

**European Patent Application No 17753664.6****European Patent No EP3416734 B1****Baldwin Filters, Inc****Opposition by****Donaldson Company, Inc****SUBMISSIONS OF PATENTEE  
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION****1 Requests****1.1 Main Request**

According to the main request the opposition should be rejected, and the patent maintained in its granted, unamended, form.

If the patent cannot be maintained as granted, the patentee respectfully requests the Opposition Division to admit amended claims according to first to fourth auxiliary requests as follows, replacing the claims as granted.

**1.2 First Auxiliary Request**

Please delete claims 1 to 17 as granted and replace with claims 1 to 17 according to the first auxiliary request.

**Basis for amendments**

The claims of the first auxiliary request correspond to the claims as granted, with the following changes:

Claim 1: Corresponds to claim 1 as granted, with the further feature that:

the polymeric coating (20, 230) is applied directly to the outer surface (14) of the filter media pack (12, 312) as a liquid, or other flowable/fluid material, that cures or hardens into a solid coating.