

Sole Source Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as a sole source document for products manufactured by Northwest Marine Technology (NMT).

Coded Wire Tags (CWTs), CWT injection equipment, CWT detection equipment and parts and repair for injection and detection equipment are manufactured and distributed solely by NMT. Each group of tags is made for a specific agency containing a unique batch or individual code. NMT's detection equipment is protected by U.S. patent 5,134,370.

The Visible Implant Elastomer (VIE) tagging system utilizes a specially developed, biocompatible and medical grade elastomer material that provides externally visible, internal marks. The elastomer material and the equipment to inject elastomer is manufactured by NMT and protected by U.S. patent (5,324,940).

The Visible Implant Alphanumeric Tag is a pliable, fluorescent tag and has a coding scheme of three alphanumeric characters. This tag is manufactured by NMT and protected by U.S. patent (5,324,940).

The AutoFish System is manufactured exclusively by NMT. These systems are protected by U.S. patents (5,816,196 and 6,145,476) and Norwegian patent (310751).

To the best of our knowledge, no other vendor manufactures and distributes these or similar items. Please let me know should you need further details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy Thornburgh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Guy Thornburgh, CEO
Northwest Marine Technology