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- Fax
- Email
- Post
- Overnight

National Widget Company  
Attn: John Doe, President  
123 Maple Grove Avenue  
Somewhere, California

Re: Widget with Power Amplifier  
Your ref. "Widgemax"  
Our ref. 08-0182

Dear Mr. Doe:

In response to your request, received by email on August 14, we have conducted a patentability search on the device shown in the drawings attached to your message.

Our search was directed to a widget of the type having a elliptical pin interconnecting opposed pintles and adapted to generate a torque between the pintles. We understand such widgets are well known. The particular improvement is the addition of a power amplifier which produces power pulses that enable the widget to create much higher peak torque and thus provide reliable pintle movement even in very cold environments.

As a result of the search, we have identified the following references:

U.S. Patents

7070341 - Smith [see Fig. 7, items 31 and 52]  
4712340 - Jones [col. 3, lines 22 - 27, col. 5, lines 1 - 4]  
D213444 - Brown

Published Pending Applications

20060123456 - Parvesian et al. [abstract]

Foreign Patents

(none)

Literature

[www.shoemaker.com/archive/understandingwidgets.html](http://www.shoemaker.com/archive/understandingwidgets.html)

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This search was conducted in Class 294, subclasses 100 - 103 and in Class 340, subclass 43.

Please let us know if you require further searching or elaboration.

Kind regards,

Enclosures:

patent copies in .pdf format (by email only)  
invoice