



DIVISION OF
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

March 9, 2012

Via E-mail

Rainer Bosselmann
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Argan, Inc.
One Church Street, Suite 201
Rockville, MD 20850

**Re: Argan, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed February 13, 2012
File No. 333-179492**

Dear Mr. Bosselmann:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to those issues we have addressed in our comment. In our comment, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. Where you do not believe our comment applies to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to the comment, we may have additional comments.

Exhibit 5.1

1. We note that the shares of common stock for which counsel is providing an opinion will not be issued by Argan, Inc. but rather are currently outstanding and offered by the selling shareholder. Please have counsel revise the opinion to reflect this and to state that the Shares are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. Please refer to Section II.B.2.h of Staff Legal Bulletin 19, available at: <http://www.sec.gov/interps/legal/cfs1b19.htm>.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

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Notwithstanding our comment, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact Chambre Malone at (202) 551-3262 or, in her absence, me at (202) 551-3760 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Pamela Long

Pamela Long
Assistant Director

cc: Richard A. Krantz, Esq.