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[U.S. Patent No. 11,447,210](#) entitled “Water Board Towable by a Motorized Watercraft” issued September 20, 2022 to Cayago Tec of GmbH, Germany. Invented by Hans-Peter Walpurgis of Bad Salzuflen, Germany. The invention relates to a water board (2) made of a material that can float on water, having a support area (8), on which a user rests at least partially. To reduce the current forces acting on the user while holding on to and being towed behind a motorized watercraft (24), it is proposed that the water board (2) has, at a front-end area, an attachment segment (22) for the articulation of the water board (2) to the watercraft (24).

[U.S. Patent No. 11,447,918](#) entitled “Intentionally Replaceable Earth Working Machine Milling Unit Having a Cooling Fan for Cooling a Closed Operating-Medium Circuit” issued September 20, 2022 to Wirtgen GmbH of Windhagen, Germany. Invented by Tobias Stinner of Nister, Germany; Christian Berning of Zuplich, Germany; and Sebastian Botzius of Siegburg, Germany. A milling unit for an earth working machine including a milling drum and a milling drum housing; the milling unit comprising a closed operating-medium circuit that includes an operating-medium pump that is embodied to drive the operating medium to circulate in the operating-medium circuit; the operating-medium circuit including a heat exchanger through which operating medium flows during circulating flow of the operating medium; the heat exchanger being arranged on the milling drum housing. Provision is made that the heat exchanger is configured for flow impingement by a cooling gas separate from the operating medium; and that a cooling fan, which is embodied to drive the cooling gas for flow impingement onto the heat exchanger, is arranged on the milling drum housing.

[U.S. Patent No. D964,635](#) entitled “Lamp” issued September 20, 2022 to Midgard Licht GmbH of Hamburg, Germany. Invented by Stefan Diez, also of Hamburg, Germany. What is claimed is the ornamental design for a lamp, as shown and described.