Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor Ascend Elements, Inc.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of Texas (State)

Case number 26-90440

Modified Official Form 410
Proof of Claim

04/25

Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies or any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. **Do not send original documents;** they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to $500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) **that you received.**

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. **Who is the current creditor?**

Christopher Lutz

Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)

Other names the creditor used with the debtor Battery Resourcers

2. **Has this claim been acquired from someone else?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. From whom? _____

3. **Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?**

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)

Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	**Where should payments to the creditor be sent?** (if different)
Christopher Lutz Armis Intellectual Property Law, LLC PO Box 1564 Westborough, MA 01581	
Contact phone 978-764-7583	Contact phone _____
Contact email See summary page	Contact email _____

Uniform claim identifier (if you use one):

_____

4. **Does this claim amend one already filed?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on _____ MM / DD / YYYY

5. **Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?**

☐ No

☑ Yes. Who made the earlier filing? Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. **Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?**

☐ No

☑ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: BRC

7. **How much is the claim?** $ 83989.90 . **Does this amount include interest or other charges?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. **What is the basis of the claim?**

Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.

Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).

Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.

Legal services performed

9. **Is all or part of the claim secured?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.

Nature or property:

☐ Real estate: If the claim is secured by the debtor's principle residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.

☐ Motor vehicle

☐ Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____

Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

Value of property: $_____

Amount of the claim that is secured: $_____

Amount of the claim that is unsecured: $_____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amount should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: $_____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed)_____%

☐ Fixed

☐ Variable

10. **Is this claim based on a lease?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. **Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition.** $_____

11. **Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Identify the property: _____

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12. **Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?**

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

☑ No

☐ Yes. *Check all that apply:*

	Amount entitled to priority
☐ Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	$_____
☐ Up to $3,800* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).	$_____
☐ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to $17,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	$_____
☐ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	$_____
☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	$_____
☐ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(__) that applies.	$_____

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/28 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

13. **Is all or part of the claim entitled to administrative priority pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of the above case, in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of such Debtor's business. Attach documentation supporting such claim.

$_____

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(3) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to $500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

☑ I am the creditor.

☐ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.

☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.

☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgement that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 07/17/2026
MM / DD / YYYY

/s//Christopher J. Lutz/
Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name /Christopher J. Lutz/
First name Middle name Last name

Title Owner / Member

Company Armis Intellectual Property Law, LLC
Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

Address

Contact phone _____ Email _____



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Verita (KCC) ePOC Electronic Claim Filing Summary

For phone assistance: Domestic (866) 927-7078 | International (310) 751-2651

Debtor:
26-90440 - Ascend Elements, Inc.
District:
Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

Creditor:
Christopher Lutz
Armis Intellectual Property Law, LLC
PO Box 1564

Westborough, MA, 01581

Phone:
978-764-7583
Phone 2:
617 803-4150
Fax:

Email:
christopher.lutz@armisiplaw.com

Has Supporting Documentation:
Yes, supporting documentation successfully uploaded
Related Document Statement:

Has Related Claim:
Yes
Related Claim Filed By:
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Filing Party:
Creditor

Other Names Used with Debtor:
Battery Resourcers

Amends Claim:
No
Acquired Claim:
No

Basis of Claim:
Legal services performed

Last 4 Digits:
Yes - BRC

Uniform Claim Identifier:

Total Amount of Claim:
83989.90

Includes Interest or Charges:
No

Has Priority Claim:
No

Priority Under:

Has Secured Claim:
No
Amount of 503(b)(9):
No
Based on Lease:
No
Subject to Right of Setoff:
No

Nature of Secured Amount:
Value of Property:
Annual Interest Rate:
Arrearage Amount:
Basis for Perfection:
Amount Unsecured:

Submitted By:
/Christopher J. Lutz/ on 17-Jul-2026 12:04:34 p.m. Pacific Time
Title:
Owner / Member
Company:
Armis Intellectual Property Law, LLC

VN: ED9343B07699A96D7CFFDA428230320C

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Matter Fees & Expenses Summary

February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Matter	Fees	Expenses	Total
AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)MA	$105.00	$0.00	$105.00
AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01ID)	$0.00	$819.98	$819.98
AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01PCT)	$0.00	$1,316.00	$1,316.00
AE-22-04-WES(BRC22-02)JP	$210.00	$1,514.35	$1,724.35
AE-22-07-WES(BRC22-04)	$770.00	$600.00	$1,370.00
AE-22-07-WES(BRC22-04)KR	$0.00	$874.00	$874.00
AE-22-11-WES(BRC23-01)	$700.00	$0.00	$700.00
AE2302W (BRC23-04)	$175.00	$0.00	$175.00
BRC21-03JP	$0.00	$815.00	$815.00
BRC21-03KR	$1,085.00	$0.00	$1,085.00
BRC21-04IN	$0.00	$785.00	$785.00
BRC22-05CN	$105.00	$813.50	$918.50
BRC22-07(AE-22-10-WES)	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00
BRC22-07(AE-22-10-WES)PCT	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00
BRC23-06-AE2304W-PCT	$770.00	$0.00	$770.00
BRC23-08-AE2309W-PCT	$770.00	$0.00	$770.00
BRC23-10-AE2308W-PCT	$770.00	$0.00	$770.00
BRC24-04(AE2409W)p	$105.00	$0.00	$105.00
BRC24-05(AE2408W)	$105.00	$0.00	$105.00
BRC24-06(AE2410N)	$105.00	$0.00	$105.00
	$5,915.00	**$7,537.83**	**$13,452.83**

Please Pay This Amount: $13,452.83

Payment Terms: NET 30

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Payment by check:
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Remittance by ACH/wire:
Santander Bank, N.A.
601 Penn Street, Reading, PA 19601
Account No. 9530881088
Routing No. 231372691
Swift Code SVRNUS33

Ascend developed (not WPI licensed) matters

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NICKEL-RICH BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)MA
Serial No.: 71203

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/8/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from foreign associate; reviewing search report for pending Morocco case	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**0.3**	**$105.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$105.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.3	350.00	105.00

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NICKEL-RICH BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01ID)
Serial No.: P00202503662

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/5/2026	CJL	Vendor: GEORGE WIDJOJO & PARTNERS; Invoice #: 92201-GW-RA - Fee for substantive examination	819.98
		Additional Charges	**$819.98**
		Total Additional Charges	**$819.98**

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NICKEL-RICH BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01PCT)
Serial No.: PCT/US22/52123

Invoice 006079
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Items through January 31, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/5/2026	CJL	Vendor: Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys; Invoice #: LS21-252617930 - Name of Country of Destination : Brazil; Towards professional charges for preparing and filing Updated Form 3 on November 20, 2025	175.00
1/5/2026	CJL	Vendor: Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys; Invoice #: LS21-252618092 - Name of Country of Destination : Brazil; Towards professional charges for preparing and filing Proof of Right on November 24, 2025	175.00
1/8/2026	CJL	Vendor: Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys; Invoice #: LS21-252620635 - Towards Professional Charges for preparing and filing Request for one-month Extension of Time under Rule 138 for Submission of Proof of Right on December 23, 2025; Towards professional charges for preparing and filing Proof of Right Document on December 23, 2025; Official fees paid for filing Request for one-month Extension of Time under Rule 138 for Submission of Proof of Right on December 23, 2025; Disbursement Charges; Rounding Off	966.00
		Additional Charges	**$1,316.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,316.00**

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NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE (NIMH) BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-04-WES(BRC22-02)JP
Serial No.: 2022-205066

Invoice 006079

February 12, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/5/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying application materials as filed	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/8/2026	CJL	Vendor: TMI Associates; Invoice #: 2025-113510 - Filing Request for Examination; Official fee for Request for Examination; Filing Voluntary Amendment	1,514.35
		Additional Charges	**$1,514.35**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,724.35**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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LITHIUM RECOVERY FROM LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: AE-22-07-WES(BRC22-04)
Serial No.: 17/990,517

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/26/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art	0.6	210.00
1/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and revising response to OA based on instructions from Dr. Amici	0.9	315.00
1/27/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing OA response and related documents at USPTO	0.7	245.00
		Professional Services	**2.2**	**$770.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/28/2026	PLB	REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) - 1ST REQUEST (SEE 37 CFR 1.114)	600.00
		Additional Charges	**$600.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,370.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.2	350.00	770.00

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LITHIUM RECOVERY FROM LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: AE-22-07-WES(BRC22-04)KR
Serial No.: 10-2022-0179619

Invoice 006079

February 12, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/8/2026	CJL	Vendor: AJU KIM CHANG & LEE; Invoice #: AJU-253631 - Request for examination; Preparing and filing an Amendment; Official fees for Request for examination; Miscellaneous (e-mail, copies, etc.)	874.00
		Additional Charges	**$874.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$874.00**

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DOPED CATHODE MATERIAL PRECURSOR FROM RECYCLED LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: AE-22-11-WES(BRC23-01)
Serial No.: 18/120,776

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/26/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art	0.7	245.00
1/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and revising response to OA based on instructions from Dr. Amici	0.8	280.00
1/27/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing OA response and related documents at USPTO	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**2.0**	**$700.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$700.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.0	350.00	700.00

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CASCADING CO-PRECIPITATION SYSTEM

Our ref: AE2302W (BRC23-04)
Serial No.: 18/129,479

Invoice 006079

February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/5/2026	CJL	Preparing and filing response to restriction requirement	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**0.5**	**$175.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$175.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.5	350.00	175.00

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LITHIUM IRON PHOSPHATE (LFP) BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC21-03JP
Serial No.: 2024-506181

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/8/2026	CJL	Vendor: TMI Associates; Invoice #: 2025-109115 - Reviewing Office Action and docketing; drafting and sending emails to the client; reviewing emails from the client; and preparing and filing Argument and Amendment to JPO	815.00
		Additional Charges	**$815.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$815.00**

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LITHIUM IRON PHOSPHATE (LFP) BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC21-03KR
Serial No.: 10-2024-7006954

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/7/2026	CJL	Reviewing instructions from Dr. Amici re response to KR OA	0.6	210.00
1/12/2026	CJL	Reviewing instruction from Dr. Amici	0.4	140.00
1/12/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence includign instruction for response to KR associate	1.6	560.00
1/12/2026	CJL	Revising and forwarding correspondence to KR associate for response to OA	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**3.1**	**$1,085.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$1,085.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	3.1	350.00	1,085.00

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CHARGE MATERIAL SYNTHESIZED FROM RECYCLED LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

Our ref: BRC21-04IN
Serial No.: 202214063036

Invoice 006079

February 12, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/5/2026	CJL	Vendor: Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys; Invoice #: LS21-252616640 - Towards professional charges for preparing and filing Request for Examination on November 04, 2025; Towards professional charges for preparing and filing request (Form 13) for Voluntary Amendment (Description, Claims, Abstract, Drawings, Title, etc.) on November 04, 2025; Towards professional fees for reviewing the instructions and preparing the support chart along with marked and clean copy of amended claims; Official fee paid to govt. on your behalf for filing Request for Examination on November 04, 2025; Official fees paid for filing request (Form 13) for Voluntary Amendment (Description, Claims, Abstract, Drawings, Title, etc.) on November 04, 2025; Disbursement Charges; Rounding Off	785.00
		Additional Charges	**$785.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$785.00**

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MICROSTRUCTURE TUNING OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-05CN
Serial No.: 202380096974.1

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/29/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence to foreign associate regarding national phase entry aned examination	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**0.3**	**$105.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/29/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2513128-02 - Request for substantive examination; Receive and forward the Notification before Expiration of Time Limit of Request for Substantive Examination	813.50
		Additional Charges	**$813.50**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$918.50**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.3	350.00	105.00

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CURING PROCESS FOR SURFACE DEFECTS OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-07(AE-22-10-WES)
Serial No.: 18/231,953

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/26/2026	CJL	Reviewing restriction from USPTO	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**0.2**	**$70.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$70.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.2	350.00	70.00

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CURING PROCESS FOR SURFACE DEFECTS OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-07(AE-22-10-WES)PCT
Serial No.: PCT/US24/41578

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/12/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from Dr. Amici	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**0.2**	**$70.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$70.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.2	350.00	70.00

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IMPURITY CONTROL IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC23-06-AE2304W-PCT
Serial No.: PCT/US24/42384

Invoice 006079

February 12, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/23/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence to foreign associates for national entry; preparing and forwarding documents for national entry	2.2	770.00
		Professional Services	**2.2**	**$770.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$770.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.2	350.00	770.00

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Our ref: BRC23-08-AE2309W-PCT
Serial No.: PCT/US24/42377

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/23/2026	CJL	Preparing application and instructions to foreign associates for national entry	2.2	770.00
		Professional Services	**2.2**	**$770.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$770.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.2	350.00	770.00

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Our ref: BRC23-10-AE2308W-PCT
Serial No.: PCT/US24/42379

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/23/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence and instructions to foreign associates for national entry based on PCT filing	2.2	770.00
		Professional Services	**2.2**	**$770.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$770.00**

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BATTERY-GRADE NICKEL SOLUTION

Our ref: BRC24-04(AE2409W)p
Serial No.: 63/678,222

Invoice 006079

February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/15/2026	CJL	Preparing POA and related documents; forwarding for signature	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**0.3**	**$105.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$105.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.3	350.00	105.00

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HIGH-PURITY NICKEL RECOVERY
Our ref: BRC24-05(AE2408W)

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/15/2026	CJL	Preparing POA and related documents; forwarding for signature	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**0.3**	**$105.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$105.00**

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SINGLE CRYSTAL DOPED CATHODE MATERIALS FROM RECYCLED LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: BRC24-06(AE2410N)
Serial No.: 18/940,387

Invoice 006079
February 12, 2026

Items through January 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/15/2026	CJL	Preparing POA and related documents; forwarding for signature	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**0.3**	**$105.00**
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Matter	Fees	Expenses	Total
BRC23-06-AE2305W-CN	$0.00	$1,919.99	$1,919.99
BRC23-06-AE2305W-JP	$0.00	$1,983.15	$1,983.15
BRC23-06-AE2305W-KR	$0.00	$1,656.71	$1,656.71
BRC23-06-AE2305W-MA	$0.00	$4,415.00	$4,415.00
BRC23-08-AE2310W-CN	$0.00	$2,077.34	$2,077.34
BRC23-08-AE2310W-JP	$0.00	$2,171.10	$2,171.10
BRC23-08-AE2310W-KR	$0.00	$1,821.71	$1,821.71
BRC23-08-AE2310W-MA	$0.00	$4,608.00	$4,608.00
BRC23-10-AE2309W-CN	$0.00	$1,821.19	$1,821.19
BRC23-10-AE2309W-JP	$0.00	$1,863.55	$1,863.55
BRC23-10-AE2309W-KR	$0.00	$1,552.71	$1,552.71
BRC23-10-AE2309W-MA	$0.00	$4,311.00	$4,311.00
	$0.00	**$30,201.45**	**$30,201.45**

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IMPURITY CONTROL IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC23-06-AE2305W-CN

Invoice 006094
February 12, 2026

Items through February 3, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437777 - CHINA PCT National Phase entry	1,919.99
		Additional Charges	**$1,919.99**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,919.99**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437778 - JAPAN PCT National Phase entry	1,983.15
		Additional Charges	**$1,983.15**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,983.15**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437780 - SOUTH KOREA PCT National Phase entry	1,656.71
		Additional Charges	**$1,656.71**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,656.71**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437779 - MOROCCO PCT National Phase entry	4,415.00
		Additional Charges	**$4,415.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$4,415.00**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437773 - CHINA PCT National Phase entry	2,077.34
		Additional Charges	**$2,077.34**
		Total Additional Charges	**$2,077.34**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437774 - JAPAN PCT National Phase entry	2,171.10
		Additional Charges	**$2,171.10**
		Total Additional Charges	**$2,171.10**

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Invoice 006094
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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437776 -SOUTH KOREA PCT National Phase entry	1,821.71
		Additional Charges	**$1,821.71**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,821.71**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437775 - MOROCCO PCT National Phase entry	4,608.00
		Additional Charges	**$4,608.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$4,608.00**

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TERNARY POSITIVE ACTIVE ELECTRODE LEACHING
Our ref: BRC23-10-AE2309W-CN

Invoice 006094
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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437781 - CHINA PCT National Phase entry	1,821.19
		Additional Charges	**$1,821.19**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,821.19**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437782 - JAPAN PCT National Phase entry	1,863.55
		Additional Charges	**$1,863.55**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,863.55**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437784 - SOUTH KOREA PCT National Phase entry	1,552.71
		Additional Charges	**$1,552.71**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,552.71**

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: RWS IP Services; Invoice #: 437783 - MOROCCO PCT National Phase entry	4,311.00
		Additional Charges	**$4,311.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$4,311.00**

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Matter Fees & Expenses Summary

March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Matter	Fees	Expenses	Total
AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)CN	$0.00	$1,048.40	$1,048.40
AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)KR	$0.00	$951.00	$951.00
AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)MA	$455.00	$383.68	$838.68
AE-22-04-WES(BRC22-02)KR	$0.00	$951.00	$951.00
AE-22-14-WES(BRC22-05)	$595.00	$600.00	$1,195.00
AE-22-15-WES(BRC23-07)	$385.00	$0.00	$385.00
BRC22-05JP	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00
BRC22-05KR	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00
BRC23-06-AE2304W-CN	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-06-AE2304W-JP	$280.00	$0.00	$280.00
BRC23-06-AE2304W-KR	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-06-AE2304W-MA	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-08-AE2309W-CN	$280.00	$0.00	$280.00
BRC23-08-AE2309W-JP	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-08-AE2309W-KR	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-08-AE2309W-MA	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-10-AE2308W-CN	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-10-AE2308W-JP	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-10-AE2308W-KR	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC23-10-AE2308W-MA	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC25-04	$175.00	$0.00	$175.00
BRC25-05	$245.00	$0.00	$245.00
BRC25-06	$245.00	$0.00	$245.00
Other	$805.00	$0.00	$805.00
	$5,705.00	**$3,934.08**	**$9,639.08**

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NICKEL-RICH BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)CN
Serial No.: 202211673643.3

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/6/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2221999-03 - Translation of first OA into English (altogether 7771 words)	1,048.40
		Additional Charges	**$1,048.40**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,048.40**

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NICKEL-RICH BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)KR
Serial No.: 10-2022-0183703

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/11/2026	CJL	Vendor: AJU KIM CHANG & LEE; Invoice #: AJU-260014 - Request for examination; Preparing and filing an Amendment; Miscellaneous	951.00
		Additional Charges	**$951.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$951.00**

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NICKEL-RICH BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)MA
Serial No.: 71203

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/10/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art; docketing dates for response	0.8	280.00
2/10/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence and recommendations for response to Dr. Amici	0.3	105.00
2/16/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence to FA regarding examination/search report	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**1.3**	**$455.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/6/2026	CJL	Vendor: Saba & Co. Intellectual Property; Invoice #: MA12/26 - Reporting Preliminary Search Report for RECYCLAGE DE BATTERIE RICHE EN NICKEL App no. PV/71203 for Ascend Elements, Inc. and Miscellaneous Trademark Searches in Morocco	383.68
		Additional Charges	**$383.68**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$838.68**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.3	350.00	455.00

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NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE (NIMH) BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-04-WES(BRC22-02)KR
Serial No.: 10-2022-0183704

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/11/2026	CJL	Vendor: AJU KIM CHANG & LEE; Invoice #: AJU-260015 - Request for examination; Preparing and filing an Amendment; Miscellaneous	951.00
		Additional Charges	**$951.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$951.00**

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MICROSTRUCTURE TUNING OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: AE-22-14-WES(BRC22-05)
Serial No.: 18/113,312

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/29/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art	0.6	210.00
2/5/2026	CJL	Reviewing instructions from Dr. Amici	0.6	210.00
2/5/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing OA response and related documents at USPTO	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**1.7**	**$595.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/5/2026	PLB	REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) - 1ST REQUEST (SEE 37 CFR 1.114)	600.00
		Additional Charges	**$600.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,195.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.7	350.00	595.00

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MULTI-STAGE LITHIATION FOR CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: AE-22-15-WES(BRC23-07)
Serial No.: 18/230,938

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/4/2026	CJL	Conferring w/ Examiner Nguyen regarding claims amendments	0.4	140.00
2/13/2026	CJL	Reviewing NOA , allowed claims and reasons for allowance	0.7	245.00
		Professional Services	**1.1**	**$385.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$385.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.1	350.00	385.00

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MICROSTRUCTURE TUNING OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-05JP
Serial No.: 2025-546587

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March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/10/2026	CJL	Corresponding w/ FA regarding examination request	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**0.2**	**$70.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$70.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.2	350.00	70.00

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MICROSTRUCTURE TUNING OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-05KR
Serial No.: 2025-7031557

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March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/10/2026	CJL	Corresponding w/ FA regarding examination request	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**0.2**	**$70.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$70.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.2	350.00	70.00

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IMPURITY CONTROL IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC23-06-AE2304W-CN
Serial No.: 202480054473.1.

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying foreign applicaton documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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IMPURITY CONTROL IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC23-06-AE2304W-JP
Serial No.: 2026-509208

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/6/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from foreign associate regarding conflict and transfer	0.2	70.00
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying foreign associate correspondence regarding dcuments as filed	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.8**	**$280.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$280.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.8	350.00	280.00

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IMPURITY CONTROL IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC23-06-AE2304W-KR
Serial No.: 2026-7008822.

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documetns as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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IMPURITY CONTROL IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC23-06-AE2304W-MA
Serial No.: 74150

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documetns as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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IMPURITY MANAGEMENT FOR RECYCLED CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC23-08-AE2309W-CN
Serial No.: 202480054470.8

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/6/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from foreign associate confirming CN instructions sent for filing	0.2	70.00
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documetns as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.8**	**$280.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$280.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.8	350.00	280.00

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IMPURITY MANAGEMENT FOR RECYCLED CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC23-08-AE2309W-JP
Serial No.: 2026-509206

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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IMPURITY MANAGEMENT FOR RECYCLED CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC23-08-AE2309W-KR
Serial No.: 2026-7008836

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Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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IMPURITY MANAGEMENT FOR RECYCLED CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC23-08-AE2309W-MA
Serial No.: 74151

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Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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TERNARY POSITIVE ACTIVE ELECTRODE LEACHING
Our ref: BRC23-10-AE2308W-CN

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

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Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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TERNARY POSITIVE ACTIVE ELECTRODE LEACHING
Our ref: BRC23-10-AE2308W-JP
Serial No.: 2026-509212

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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TERNARY POSITIVE ACTIVE ELECTRODE LEACHING
Our ref: BRC23-10-AE2308W-KR
Serial No.: 2026-7008767

Invoice 006115
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Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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TERNARY POSITIVE ACTIVE ELECTRODE LEACHING
Our ref: BRC23-10-AE2308W-MA
Serial No.: 74152

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/27/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying correspondence from foreign associate regarding application documents as filed; reporting to client	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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SELECTIVE COBALT EXTRACTION FROM NICKEL AND MANGANESE SOLUTIONS
Our ref: BRC25-04
Serial No.: 19/003,278

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/10/2026	CJL	Verifying assignment recordation, perparing and filing POA	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**0.5**	**$175.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$175.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.5	350.00	175.00

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SELECTIVE COBALT, MANGANESE AND NICKEL EXTRACTION FROM BATTERY RECYCLING LEACHATE SOLUTIONS
Our ref: BRC25-05
Serial No.: 19/003,642

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/10/2026	CJL	Preparing and reviewing signature documents for inventor execution	0.4	140.00
2/10/2026	CJL	Preparing and filing POA and related documents	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**0.7**	**$245.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$245.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.7	350.00	245.00

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PURIFIED NICKEL SOLUTIONS USING SUCCESSIVE SOLVENT EXTRACTIONS
Our ref: BRC25-06
Serial No.: 18/792,977

Invoice 006115
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/9/2026	CJL	reviewing notice of publication	0.2	70.00
2/10/2026	CJL	Verifying assignment recordation, perparing and filing POA	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**0.7**	**$245.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$245.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.7	350.00	245.00

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Other Professional Services and Charges

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Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Matter	Description	Hours	Total
1/13/2026	CJL		Conferring w/ Dr. Amici re status and docket	0.8	280.00
2/10/2026	CJL		Conferring w/ Dr. Amici re status and docket	0.7	245.00
2/24/2026	CJL		Conferring w/ Dr. Amici re lithium strategy	0.8	280.00
			Professional Services	**2.3**	**$805.00**
			Total Professional Services		**$805.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.3	350.00	805.00

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Matter Fees & Expenses Summary

April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Matter	Fees	Expenses	Total
AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)MA	$280.00	$0.00	$280.00
AE-22-09-WES(BRC22-06)	$875.00	$600.00	$1,475.00
AE2302W (BRC23-04)	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00
AE2309W(BRC23-08)	$455.00	$0.00	$455.00
BRC20-02CN	$1,295.00	$2,439.10	$3,734.10
BRC21-01	$245.00	$516.00	$761.00
BRC21-01CN	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
BRC21-03JP	$0.00	$486.11	$486.11
BRC21-03KR	$0.00	$2,493.00	$2,493.00
BRC21-04	$980.00	$0.00	$980.00
BRC22-02	$245.00	$516.00	$761.00
BRC22-05JP	$0.00	$1,505.33	$1,505.33
BRC22-05KR	$0.00	$562.50	$562.50
BRC22-07(AE-22-10-WES)	$280.00	$94.00	$374.00
BRC23-03(AE2301C)KR	$245.00	$0.00	$245.00
BRC23-06-AE2304W-CN	$0.00	$193.50	$193.50
BRC23-08-AE2309W-CN	$0.00	$193.50	$193.50
BRC24-07-AE2413W-PCT	$525.00	$0.00	$525.00
BRC25-04-AE2402-PCT	$525.00	$2,364.00	$2,889.00
BRC26-01(AE2601W-PRV)	$875.00	$130.00	$1,005.00
BRC26-02(AE2602W-PRV)P	$875.00	$130.00	$1,005.00
BRC26-03(AE2603W-PRV)P	$910.00	$130.00	$1,040.00
BRC26-04(AE2604W-PRV)P	$840.00	$130.00	$970.00
Other	$350.00	$0.00	$350.00
	$10,080.00	**$12,483.04**	**$22,563.04**

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NICKEL-RICH BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: AE-22-01-WES(BRC22-01)MA
Serial No.: 71203

Invoice 006238

April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/10/2026	CJL	Corresponding w/ FA regarding Morocco procedure	0.3	105.00
4/3/2026	CJL	Corresponding with FA regarding response to OA and timing of responses	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**0.8**	**$280.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$280.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.8	350.00	280.00

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RECYCLED GRAPHITE FOR LI-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: AE-22-09-WES(BRC22-06)
Serial No.: 18/114,488

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
4/13/2026	CJL	Reviewing instructions from Dr. Amici regarding response to OA	0.7	245.00
4/13/2026	CJL	Preparing remarks and documents in response to Office Action	1.2	420.00
4/14/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing OA response and related documents at USPTO	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**2.5**	**$875.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/14/2026	PLB	REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) - 1ST REQUEST (SEE 37 CFR 1.114)	600.00
		Additional Charges	**$600.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,475.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.5	350.00	875.00

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CASCADING CO-PRECIPITATION SYSTEM

Our ref: AE2302W (BRC23-04)
Serial No.: 18/129,479

Invoice 006238

April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/9/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from Dr. Amici re con/div analysis	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**0.2**	**$70.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$70.00**

Timekeeper Summary

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.2	350.00	70.00

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IMPURITY MANAGEMENT FOR RECYCLED CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: AE2309W(BRC23-08)
Serial No.: 18/237,804

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/30/2026	CJL	Reviewing instruction from Dr. Amici	0.5	175.00
3/30/2026	CJL	Preparing and filing response to restriction requirement	0.8	280.00
		Professional Services	**1.3**	**$455.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$455.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.3	350.00	455.00

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ANODE RECOVERY IN RECYCLED BATTERIES
Our ref: BRC20-02CN
Serial No.: 202180041230.0

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/5/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art	0.7	245.00
3/9/2026	CJL	Preparing remarks and arguments in response to Office Action	1.8	630.00
3/9/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence to foreign associate regarding response to OA	0.8	280.00
4/15/2026	CJL	Reviewing NOA , allowed claims from CN associate	0.4	140.00
		Professional Services	**3.7**	**$1,295.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/15/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2220619-04 - patent office fees	1,843.70
4/15/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2220619-05 - Receiving and forwarding the office action; Attorney fee for reporting the first OA, studying the comments provided and preparing the response to the first OA, and reporting the same	595.40
		Additional Charges	**$2,439.10**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$3,734.10**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	3.7	350.00	1,295.00

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RECYCLING ALL SOLID-STATE BATTERIES (ASSBS) AND ANODE RECOVERY
Our ref: BRC21-01
Serial No.: 17/849,992

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
4/9/2026	CJL	Preparing and filing issue fee payment and related documents	0.7	245.00
		Professional Services	**0.7**	**$245.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/9/2026	PLB	UTILITY ISSUE FEE	516.00
		Additional Charges	**$516.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$761.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.7	350.00	245.00

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RECYCLING ALL SOLID-STATE BATTERIES (ASSBS)
Our ref: BRC21-01CN
Serial No.: 202280045189.9

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Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/18/2026	CJL	Reviewing OA; preparing correspondence to CN associate	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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LITHIUM IRON PHOSPHATE (LFP) BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC21-03JP
Serial No.: 2024-506181

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: TMI Associates; Invoice #: 2026-013296 - Payment of the 1st through 3rd annuity fee to JPO; Official Fee for the 1st through 3rd annuity fee; Reviewing and sending Patent Certificate	486.11
		Additional Charges	**$486.11**
		Total Additional Charges	**$486.11**

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LITHIUM IRON PHOSPHATE (LFP) BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC21-03KR
Serial No.: 10-2024-7006954

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: AJU KIM CHANG & LEE; Invoice #: AJU-260350 - Receiving and reviewing the Office Action; reporting it to the client & docketing a due date; Reviewing the case and your instructions; preparing and filing Response; Preparing & filing Amendment; Translation fees; Official fee: filing Amendment; filing a Request for Examination (2 additional claims); Miscellaneous (e-mail, copies, etc.)	2,493.00
		Additional Charges	**$2,493.00**
		Total Additional Charges	**$2,493.00**

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CHARGE MATERIAL SYNTHESIZED FROM RECYCLED LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: BRC21-04
Serial No.: 17/519,914

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/5/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art	0.4	140.00
3/11/2026	CJL	Reviewing instructions from Dr. Amici regarding response to OA	0.8	280.00
3/11/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing OA response and related documents at USPTO	1.3	455.00
3/11/2026	CJL	Preparing remarks and documents in response to Office Action	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**2.8**	**$980.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$980.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.8	350.00	980.00

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NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE (NIMH) BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC22-02
Serial No.: 17/957,753

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/11/2026	CJL	Preparing and filing issue fee payment and related documents	0.7	245.00
		Professional Services	**0.7**	**$245.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/12/2026	PLB	UTILITY ISSUE FEE	516.00
		Additional Charges	**$516.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$761.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.7	350.00	245.00

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MICROSTRUCTURE TUNING OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-05JP
Serial No.: 2025-546587

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: TMI Associates; Invoice #: 2026-016671 - Filing Request for Examination; Official fee for Request for Examination	1,505.33
		Additional Charges	**$1,505.33**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,505.33**

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MICROSTRUCTURE TUNING OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-05KR
Serial No.: 2025-7031557

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/17/2026	CJL	Vendor: Y.P. LEE, MOCK PARTNERS; Invoice #: 26M-0640 - Requesting Examination for 23 claims; Bookkeeping and reminder	562.50
		Additional Charges	**$562.50**
		Total Additional Charges	**$562.50**

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CURING PROCESS FOR SURFACE DEFECTS OF CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC22-07(AE-22-10-WES)
Serial No.: 18/231,953

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Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/17/2026	CJL	Preparing reply to restriction requirement; filing reply with USPTO	0.8	280.00
		Professional Services	**0.8**	**$280.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/17/2026	PLB	PTO Fees	94.00
		Additional Charges	**$94.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$374.00**

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BATTERY CELL DISCHARGE SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DISCHARGING CELLS
Our ref: BRC23-03(AE2301C)KR
Serial No.: 10-2023-0128573

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Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/23/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from foreign associate; reviewing OA and translation	0.7	245.00
		Professional Services	**0.7**	**$245.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$245.00**

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IMPURITY CONTROL IN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY RECYCLING
Our ref: BRC23-06-AE2304W-CN
Serial No.: 202480054473.1.

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/15/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2602010-02 - Filing of POA	193.50
		Additional Charges	**$193.50**
		Total Additional Charges	**$193.50**

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IMPURITY MANAGEMENT FOR RECYCLED CATHODE MATERIAL
Our ref: BRC23-08-AE2309W-CN
Serial No.: 202480054470.8

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/6/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2602006-02 - Filing of POA	193.50
		Additional Charges	**$193.50**
		Total Additional Charges	**$193.50**

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PH MONITORING FOR COPRECIPITATION
Our ref: BRC24-07-AE2413W-PCT
Serial No.: PCT/US25/61277

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
4/8/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from Dr. Amici regarding formal drawings	0.6	210.00
4/14/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing formal drawings at USRO based on invitation to correct	0.9	315.00
		Professional Services	**1.5**	**$525.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$525.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.5	350.00	525.00

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SELECTIVE COBALT EXTRACTION FROM NICKEL AND MANGANESE SOLUTIONS
Our ref: BRC25-04-AE2402-PCT
Serial No.: PCT/US26/16628

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Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/25/2026	CJL	Reviewing and revising specification for PCT filing	0.8	280.00
2/25/2026	CJL	Reviewing and revising specification, claims, figs; reviewing priority documents	0.7	245.00
		Professional Services	**1.5**	**$525.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/25/2026	PLB	TRANSMITTAL FEE	114.00
2/25/2026	PLB	INTERNATIONAL FILING FEE (FIRST 30 PAGES - FILED ELECTRONICALLY WITH EPCT OR PCT-EASY .ZIP FILE)	1,362.00
2/25/2026	PLB	INTERNATIONAL SEARCH (KIPO) FOR PCT FILED IN ENGLISH	888.00
		Additional Charges	**$2,364.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$2,889.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.5	350.00	525.00

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Flocculation-Assisted Sedimentation of Alkaline Black Mass Slurries
Our ref: BRC26-01(AE2601W-PRV)
Serial No.: 64/009,346

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/18/2026	CJL	Preparing and filing provisional application	2.5	875.00
		Professional Services	**2.5**	**$875.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/18/2026	PLB	PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING FEE	130.00
		Additional Charges	**$130.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,005.00**

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Fine Particle Control For Hydrometallurgical Black Mass Processing
Our ref: BRC26-02(AE2602W-PRV)P
Serial No.: 64/015,140

Invoice 006238
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Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/21/2026	CJL	Reviewing invention disclosure from Dr. Amici	0.7	245.00
3/24/2026	CJL	Preparing and filing provisional application	1.8	630.00
		Professional Services	**2.5**	**$875.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/24/2026	PLB	PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING FEE	130.00
		Additional Charges	**$130.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,005.00**

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Fluorine Immobilization in Lithium Ion Battery Black Mass for Selective Lithium Recovery
Our ref: BRC26-03(AE2603W-PRV)P
Serial No.: 64/024,504

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/31/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from Dr. Amici and preparing detailed description and claims of patent application	1.8	630.00
4/1/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing patent application and related documents at USPTO	0.8	280.00
		Professional Services	**2.6**	**$910.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/1/2026	PLB	PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING FEE	130.00
		Additional Charges	**$130.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,040.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.6	350.00	910.00

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Battery Grade Lithium Products from Recycled Feedstocks using Direct Lithium Extraction
Our ref: BRC26-04(AE2604W-PRV)P
Serial No.: 64/027,213

Invoice 006238
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
4/2/2026	CJL	Preparing and reviewing specification of patent application	1.7	595.00
4/2/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing patent application and related documents at USPTO	0.7	245.00
		Professional Services	**2.4**	**$840.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/3/2026	PLB	PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING FEE	130.00
		Additional Charges	**$130.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$970.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.4	350.00	840.00

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Other Professional Services and Charges

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Professional Services

Date	Who	Matter	Description	Hours	Total
3/10/2026	CJL		Conferring w/ Dr. Amici re status and docket	1.0	350.00
			Professional Services	**1.0**	**$350.00**
			Total Professional Services		**$350.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.0	350.00	350.00

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Matter Fees & Expenses Summary

March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Matter	Fees	Expenses	Total
WPI14-14CIP2 (BRC)JP (W12-014-13)	$210.00	$0.00	$210.00
WPI20-10(BRC)KR (W20-048-07)	$245.00	$0.00	$245.00
WPI21-04CA(BRC) (W21-029-09)	$105.00	$0.00	$105.00
WPI21-04CN (BRC) (W21-029-08)	$0.00	$853.30	$853.30
WPI21-04KR (BRC) (W21-029-07)	$420.00	$0.00	$420.00
WPI21-15(BRC) (W22-010-02)	$595.00	$600.00	$1,195.00
	$1,575.00	**$1,453.30**	**$3,028.30**

Professional Services: **$1,575.00**
Additional Charges: **$1,453.30**
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CHARGE MATERIAL FOR RECYCLED LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: WPI14-14CIP2 (BRC)JP
Your ref: W12-014-13
Serial No.: 2021-214906

Invoice 005579
March 31, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/18/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art; forwarding to Dr. Amici for review	0.6	210.00
		Professional Services	**0.6**	**$210.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$210.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.6	350.00	210.00

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FACILE ETCHING FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL CATHODE MATERIALS
Our ref: WPI20-10(BRC)KR
Your ref: W20-048-07
Serial No.: 2022-7044486

Invoice 005579
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/6/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence regarding allowance and procedures for registration; docketing relevent dates	0.5	175.00
1/16/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence to foreign associate regarding issuance and grant	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**0.7**	**$245.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$245.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.7	350.00	245.00

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LITHIUM RECOVERY FROM ELECTRODE MATERIALS WITH ACID LEACHING
Our ref: WPI21-04CA(BRC)
Your ref: W21-029-09
Serial No.: 3215065

Invoice 005579
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/29/2026	CJL	Reviewing and Preparing correspondence to foreign associate regarding annuity	0.3	105.00
		Professional Services	**0.3**	**$105.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$105.00**

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Our ref: WPI21-04CN (BRC)
Your ref: W21-029-08
Serial No.: 202280005042.7

Invoice 005579
March 31, 2026

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
1/29/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2221280-04 - Translation of first OA into English (altogether 6361 words)	853.30
		Additional Charges	**$853.30**
		Total Additional Charges	**$853.30**

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Our ref: WPI21-04KR (BRC)
Your ref: W21-029-07
Serial No.: 2022-7044166

Invoice 005579
March 31, 2026

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Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/21/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from foreign associate regarding allowance and registration fee	0.2	70.00
2/10/2026	CJL	Corresponding w/KR associate regarding allowed/claims to issue and issue fee	0.3	105.00
2/11/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence regardign DIV/CON filing; docketing accordingly	0.2	70.00
2/12/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from foreign associate; Reviewing allowed claims	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**1.2**	**$420.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$420.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.2	350.00	420.00

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Mixed Cathode upcycling
Our ref: WPI21-15(BRC)
Your ref: W22-010-02
Serial No.: 17/902,021

Invoice 005579
March 31, 2026

Items through February 28, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
2/3/2026	CJL	Reviewing and verifying instructions and amendments from Dr. Amici	0.8	280.00
2/3/2026	CJL	Preparing documents in response to Office Action for upload to PTO	0.4	140.00
2/3/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing OA response and related documents at USPTO	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**1.7**	**$595.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
2/3/2026	PLB	REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) - 1ST REQUEST (SEE 37 CFR 1.114)	600.00
		Additional Charges	**$600.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,195.00**

Timekeeper Summary

Who	Role	Full Name	Hours	Rate	Total
CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	1.7	350.00	595.00

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Matter Fees & Expenses Summary

April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Matter	Fees	Expenses	Total
WPI14-14CIP2 (BRC)JP (W12-014-13)	$140.00	$0.00	$140.00
WPI14-14CON2(BRC) (W12-014-21)	$945.00	$732.00	$1,677.00
WPI20-10(BRC)CN (W20-048-06)	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00
WPI20-10(BRC)KR (W20-048-07)	$0.00	$1,102.90	$1,102.90
WPI21-04CA(BRC) (W21-029-09)	$0.00	$403.10	$403.10
WPI21-04CN (BRC) (W21-029-08)	$455.00	$282.90	$737.90
WPI21-04KR (BRC) (W21-029-07)	$0.00	$974.30	$974.30
	$1,610.00	**$3,495.20**	**$5,105.20**

Professional Services: **$1,610.00**
Additional Charges: **$3,495.20**
Please Pay This Amount: **$5,105.20**

Payment Terms: NET 45

Payment Instructions:
Payment by check:
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Remittance by ACH/wire:
Santander Bank, N.A.
601 Penn Street, Reading, PA 19601
Account No. 9530881088
Routing No. 231372691
Swift Code SVRNUS33

Ascend licensed matters

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CHARGE MATERIAL FOR RECYCLED LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: WPI14-14CIP2 (BRC)JP
Your ref: W12-014-13
Serial No.: 2021-214906

Invoice 006226
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
4/12/2026	CJL	Reviewing Office Action and cited prior art	0.4	140.00
		Professional Services	**0.4**	**$140.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$140.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.4	350.00	140.00

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CHARGE MATERIAL FOR RECYCLED LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES
Our ref: WPI14-14CON2(BRC)
Your ref: W12-014-21
Serial No.: 18/805,482

Invoice 006226
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/30/2026	CJL	Reviewing instructions fromi Dr. Amici for OA response	0.8	280.00
3/30/2026	CJL	Preparing remarks and arguments in response to Office Action	0.8	280.00
3/30/2026	CJL	Preparing terminal disclaimer for family predecessor patents	0.6	210.00
3/30/2026	CJL	Preparing, reviewing and filing OA response and related documents at USPTO	0.5	175.00
		Professional Services	**2.7**	**$945.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/30/2026	PLB	STATUTORY DISCLAIMER, INCLUDING TERMINAL DISCLAIMER	732.00
		Additional Charges	**$732.00**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$1,677.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	2.7	350.00	945.00

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FACILE ETCHING FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL CATHODE MATERIALS
Our ref: WPI20-10(BRC)CN
Your ref: W20-048-06

Invoice 006226
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
3/25/2026	CJL	Corresponding with CN associate regarding annuity	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**0.2**	**$70.00**
		Total Professional Services		**$70.00**

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CJL	Attorney	Christopher J. Lutz	0.2	350.00	70.00

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FACILE ETCHING FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL CATHODE MATERIALS
Our ref: WPI20-10(BRC)KR
Your ref: W20-048-07
Serial No.: 2022-7044486

Invoice 006226
April 27, 2026

Items through April 27, 2026

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/2/2026	CJL	Vendor: Y.P. LEE, MOCK PARTNERS; Invoice #: 26M-0324 - Registration fee (1st-3rd year annuities) for 24 claims; Reporting a Notice of Allowance along with an English translation thereof; reporting a Patent Registration Certificate and a Patent Register along with English translations thereof; and reporting a Patent Publication	1,102.90
		Additional Charges	**$1,102.90**
		Total Additional Charges	**$1,102.90**

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Your ref: W21-029-09
Serial No.: 3215065

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April 27, 2026

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/24/2026	CJL	Vendor: Smart & Biggar; Invoice #: 3708201 - Attending to the payment of the maintenance fee and reporting to you; Paid government maintenance fee	403.10
		Additional Charges	**$403.10**
		Total Additional Charges	**$403.10**

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Serial No.: 202280005042.7

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April 27, 2026

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Professional Services

Date	Who	Description	Hours	Total
1/14/2026	CJL	Preparing correspondence to foreign associate regarding translation	0.2	70.00
1/20/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from CN associate regarding Office Action and cited prior art	0.3	105.00
1/29/2026	CJL	Corresponding with CN associate regarding translation	0.3	105.00
2/13/2026	CJL	Receiving and reviewing translation of OA	0.3	105.00
4/4/2026	CJL	Reviewing correspondence from foreign associate regardign response to OA	0.2	70.00
		Professional Services	**1.3**	**$455.00**

Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
4/15/2026	CJL	Vendor: ZHONGYI UNION IP INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED; Invoice #: 2221280-05 - Request for the first time two-month extension of time limit	282.90
		Additional Charges	**$282.90**
		Total Professional Services and Additional Charges	**$737.90**

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Your ref: W21-029-07
Serial No.: 2022-7044166

Invoice 006226

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Additional Charges

Date	Who	Description	Total
3/17/2026	CJL	Vendor: Y.P. LEE, MOCK PARTNERS; Attorney Ref #: 26M-0648	974.30
		Additional Charges	**$974.30**
		Total Additional Charges	**$974.30**

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July 17, 2026
Via Verita

U.S. Bankruptcy Court
S.D. Texas
Case No. 26-90440

Bankruptcy Claim Statement from Creditor Armis IP Law

This statement accompanies the Proof of Claim (POC) statement of Armis Intellectual Property Law (Armis) to clarify certain line items in the POC supporting documents.

The supporting documents submitted with this POC include invoices for legal services performed by Armis on behalf of Ascend. The two most recent invoices, generated April 27, 2026, generally represent work completed during the month of April 2026. As is typical with hourly billing for legal matters, many items represent work commenced prior to the April 9 2026 bankruptcy filing of Ascend. Further, we received notice of the Ch. 11 filing on April 27, 2026, via USPS.

These matters were generally billed upon completion/filing of said matters, and therefore often represent work performed prior to the invoice date. These matters represent a cohesive aggregation of line items performed for a given filing or target date, and would be appropriately considered a unitary whole of the completed work product defined by the filing or completed task. Each line item also bears a specific date when the work was performed.

The POC also includes line items representing invoices from foreign associate law firms for work performed on behalf of Ascend. These invoices represent pass-through expenses for legal work requested by Armis on behalf of Ascend for patents and applications in foreign jurisdictions. As Armis is bound to pay these upon instructing the foreign associates, these invoices represent debts incurred based on instructions sent well before the April 9 date, which Armis is obligated to settle.

Two of the invoices (including "WPI" in the pdf file name) were incurred for legal services for cases licensed to Ascend by Worcester Polytechnic Institute, another creditor in the present matter who included these in their claim in the amount of $8133.50.

I remain available for further exchanges per the contact information herein.

Very truly yours,

Armis IP Law, L.L.C.

/Christopher J. Lutz/