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General Comment

As a sole proprietor inventor, I am deeply concerned about recent developments in the patent process, whereby those with unlimited cash reserves can invalidate intellectual property.

I have had a number of occasions where the Chinese have tried to purchase the products I have patented and build. This is usually very obvious and so far I have escaped the pitfalls of having a foreign country duplicate my endeavors. Now I have seen where this same process is being permitted in our own country and am disappointed to see that the large corporations, should they desire, can pay to infringe on intellectual property.

I would like to see fair practices enabled, in the patent process that does not bow to the premise that those that have the gold rule the day.