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	UNITED STATES I	DISTRICT COURT		
10	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SOUTHERN DIVISION			
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12	PERI GMBH, a foreign limited liability company, and PERI FORMWORK	SACV11-00005 DOC (MLGx)) Case No.		
13	company, and PERI FORMWORK SYSTEMS, INC., a Maryland corporation,	}		
14	Plaintiffs,) COMPLAINT FOR PATENT) INFRINGEMENT; DEMAND FOR		
15	VS.	JURY TRIAL		
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17	TITAN FORMWORK SYSTEMS, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,	}		
18	Defendants.			
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21	Plaintiffs PERI GmbH and PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. bring this			
22	Complaint against Defendant Titan Formwork Systems, L.L.C. and allege as			
23	follows:			
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27	1. PERI GmbH is a limited liability	ty company organized and existing		
28	under the laws of Germany having its prince	pal place of business at Weissenhorn,		
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2. PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Maryland with its principal place of business in Maryland. PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. does business in the Central District of California. (PERI GmbH and PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. will be referred to hereinafter collectively as "PERI.")

Upon information and belief, defendant Titan Formwork Systems, 3. L.L.C. ("Titan") is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware having its principal place of business at 7855 S. River Parkway, Suite 105, Tempe, AZ 85284. Upon information and belief, defendant Titan does business in the Central District of California, and its registered agent in California is CT Corporation System, located at 818 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This is an action for patent infringement. The claims arise under the 4. Patent Laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. § 1 et seq. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- This Court has personal jurisdiction over the defendants pursuant to 5. California Code of Civil Procedure § 410.10. PERI is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendants have continuous and substantial contacts with the State of California in this Judicial District.
- 6. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(c) and § 1400(b), as Titan resides and/or conducts substantial business in

this Judicial District and has committed, and is continuing to commit, acts of infringement in this Judicial District.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

7. On January 10, 1995, U.S. Patent No. 5,379,566 entitled "Adjustable-Height Post" ("the '566 Patent") was duly and legally issued to inventor Artur Schwörer. A copy of the '566 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

8. PERI GmbH is the assignee of all rights, title and interest in and to the '566 Patent and possesses all rights of recovery under the '566 Patent, including the right to bring suit to enforce it.

9. PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. has an exclusive license from PERI GmbH which authorizes PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. to, <u>inter alia</u>, advertise, distribute and sell the patented product in the United States and to prevent others from doing so. PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. also has the right to bring suit to enforce the '566 Patent.

10. The invention disclosed and claimed in the '566 Patent is an adjustable-height post for construction formwork. PERI GmbH is a world leading manufacturer of formwork systems, which include adjustable-height posts, and has invested significantly in the research and development of innovative products, including the invention disclosed in the '566 Patent.

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Infringement of the '566 Patent by Defendants

COUNT I

11. PERI repeats each of the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs as though set forth in their entirety hereat.

12. Upon information and belief, PERI alleges that Titan has been and is still infringing, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '566 Patent directly and/or indirectly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

13. Upon information and belief, PERI further alleges that Titan is contributing to infringement and/or inducing others to infringe the '566 Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing, without the permission of PERI, adjustable-height posts.

14. Titan has actual notice of the '566 Patent.

15. Demand has been made on Titan to cease infringing on the '566 Patent, but despite the demand, Titan continues to infringe the '566 Patent.

16. As a direct and proximate result of Titan's infringement, PERI has suffered, is suffering, and will continue to suffer injury and damage, which continues to accrue, and for which it is entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

17. Titan has not had nor does it presently have a reasonable basis for believing it had or has a right to engage in the acts complained of herein, and its past and ongoing acts of infringement are willful and deliberate, making this an

exceptional case and justifying the award of treble damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 and attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PERI prays for judgment against defendants as follows:

- 1. A preliminary and permanent injunction against Titan, its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, all parent and subsidiary corporations, all assignees and successors-in-interest, and those persons in active concert or participation with Titan, including distributors and customers, enjoining them from continuing acts of infringement of the '566 Patent;
 - 2. An award of damages for Titan's infringement of the '566 Patent;
- 3. A declaration that Titan's direct and/or indirect infringement of the '566 Patent has been willful;
- 4. An award of treble damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 from Titan's direct and/or indirect infringement of the '566 Patent;
- 5. That the Court make a finding of exceptional case and that PERI be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the litigation pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
 - 6. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: December 29, 2010 CADDEN & FULLER LLP

By:_

H. Daniel Fuller Cecilia A. Perkins Attorneys for Plaintiffs, PERI GmbH and PERI Formwork Systems, Inc. **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs request a trial by jury on all issues in this action.

Dated: December 29, 2010

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[54]	ADJUSTA	BLE-HEIGHT POST
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[57] ABSTRACT

An adjustable-height post (10) for construction formwork, which is preferably made of aluminum, consists of an outer tube (12) to which a threaded nut is fastened in a lossproof manner, and an inner tube (11) that has thread segments (13, 14) on the outer surface. The segments (13, 13', 13'', 13''') project into recesses (19, 19', 19''') of the outer tube (12). This embodiment produces a robust post (10) whose inner tube (11) is nonrotatably supported and guided in the outer tube (12). The inner tube (11) can more easily be manufactured with the threads (14) according to the invention; at the same time, material can be saved in the manufacture of the post (10).

4 Claims, 1 Drawing Sheet

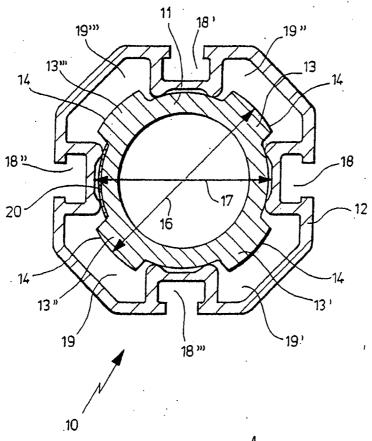
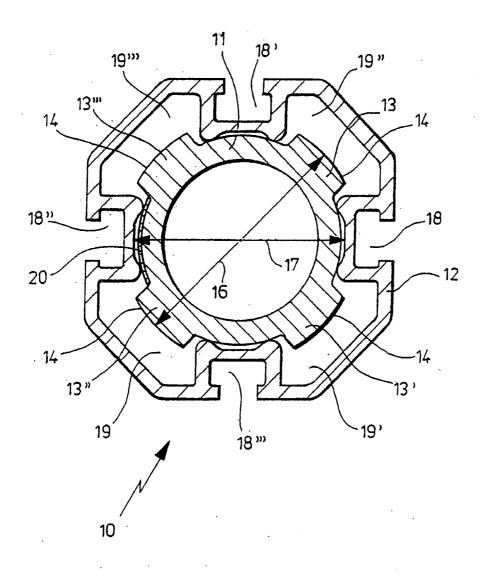


Exhibit A

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ADJUSTABLE-HEIGHT POST

The invention relates to an adjustable-height post for construction formwork, consisting of an outer tube with 5 a threaded nut and an inner tube that has threads on the outer surface.

A post of this kind has been disclosed in the Ischebeck brochure W 54/0389/5 for aluminum formwork scaffolding.

In the known posts, the inner tube is implemented as a spindle that interacts with a threaded nut of the outer tube. Provided on the outer surface of the outer tube are protrusions into which stiffeners can be fastened by means of insertion screws.

The object of the invention is to develop the known posts so as to improve them in terms of handling, and so that they better meet requirements on the construction

According to the invention, this object is achieved by 20 the fact that the threads are interrupted when viewed over the circumference of the inner tube.

The advantage of this is that the threads according to the invention are less sensitive to dirt. Mortar residues can more easily be knocked off because a larger space is present between the threaded portions. When dirt residues are knocked off, the threads themselves are also protected, since mechanical action, for example by means of a hammer, does not need to be applied directly 30 onto the threaded segment of the inner tube.

Furthermore, production of the post according to the invention, i.e. formation of the threaded segments, is simpler and more cost-effective. The adjustable-height posts under discussion here are increasingly being made 35 of aluminum. Aluminum is an expensive raw material, meaning that by a skillful arrangement of threaded segments, a considerable quantity of raw material can be saved without impairing the function of such a post. Segmented threads are easier to impress—i.e. to roll or 40 cut-onto the outer surface of the inner tube. Dirt residues between the threaded segments can thus be more easily broken away, or will more easily fall away of themselves.

If the threaded segments engage in recesses of the 45 outer tube, this is the simplest way of configuring the inner tube nonrotatably with respect to the outer tube. If the height of the post according to the invention needs to be adjusted, one need simply rotate the threaded nut fastened in a lossproof manner to the outer 50 arranged on the outer surface of the inner tube 11 a tube. Once the desired post height has been reached, the threaded connection between the inner tube and outer tube is tightened. The spindle itself does not need to be retained in this process, since these threaded segments lock into the recesses; the inner tube is nonrotatably 55 guided in the outer tube. It is essential to the invention, in this connection, that a nonrotatable positive engagement results regardless of the cross-sectional shape of the inner and outer tubes. The advantages just mentioned can also be utilized if the post according to the 60 invention is made not of aluminum but of steel or another material suitable therefor.

In a further embodiment of the invention, a scale is provided on the outer surface of the inner tube. This scale extends along the inner tube, so that the desired 65 height of a post can very easily be adjusted and read off.

In addition, fastening devices, especially indentations. can be provided on the outer surface of the outer tube.

By means of these indentations, stiffeners can be fastened in a known manner with insertion screws.

Also part of the invention is a method for manufacturing the adjustable-height post according to the invention. The threaded segments can easily be stamped onto the outer surface of the inner tube using known devices.

Further advantages are evident from the description and the attached drawings. The features mentioned above and those referred to later can also, in accordance with the invention, each be used individually or in any combinations with one another. The embodiments mentioned are not to be understood as a definitive listing, but rather are exemplary in nature. The invention is depicted in the drawings, and will be explained with reference to a single exemplary embodiment.

The FIGURE of the drawings shows the subject of the invention in highly schematic fashion, and is not be understood as a scale drawing. The FIGURE shows a cross section through a post according to the invention. with the cross-sectional shapes of the outer tube and inner tube, in particular, understood to be exemplary.

The FIGURE shows a post 10 whose inner tube 11 and outer tube 12 are sectioned. Configured on the inner tube 11 are segments 13, 13', 13", and 13 a", each of which can represent a threaded portion, and threads 14 are provided on the outer surface of the segments 13, 13', 13", 13"'.

The inner tube 11 has a diameter 16 that is greater than an inside diameter 17 which substantially defines the smallest opening width in the outer tube 12. Provided on the outer tube 12 are indentations 18, 18', 18", and 18" which, as shown in the FIGURE, are provided symmetrically on the outer tube 12. The indentations 18, 18', 18", 18"' form recesses 19, 19', 19", 19" in the interior of the outer tube 12, into which recesses the segments 13, 13', 13", 13" of the inner tube 11 project. As the FIGURE clearly shows, the inner tube 11 is thereby nonrotatably guided and supported in the outer tube 12. The threads 14 on the inner tube 11 of the post 10 interact with a threaded nut (not shown in the FIG-URE for the sake of clarity) of the outer tube 12. In a known manner, the height of the post 10 according to the invention can be continuously adjusted and firmly tightened without the application of counterforce.

Stiffeners can be fastened into the indentations 18, 18', 18", and 18" by means of insertion screws.

Furthermore, as shown in the FIGURE, there is scale 20 that extends over the entire length of the inner tube 11. If the post 10 needs to be adjusted to a predefined length, the total length of the post can be read off from the scale 20.

An adjustable-height post 10 for construction formwork, which is preferably made from aluminum, consists of an outer tube 12 to which a threaded nut is fastened in a lossproof manner, and an inner tube 11 that has threaded segments 13, 14 on the outer surface. The segments 13, 13', 13", and 13" project into recesses 19, 19', 19", 19" of the outer tube 12. This configuration results in a robust post 10 whose inner tube 11 is nonrotatably supported and guided in the outer tube 12. With the threads 14 according to the invention, the inner tube 11 can be manufactured more easily, and at the same time material can be saved in the manufacture of the post 10.

We claim:

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1. An adjustable-height post for construction formwork comprising: an essentially closed hollow outer tube having a plurality of recesses on an inner surface and an essentially closed hollow inner tube having 5 wherein fastening devices are provided on the outer having gaps spaced around the outer surface, and the threads fit non-rotatably into the recesses of the outer tube, whereby the inner tube is secured in the outer tube by a threaded nut.

2. Adjustable-height post according to claim 1, wherein a scale is provided on the outer surface of the inner tube.

surface of the outer tube.

4. Adjustable-height post according to claim 1, wherein fastening devices are provided on the outer surface of the outer tube.

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VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? X No Yes If yes, list case number(s):					
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861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitale, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))			
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lu (30 U.S.C. 923)	ing" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969.		
863	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for ohild's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g)) All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))				
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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge David O. Carter and the assigned	1
discovery Magistrate Judge is Marc Goldman.	

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached x	e 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer Daniel Fuller, whose address is Irvine, California 92618. If you fail to do so,
Dated:	By: Deputy Clerk (Seal of the Court)

[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].