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Judge stays wave technology patent dispute

A patent dispute between two San Diego wave machines has been temporarily suspended to allow the U.S. Patent Office to reexamine the patents in question.

La Jolla-based Wave Loch sued Solana Beach-based American Wave Machines Inc. in mid-2008, claiming infringement of three patents.

American Wave Machines maintains that its "true standing wave" technology differs from Wave Loch's "dated thin sheet water flow."

Federal judge Michael M. Anello has stayed the claim against American Wave Machine pending the patent office's decision.

The agency's reexamination is expected to take up to two years.

American Wave Machines is represented by The Cabrera Firm in association with the Law Offices of Manuel de la Cerra. Wave Loch Inc. is represented by Knobbe, Martens, Olsen & Bear LLP.