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(54) **HAND-HELD LASER CUTTING APPARATUS AND METHOD USING SAME**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A hand-held apparatus is disclosed, where that hand-held apparatus comprises a hand piece having an output end, a switch disposed on that hand piece, wherein that switch includes “on” position and an “off” position, and wherein a laser beam is directed outwardly from the output end of the hand piece when the switch is disposed in the “on” position. In certain embodiments, a lasing device is disposed within the hand piece. In other embodiments, a lasing device is disposed external to the hand piece, wherein that lasing device is interconnected with the hand piece by a fiber optic cable.

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