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New Apple Inc. Patent # US 2018/0215667 A1

ANO would like to congratulate Merck KGaA on the recent patent filed by Apple Inc. which includes ANO's Alusion product.

The claim of this patent, filed by Apple Inc. is for: "An electronic devise housing formed from a sintered product, further comprising affixing a cover glass to the electronic device housing" made using alumina, specifically, RonaFlair White Sapphire, which includes our Alusion product, manufactured by ANO for Merck KGaA.

Saint Gobain are one of the world's largest glass and composite materials businesses, the inventors of this composite patent, on behalf of Apple. Alusion is the significant element in the example listed manufacturing components.

The Board are aware of recent comments published on Hot Cooper and in our opinion, we do not see any material impact, as the patent and licence agreement with Merck KGaA is due to expire in April 2023.

However, ANO sees a bright future for our Alusion product and is currently in the process of investing in equipment to triple production capacity.

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