include comprise</u> at least one filter element <u>therein</u>, wherein said at least one filter element <u>defines comprises</u> a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u> and is permeable to the extract.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said one or more vent openings <u>include comprise</u> at least one filter element <u>therein</u>, wherein said at least one filter element is adapted to control passage of the infusible material through said one or more vent openings.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first surface is discoid in shape, <u>and wherein said plunger element</u> is adapted to fit within the

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infusing container containing the mixture of infusible material and extract, <u>the</u> <u>container including comprising</u> a cylindrical inner wall.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second surface is one of [[:]] cylindrical or frusto-conical in shape.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said at least one filter element <u>includes</u> eomprises at least one of:

a mesh or screen <u>defining</u> comprising a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u> and <u>is</u> comprised of a material selected from metal, polymer, ceramic, composite, cloth, felt, paper or a combination thereof;

a porous material layer <u>defining</u> comprising a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u> attached to said at least one extract flow opening;

a removable porous surface layer <u>defining</u> eomprising a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u>, and situated over said at least one extract flow opening; or

a plurality of apertures [[of]] having an equal or smaller diameter than an average diameter of the infusible material;

and wherein said at least one filter element is adapted to control passage of the infusible material through said one or more extract flow openings.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said at least one filter element <u>includes comprises</u> at least one of:

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a mesh or screen <u>defining</u> comprising a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u> and comprised of a material selected from metal, polymer, ceramic, composite, cloth, felt, paper or a combination thereof;

a porous material layer <u>defining</u> eomprising a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u> attached to said at least one vent opening;

a removable porous surface layer <u>defining</u> comprising a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u>, and situated over said at least one vent opening; or

a plurality of apertures [[of]] having an equal or smaller diameter than an average diameter of the infusible material.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said second surface <u>includes</u> comprises a porous wall section, wherein said porous wall section <u>defines</u> comprises a plurality of apertures <u>therein</u> and is permeable to the extract.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said porous wall section is adapted to control passage of the infusible material through said porous wall section.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said one or more vent openings are adjustable, and are operable to control the flow of the low density component out of said first chamber through said one or more vent openings.

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13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the size of said one or more extract flow openings [[are]] is adjustable, and wherein said one or more adjustable extract flow openings are operable to control the flow of the extract from said first chamber to said second chamber through said one or more extract flow openings.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said depth of said one or more extract flow openings either above or below said first surface along the central axis of the container, is adjustable, and wherein said one or more adjustable extract flow openings are operable to control the flow of the extract from said first chamber to said second chamber through said one or more extract flow openings.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said second surface additionally <u>includes</u> comprises at least one or more of an adjustable screw and an adjustable sliding section, adapted to adjust said depth of said one or more extract flow openings.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plunger element additionally <u>defines</u> comprises at least one extract flow path adapted to permit flow of extract from said second chamber through said at least one extract flow path into a third extract chamber situated on the opposite side of said first surface from said first chamber and separated from said first chamber by said first surface and said <u>at least one</u> sealing means.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said at least one filter element is operable to substantially prevent passage of the infusible material through said one or more extract flow openings.

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18. Previously canceled.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more extract flow openings extend over substantially an entire length of said second surface.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said porous wall section <u>includes</u> comprises at least first and second segments, and wherein said first segment is more permeable to the extract than said second segment.

21. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for infusing an extract comprising:

a) a container having a peripheral wall defining a volume therein, the peripheral wall defining an open top of the container; and

b) a plunger configured to be received through the open top of the container, the plunger and container cooperating to define lower and upper chambers for containing infused extract, the plunger including:

i) a fluid chamber having a top end and a bottom end, the fluid chamber including a peripheral wall that defines a volume therein for containing infused extract, the fluid chamber being open at the top end in direct fluid communication with the upper chamber to permit infused extract to pour out of the fluid chamber when the fluid chamber is inverted, the peripheral wall of the fluid chamber defining an uppermost extract flow opening therethrough, the

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uppermost extract flow opening including at least one filter element disposed therein;

ii) a peripheral seal disposed about an outer periphery of the plunger, the peripheral seal being configured to provide a seal between the plunger and the peripheral wall of the container to separate the lower chamber from the upper chamber, wherein an uppermost extract flow opening is formed in the peripheral wall of the fluid chamber and is situated below the seal to define an annular section of peripheral wall of the fluid chamber above the uppermost extract flow opening that is free of extract flow openings to define an annular gap defined above the uppermost extract flow opening and between the annular section of peripheral wall of the fluid chamber that is free of extract flow openings and the peripheral wall of the container; and

iii) a handle attached to the fluid chamber for moving the plunger along the peripheral wall of the infusing container.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the plunger is attached to the bottom of the fluid chamber.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the at least one filter element includes a plurality of individual filter elements such that the infused extract flows through the plurality of individual filter elements along a flow path as the fluid chamber is advanced downwardly into the infusing container through a mixture of infusible material and extract.

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24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the peripheral seal and fluid chamber are discrete components.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the bottom of the fluid chamber is closed.

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