



MANUFAKTUR FÜR ERSTKLASSIGE GLÄTTEKELLEN

**In response to a recent social media post:  
Remscheid, den 09.03.2017**

We refer to the letter from Marshalltown dated 02-03-2017 and comment as follows:

It is true that a **NELA** patent for the seal used in **NELAFLEX II** has not been granted, but the European patent office regards the sealing foil as patentable.

It is **not true** that **NELA** has not filed a patent application. With the PCT application a national (German and British) and European application has been filed. This is disclosed or published by the European Patent Office under the publication number WO 2016 / 206675A1. The publication can be viewed at any time under the following links:

<https://register.epo.org/application?lng=en&number=EP16757545>

[https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/biblio?CC=WO&NR=2016206675A1&KC=A1&FT=D&ND=3&date=20161229&DB=EPODOC&locale=en\\_EP#](https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/biblio?CC=WO&NR=2016206675A1&KC=A1&FT=D&ND=3&date=20161229&DB=EPODOC&locale=en_EP#)

[http://translationportal.epo.org/emtp/translate/?ACTION=description-retrieval&COUNTRY=WO&ENGINE=google&FORMAT=docdb&KIND=A1&LOCALE=en\\_EP&NUMBER=2016206675&OPS=ops.epo.org/3.2&SRCLANG=en&TRGLANG=en](http://translationportal.epo.org/emtp/translate/?ACTION=description-retrieval&COUNTRY=WO&ENGINE=google&FORMAT=docdb&KIND=A1&LOCALE=en_EP&NUMBER=2016206675&OPS=ops.epo.org/3.2&SRCLANG=en&TRGLANG=en)

[https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/mosaics?CC=WO&NR=2016206675A1&KC=A1&FT=D&ND=3&date=20161229&DB=EPODOC&locale=en\\_EP#](https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/mosaics?CC=WO&NR=2016206675A1&KC=A1&FT=D&ND=3&date=20161229&DB=EPODOC&locale=en_EP#)

About the filing of the patent, both Marshalltown and Rollins were notified on 29.11.2017 with a friendly letter.

With the company Rollins even a friendly telephone call was led, in which it was explicitly pointed to the facts.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of December Rollins replied to our letter and confirmed the receipt. They referred our by us assigned patent attorney, E. Gil, Wuppertal to Dan Kester (Vice President of Marshalltown).

There can be no question of arrogance, ignorance, or sharp, incorrect tone or behavior. **NELA has done everything to avoid such a public debate (social media).**

**NELA** feels honored that the market leader with more than 125 years of experience, very good quality and a faultless reputation has copied important features of our design with 0.3 mm blade thickness, 110 mm blade width and our black seal. This is indeed a very big compliment to our success, the quality and the development of our products. We will not tolerate an infringement of our intellectual property.

Sincerely,

Frank Freudenreich  
Managing Director  
NELA GmbH