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Patent on Hard Drive Disk Cleaning Secured by Local Patent Firm

Innovation Law Group, Ltd. of Sequim is pleased to announce that the US Patent Office has issued US Patent 7,516,507 to its client Xyratex Technologies, Inc. The patent covers an innovative megasonic cascade scrubber for high speed cleaning of disc media for hard drives. The discs are cleaned in a continuous, in-line process, on both sides simultaneously, by rotary brush scrubbing and sound energy to a level of fewer than one particle per side of size less than 1/10th of a micron. Xyratex makes cleaning equipment for hard drive makers such as Seagate, Western Digital, Maxtor, Hitachi, LaCie, HP and Toshiba. The demand for hard drives for external data storage and cellphones, which the small 1” diameter discs, continues to increase.

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