

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE OBTAINS TWO IMPORTANT PATENTS RELATED TO SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY FOR GOSSAMER SPACE FRAMES

PASADENA, Calif. (September 8, 2009) – Christie, Parker & Hale LLP (CPH), one of Southern California's leading intellectual property law firms announced today that the firm was instrumental in obtaining two major patents for its client Gossamer Space Frames of Huntington Beach, California.

U.S. Pat. Nos. 7,530,201 and 7,578,721 pertain to node connectors useful in structural space frames of the double layer grid type. "We are pleased to have played a significant role in the issuance of these patents for our client," commented **Hayden Carney**, the CPH attorney who successfully prosecuted the patents "These patents provide protection for the forms of Gossamer's *Organic Connector*[™] technology which are features of the mirror support frames Gossamer designed for the Nevada Solar One and other utility-scale solar electric power plants," Carney added.

"Gossamer's *Organic Connector*[™] technology plays a pivotal role in delivering proven design, cost and performance advantages that set our frames apart from anything else on the market. It enables mirrors of a solar trough structure to be much more accurately positioned than with any prior system, vastly increasing the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of solar thermal installations. We are pleased that the United States Patent and Trademark Office recently confirmed this by issuing these patents," stated Gossamer Principal Gary N. Curtis.

About Christie, Parker & Hale

Christie, Parker & Hale is a leading intellectual property law firm operating at the crossroads of science, technology and the law. Engaged exclusively in all aspects of intellectual property law, most of the firm's attorneys hold degrees in engineering or the sciences, bringing added value and perspective to client service. Drawing on a 54-year heritage, the firm continues to propel innovation and stimulate business growth by protecting its clients' most valuable assets – intellectual property.

About Gossamer Space Frames

For more information on Gossamer Space Frames, contact Gossamer Space Frames or visit their web site at www.gossamersf.com. Gossamer Space Frames was founded in 1999 by principals Glenn A. Reynolds, Dean R. Hackbarth, and Gary N. Curtis.