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In re application of	:	**DECISION ON PETITION**
Greischar et al.	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/243,860	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: October 1, 2008	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA AGGREGATION FOR REAL-TIME EMERGENCY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 1, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications

under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition in this case fails to comply with conditions II.5, II.5.1, II.6.2, II.6.3 and II.6.5.

Regarding Condition II.5, it is required that Applicant include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

For the database searches, while Applicant included a listing of the search logic used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched, the database service, and the date of the search, Applicant did not group the information for each database service used. For example, Applicant lists the Non-Patent Literature Databases and date of search separately from the search logic used on the Non-Patent Literature Databases, so it is not clear which search logic was employed with which database. Additionally, the syntax of the search logic provided appears to be the syntax used in EAST or WEST, so it is further not clear how the syntax would have worked in and provided valuable search results for the Non-Patent Literature Databases listed. Rather, it is suggested that for each database service used (for both patent databases and non-patent literature databases) to include the search logic used as the query, the name of the file(s) searched and the date of the search. Additional guidance regarding the proper manner of performing and documenting a preexamination search may be found on the following web site: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/, where a sample preexamination search document is provided.

Regarding Condition II.5.1, it is required that Applicant's search involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement.

While Applicant conducted some foreign patent document searches and some non-patent literature searches, many of the suggested areas still have not been searched. For example, it does not appear that Applicant searched the

Japanese foreign patent documents. Similarly, while Applicant indicated a search of Espacenet, an indication of which databases were searched (i.e., Worldwide, EP or WIPO) was not provided. Additionally, Applicant did not search most of the database files suggested by the search template. Applicant is reminded that search templates, specific to each class/subclass, may be found at http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/. For example, the instant application is best classified in 705/2. Looking toward the available search templates and recommended areas of search for class 705/2 (see http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/class705-002.htm) some of the more relevant search areas would include a text search in the listed Non-Patent Literature database files. A comprehensive list of recommended database files is found on the 705/2 search template web page as well. Especially relevant to the claimed subject matter are the following database files that have not been searched by Applicant such as:

ABI/INFORM
ACM Digital Library
BIOSIS Previews
Business & IndustryTM (B&I)
Business Wire
Dialog Global Reporter
EBSCOhost Research Databases
Financial Times
Gale Group Computer DatabaseTM
Gale Group GlobalbaseTM
Gale Group Health & Wellness DatabaseSM
Gale Group New Product Announcements/Plus (NPA/Plus)
Gale Group Newsletter DatabaseTM
Gale Group PROMT
Gale Group Trade & Industry DatabaseTM
Inspec (The Database for Physics, Electronics and Computing)
JSTOR Journals
McGraw-Hill Companies Publications Online
Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Industry News Database (PHIND)
ProQuest Direct
TecInfoSource (formerly SoftBase: Reviews, Companies, and Products)
Wall Street Journal Abstracts

As per Condition II.6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference is required. In the section, "Limitations Disclosed by the References," there appear to be several typographical errors, making it unclear which claims Applicant is referring to. On page 6 of the examination support document, claim 2 is recited as being dependent on claim 26; the discussion of the Wyatt reference refers to claims 26, 51 and 52; and the discussion of the Neece reference refers to claims 26, 51 and 52.

As per Condition II.6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c) is required. Applicant has not provided a detailed explanation of how claims 2-4, 8-9 and 11-18 are patentable over the references cited.

As per Condition II.6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification is required. Applicant has not provided a showing of where each limitation of claims 7-9 and 11 has support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

The petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision. No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) if the request is to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt at (571) 272-6633, or C. Michelle Tarae at (571) 272-6727, both Business Practice Specialists.

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Filed: October 1, 2008		

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA AGGREGATION FOR REAL-TIME EMERGENCY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 1, 2008 and the supplemental petition documents filed December 5, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach

the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed to a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new

claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6633, C. Michelle Tarae at (571) 272-6727.

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Applicant: Laeey W. Fullerton, et al.
Appl. No.: 12/243,886
Filing Date: October 1, 2008
Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING MOVEMENT OF AN OBJECT
Attorney Docket. No.: 89236-262846
Pub. No.: US 2009/0251246 A1
Pub. Date: October 8, 2009

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b) or (a), received on November 9, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The patent issued on June 29, 2010.

The request is DISMISSED as moot.

Since the application has been issued as a patent, the request is deemed moot.

Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Mark Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

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DAVID LINDELL PRINE

Application No. 12243900

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 6441P3232cip

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 02-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Applicant	: Joseph Haroutioun Abadjian	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7665231	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
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Appliction No	: 12/243,918	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/01/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of: Antolin DuBois Serial No.: 12/243,965 Filed: October 01, 2008 Title: **RAPID RESPONSE PORTABLE HYBRID EMERGENCY ENERGY GENERATOR**	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 01, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under the notice in the Federal Register, vol. 71, No. 122 (June 26, 2006), and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)(2) because it was not in condition for examination at the time of filing. The mailing of a

Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on October 07, 2008, is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

For the above-stated reasons, the application as filed is not eligible for accelerated examination and the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Information about the current accelerated examination procedure may be obtained from the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Clayton E. LaBalle, , at (571) 272-1594.

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Attorney Docket No. **YOR920070447US1**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 3/24/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Tom Dunn/

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Applicant	: Larry William Finn	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7652635	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 01/26/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/244,177	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/02/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of	:	
KUROIWA, TAKAO et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/244,223	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: Oct. 2, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. KUD-021	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: WIND TURBINE BLADE WITH SUFFICIENTLY HIGH STRENGTH AND LIGHT WEIGHT		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 23, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of

renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item(s) #1. In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 416/241.00A) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

Henry C. Yuen
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In re Application of
Vladimir Egorov

Application No. 12244235

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. AL-28

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 02-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
HONDA, YOSHINORI et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/244,263	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 02, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 6639P492	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 24, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Michael Horabik
Quality Assurance Specialist
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In re Application of	:	
Christopher et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/244,280	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 15157.01(ITWO:0307-1)	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 18, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that on June 19, 2009 the power of attorney to Ziolkowski Patent Solutions Group, SC (ITW) was revoked by the assignee of the patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272- 7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Joan Olszewski
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
William C. Weaver	:	
Application No. 12/244,308	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 010194-000003	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 9, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to the practitioners of record at the time of filing the above request, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on December 1, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3208.

/Karen Creasy/
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In re Application of Yasunori Yoshida Application No. 12/244,348 Filed: October 2, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 12732-0430002 / US9312-C1	: : : : :	DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed, June 25, 2010 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 25, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2819 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of
Gisby et al.
Application No. 12/244,354
Filed: October 2, 2008
Attorney Docket No. R1633.0006/P006

DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed March 24, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks items (1) set forth above.

The Office is in receipt of $130.00 towards the $70.00 petition fee. Pursuant to petitioner's request deposit account no. 04-1073 will be charged the $70.00 difference.

As to item (1), rule 47 applicant must demonstrate with documented evidence that an inventor refuses to join in the application after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims, drawings and oath or declaration). Petitioner states that the application papers were sent via e-mail. However, when documents are sent via e-mail it must be established that the documents presented are received and readable. The fact that rule 47 applicant does not receive a message that the e-mail was undeliverable is not sufficient evidence. The evidence presented fails to establish that the documents were received and readable by the non-signing inventors. Further, the record is not clear that the application papers (specification, claims, drawings and oath or declaration) were presented to the non-signing inventor in the package mailed via Federal Express. Although the Declaration of Gianni Minutoli states a "copy of the Present application along with a declaration, an assignment and power of attorney" were sent, the cover letter dated February 20, 2009 only references the declaration, assignment and power of

attorney. To the extent application papers (specification, claims, drawings and oath or declaration) were included a statement to that effect should be provided. Unless petitioner can show that a copy of the application papers was presented to the joint inventors , then petitioner will have to mail a copy of the complete application papers (specification, claims and drawings) to the last known address of the joint inventor , return receipt requested. A cover letter of instructions should accompany the mailing of the application papers setting a deadline or a statement that no response will constitute a refusal. This sort of ultimatum lends support to a finding of refusal by conduct. **The proof of the pertinent events should be made by a statement of someone with firsthand knowledge of the events and should include documentary evidence, such as certified mail return receipt, cover letter of instructions, telegram, etc.** *See* MPEP 409.03(d).

Where there is an express or oral refusal, that fact, along with the time and place of the refusal, must be stated in an affidavit or declaration **by the party to whom the refusal was made.** Where there is a written refusal, a copy of the document(s) evidencing that refusal must be made part of the affidavit or declaration.

When it is concluded by the rule 47 applicant that an omitted inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal, all facts upon which that conclusion is based should be stated in an affidavit or declaration. If there is documentary evidence to support facts alleged in the affidavit or declaration, such evidence must be submitted.

Whenever an omitted inventor gives a reason for refusing to sign the application oath or declaration, that reason should be stated in the affidavit or declaration.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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By fax: (571) 273-8300
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Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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Petitions Attorney
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In re Application of
Jack W. Wilson

Application No. 12244368

Filed: October 2,2008

Attorney Docket No. FTT-531CIP

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 20-FEB-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12244372	Confirmation Number	1875	Filing Date	2008-10-02
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	208997.0190/186U1	Art Unit		Examiner	
First Named Inventor	Eugene Gagliardi, Jr.				
Title of Invention	METHOD OF CUTTING BEEF SHORT RIBS AND BEEF PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY THE METHOD				

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An application may be made special for advancement of examination upon filing of a petition showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more. No fee is required with such a petition. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION IN THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV) ON THE BASIS OF THE APPLICANT'S AGE.

A grantable petition requires one of the following items:
(1) Statement by one named inventor in the application that he/she is 65 years of age, or more; or
(2) Certification by a registered attorney/agent having evidence such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc. showing one named inventor in the application is 65 years of age, or more.

Name of Inventor who is 65 years of age, or older

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
Eugene	D.	Gagliardi	Jr.

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 10.18.
Please see 37 CFR 1.4(d) for the format of the signature.

Select (1) or (2) :

○ (1) I am an inventor in this application and I am 65 years of age, or more.

◉ (2) I am an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, and I certify that I am in possession of evidence, and will retain such in the application file record, showing that the inventor listed above is 65 years of age, or more.

Signature	/LESLIE L. KASTEN, JR./	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2008-10-07
Name	Leslie L. Kasten	Registration Number	28959

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The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

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3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.

4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).

7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about indivi duals.

8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.

9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

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In re Application of
Eugene D. Gagliardi

Application No. 12244372

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 8897-186U1

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 07-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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In re Application of	:	
NODA, TOMOYUKI, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/244,379	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **00862.145441**	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed April 19, 2010 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Doris To at 571-272-7629.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of :
Stephane Evoy et al. :
Application No. 12/244,419 : NOTICE
Filed: October 2, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. **072-54** :

This is a notice regarding your request filed January 8, 2010, for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this application must be paid at the large entity rate.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4584.

JoAnne Burke
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In re Application of	:	
David K. HOOD	:	
Application No. 12/244,420	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 3056US	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 27, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 17, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 18, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a declaration and the required fee; (2) the petition fee of $1620; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Diane Goodwyn at (571)272-6735.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1796 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received July 27, 2009.

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In re Application of	:	
Brinkmann, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/244,422	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 32510-US-CNT	:	

This is a decision on the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 9, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply in response to the Office action mailed December 8, 2008. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on January 9, 2009. The mailing of this decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

With the instant petition, petitioner made the proper statement of unintentional delay, paid the petition fee, and submitted the required reply in the form of an Election.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Accordingly, since the $2350.00

extension of time fee submitted with the petition on June 9, 2009 was subsequent to the maximum period obtainable for reply (June 8, 2009), this fee has been refunded to petitioner's Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

The application is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 1614 for consideration of the Election filed June 9, 2009.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☑ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html.
4. ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of Monteith :
Application No. 12/244,472 : Decision on Petition
Filing Date: October 2, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. SMB-7945-1 US CON :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 10, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action including a requirement for restriction/election mailed February 26, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). An extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was not obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 31, 2008.[1] A Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 16, 2009.

The instant petition requests revival of the application.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed,
(2) The petition fee,
(3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, and
(4) A terminal disclaimer and fee if the application was filed on or before June 8, 1995 or if the application is a design application.

As to requirement (1), petitioner has submitted a reply to the February 26, 2009 Office action in the form of an election.

As to requirement (2), petitioner has submitted the required petition fee of $810.

[1] March 28, 2009, was the date 30 days after February 26, 2009. March 28, 2009, fell on a Saturday. Therefore, a reply could have been timely filed as late as March 30, 2009, without payment for an extension of time.

As to requirement (3), petitioner has stated, "The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date until the filing of this petition was unintentional."[2]

As to requirement (4), a terminal disclaimer is unnecessary in this case.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Therefore, the petition is granted and the application is revived.

The petition is accompanied by payment of $555 for a three-month extension of time. Payment for an extension of time is unnecessary when reviving an application. Therefore, the Office will credit $555 back to petitioner's credit card.

Technology Center Art Unit 1797 will be informed of the instant decision and the application will be further examined in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

Charles Steven Brantley
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[2] 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires "a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) [was] unintentional." To the extent any statement of delay in the petition varies from this exact language, the statement will be construed as the equivalent of the statement above. If the entire delay from the date of abandonment, March 30, 2009, until the date the petition was filed, September 10, 2009, was not unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

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In re Application of	:	
Ginelli et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/244,477	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. RIT0013-US	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed on September 18, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71*, or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

All future communications from the Office will be directed to above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant or a proper change of correspondence address have been submitted.

There are no Office actions that require a reply from the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of :
Hemant Jha :
Application No. 12/244,585 :
Filed: October 2, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 8554-93530 :

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed October 7, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request is not approved because the requested change in correspondence address is improper. Accordingly, our records indicate that there is no assignee of record in the above application.

The Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71,* or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

The assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

Therefore, as there is currently no Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) of record in the instant application nor has an assignee who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71. The Office cannot change the correspondence address to the address on the Request to Withdraw at this present time.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4584.

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Manabu MIYAYAMA	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/244,598	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 02 October 2008	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 6639P488	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: DISPLAY DEVICE AND DISPLAY DEVICE STAND	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 30 June 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application is

    a. a Paris Convention application which either
        i. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims,

    or

    b. a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
        iii. contains no priority claim,

    or

    c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
iii. contains no priority claim;

2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s);
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
3. Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has <u>not</u> begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
   a. Documentation of prior office action:
      i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
      ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
      iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;
   b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
6. Applicant must submit:
   a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
   b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Day at 571/272-1568.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

This application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/244,599	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 8-02-13077/4327P	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 23, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Joseph A. Sawyer, Jr. on behalf of the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 29141.

The attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 29141 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence address of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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Application No. 12/244,632	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **SUTOSH.269AUS**	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 17, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re application of Hiroaki Hirao Serial No. 12/244,634 Filed: October 2, 2008 For: DIE FOR DIE CASTING, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CAST PRODUCT, AND CAST PRODUCT	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed May 27, 2009.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO to obtain a copy from DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
   b. An English translation of the allowable/ patentable claim(s), if applicable; and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate, if applicable;

(3) Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s); and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claim(s) are from "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form:
Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS), applicant may request the USPO obtain a copy from the DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy of the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above if applicable; and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application); and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail because:

(5)(c) Applicant has not submitted a statement that the English translation of the "Notice of Reasons for Rejection" is accurate.

(6) An IDS listing all the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action and copies thereof except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications must be submitted.

Applicant is required to submit all of the reference patent documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Notice of Reasons for Rejection. JP 2006-157736 (JP 2007-326114); 2008-114408 and JP 3617958, each cited in this JPO communication have not been cited on an IDS and no copy has been provided.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are

not corrected within the time period given, the application with await action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

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In re application of Hiroaki Hirao Serial No. 12/244,634 Filed: October 2, 2008 For: DIE FOR DIE CASTING, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CAST PRODUCT, AND CAST PRODUCT	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the supplemental request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed August 5, 2009.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO to obtain a copy from DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English translation of the allowable/ patentable claim(s), if applicable; and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate, if applicable;

(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s); and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

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i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims(s) or
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iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form:
Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS), applicant may request the USPO obtain a copy from the DAS; however, if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy of the DAS, the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above if applicable; and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application); and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

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In re Application of
Peter J. Balsells
Application No. 12/244,658
Filed: October 2, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 3859

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 25, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from the attorney of record that the sole inventor is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2834 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226. All other inquiries concerning the processing of the application should be addressed to the Office of Patent Application Processing at (571) 272-4000.

Andrea Smith
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In re Application of	:	
MATSUNAGA, TOSHITAKA et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/244,662	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 02, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.270AUS	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 04, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Ray Mota	:	
Application No. 12/244,690	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. Synergy Mota	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 16, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed October 17, 2008 and to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed March 26, 2009.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) (1).

The drawings submitted on October 16, 2009 are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d), as required in the Notice mailed October 17, 2008 and on March 26, 2009.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be delivered through one of the following mediums:

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By hand:	Customer Service Window Mail Stop Petitions Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314
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By internet:	EFS-Web www.uspto.gov/ebc/efs_help.html (for help using EFS-Web call the Patent Electronic Business Center at (866) 217-9197)

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

/KOC/
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Ray Mota	:	
Application No. 12/244,690	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 2, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. Synergy Mota	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 8, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice mailed March 26, 2009, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

/KOC/
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In re Application of	:	
LUKHTANOV, Eugene	:	
Application No. 12/244,712	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 02, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **17682A-009410US**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 23, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by William Kezer on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 20350. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 20350 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence address of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

/Tredelle D. Jackson/
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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In re Application of	:	
Nichol	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/244,839	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 10/3/08	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **2552.006US1**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 3/22/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice

before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item(s) 1.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 423/350.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1793 for action in its regular turn.

/Tom Dunn/

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Application No. 12/244,839	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 10/03/08	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **2552.006US1**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 6/21/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1793 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 3, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a photocopy of applicant's driver's license. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Upon completion of the pre-examination processing by the Office of Patent Application Processing, this application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3753 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kimberly Inabinet

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In re Application of	:	
Hannah Braun-Allen	:	
Application No. 12/244,887	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. BRAUN_ALLEN_CIP_0908	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 14, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Jill Welytok on behalf of attorney/agents associated with customer number 57520. All attorneys/agents associated with customer number 57520 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address has been changed and is copied below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 12/14/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re application of Keith N. Clark et al Serial No. 12/244,909 Filed: October 3, 2008 For: BRIQUETTING PROCESS	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 3, 2008 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Changes to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

The application as filed is not eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because the application, at the time of filing, was not in condition for examination. Note, specifically, the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS mailed on October 10, 2008, which indicates that the application was not in condition for examination at the time of filing.

MPEP 708.02(a), section VIII further states:

> The petition to make special will be dismissed if the application omits an item or includes a paper that causes the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) to mail a notice during the formality review (e.g., a notice of incomplete application, notice to file missing parts, notice to file corrected application papers, notice of omitted items, or notice of informal application). The opportunity to perfect a petition (subsection II above) does not apply to applications that are not in condition for examination on filing.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

/Christine Tierney/

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Attorney Docket No. 046660/362654	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 7, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

The Office will no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with a Request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative. The Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor.

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request to change the correspondence address does not include a proper power of attorney nor is the address that of: (1) the first named inventor; or (2) an assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), filed with the request to withdraw, cannot be accepted because it is not proper.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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In re Application of: Christian Router Serial No.: 12/244,912 Filed: October 3, 2008 Docket: GB920080042US1 Title: ROUTING OF STREAMING MEDIA	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 3, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1 – I.4, II.1 – II.4, II5.1, II.5.3, and II.6.1 – II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II.5.2 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H)[1] and items II.5 and 5.2 above, the preexamination search must be directed to the (instant) claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

With respect to item II.5.2 above, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following classes and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 370, subclasses 401-406 (Bridge and Gateway between Networks), to cover subject matter recited in the claim. This additional search area was confirmed with a Primary examiner in the pertinent art area (Class 370).

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Chau Nguyen at (571) 272-3126.

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In re Application of:
Christian Router
Serial No.: 12/244,912
Filed: October 3, 2008
Docket: GB920080042US1
Title: ROUTING OF STREAMING MEDIA

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on December 04, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 03, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on November 13, 2008.

The renewed petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the supplemental search along with the orginal search now meets the requirements of condition II 5.2.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to

make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.
For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.
To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS): Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated

accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.
On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.
If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously; however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3126.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 7, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Dane A. Baltich and the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 00826, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on May 13, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 7, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Dane A. Baltich and the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 00826, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on May 13, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 7, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

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The request was signed by Dane A. Baltich on behalf of all attorneys/agents associated with customer number 00826. All attorneys/agents of record have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address has been changed and is copied address below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 05/07/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
Charles A. BLEAU, et al	:	
Application No. 12/244,957	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 046660/362708	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 7, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

The Office will no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with a Request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative. The Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor.

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request to change the correspondence address does not include a proper power of attorney nor is the address that of: (1) the first named inventor; or (2) an assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), filed with the request to withdraw, cannot be accepted because it is not proper.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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In re Application of :
Heesung Chung :
Application No. 12/245,015 : ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 955-1002C :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 14, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed April 13, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 14, 2009.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2454 for further processing.

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
Laura Merbeth	:	
Application No. 12/245,045	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 1992	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 3, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a copy of the applicant's birth certificate that she is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3644 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Terri Williams

Terri Williams
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
Edwin F. Sithes	:	
Application No. 12/245,101	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. OSKR001-C	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) or 37 C.F.R. § 10.40 filed March 23, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Edwin H. Taylor: (1) does not have power of attorney in this patent application; and (2) has been employed or otherwise engaged in the proceedings in this patent application. In view of the present decision, Edwin H. Taylor has been withdrawn from the present application and may not prepare or submit papers under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34, or correspond in any manner in this application unless appointed in an acceptable power of attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.32(b).

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at 571-272-3210.

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In re application of Toshitake Sasaki Application No. 12/245,150 Filed: October 3, 2008 For: POWEWR OUTPUT SYSTEM, VEHICLE INCLUDING THE SAME, AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING POWER OUTPUT SYSTEM	**DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed December 22, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the Office action from the JPO application just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" (e.g., the latest "Notification of Reasons for Refusal") for each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

In light of the preliminary amendment filed December 22, 2009 with the petition, the request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision as soon as any pre-exam processing has been completed.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Steven N. Meyers, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-6611.

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In re Application of	:	
Jean Carlos Gracia	:	
Application No. 12/245,319	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 0396.001	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 23, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 22, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 23, 2008. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 29, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an oath, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due

date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action on the reply received.

Terri Johnson

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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In re Application of
Ashman et al.
Application No. 12/245,321
Filed: October 3, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 012861-000048b

DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 22, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A review of the record shows that the petition filed on May 22, 2009 has not been properly signed. In this regard, petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.33(b), which states.

> (b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:
> (1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);
> (2) A registered patent attorney or patent agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;
> (3) An assignee as provided for under §3.71(b) of this chapter; or
> (4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

An unsigned amendment (or other paper) or one not properly signed by a person having authority to prosecute the application is not entered. This applies, for instance, where the amendment (or other paper) is signed by only one of two applicants and the one signing has not been given a power of attorney by the other applicant.

Therefore, as the petition is not signed by all the inventors and the record herein fails to disclose that petitioner herein (D. Ashman) was ever given a power of attorney to act on behalf of the other signing inventors, or that he is an assignee of the entire interest and has complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.73(b) the merits of the petition have not been treated.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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Serial No.: 12/245,392
Filed: October 3, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: 6040B

: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE
: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
: § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on October 3, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in an agreement that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a Final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the Final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a Notice of Appeal, an Appeal Brief and Appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after Final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a Final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Dave Nguyen, QAS TC 1600, at 571-272-0731

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/245,399	10/03/2008	Bradley A. Clark	08093985	3909

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In re Application of	:
Bradley A. Clark et al.	:
Serial No.: 12/245,399	: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: October 3, 2008	:
Attorney Docket No.: 08093985	:

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 3, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a **newly** filed non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 102(d) because the Examination support document is incomplete for its failure to address the Bilkey et al. 2003/10130244-A1 document on the PTO/SB/08B IDS form. Note also the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 14, 2008.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Bennett Celsa, at (571) 272-0807.

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In re application of Chul Soo Pyo Application No. 12/245,422 Filed: October 3, 2008 For: DOOR HINGE DEVICE FOR ABSORBING THE CLOSING IMPACT OF FURNITURE DOOR	: : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed September 11, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the Office actions from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu at 571-272-7045. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Teri P. Luu/

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In re Application of Louise S. MacDonald Application No. 12/245,430 Filed: October 3, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 4602.1002-001	DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b) or 37 CFR 10.40, filed April 2, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

It is noted that a power of attorney was filed by the assignee on May 7, 2010, which revoked any previous power of attorney or authorization of agent. Therefore, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b) or 10.40 is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3734 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

Andrea Smith
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In re Application of:
JOHNSON, RANDY S., et al.
Serial No.: 12/245,433
Filed: October 3, 2008

Title: **METHOD FOR TRANSLATING A NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION WITHIN A VIRTUAL WORLD ENVIRONMENT**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

The petition to make the application special filed October 3, 2008 is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:

If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not

file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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In re Application of: S. KOJIMA
Application No. 12/245,494
Filed: September 25, 2008
Atty. Docket No.: SUTOSH.267AUS
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WRITING DATA WITH SEQUENTIAL ACCESS IN A DISK DRIVE

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed May 12, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application is
(a) a Paris Convention application which either
(i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims,

Or

(b) a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
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Or

(c) a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim.

Where the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims is not the same application for which priority is claimed in the U.S. application, applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims and the JPO priority application claimed in the U.S. application.

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
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(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

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ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy; b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail to include:

A. Item 3 above. Specifically,

1) the means plus function language in all the claims allowed in the Japanese application have been replaced by other terminology. For example, in claim 1, control means has been replaced by controller, means for determining, means for storing, etc. have been replaced by other claim language. These changes change the scope of the claim, and hence the claims of the instant U.S. application does not substantially correspond to the same limitation in the corresponding claims in the "Decision to Grant a Patent" of the JPO application.

Almost all the claims of the instant U.S. application seem to differ in scope from the corresponding allowed claims (as recited in the claims correspondence table of the instant petition) of the corresponding Japanese application. The reviewer has listed a few here, as examples. There are too many differences, that it would not be possible for the reviewer to make an exhaustive list.

Applicant is requested to review the claims in view of the comments above to make sure that all the claims are in compliance with guidelines set forth above for a grantable petition to make special.

The Petition is **DISMISSED**.

Applicant is given a time period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, to correct the deficiencies. NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.

If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must submitted by EFS-Web using the document description "Petition to make special under Pat Pros Hwy".

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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Application No. 12/245,494
Filed: September 25, 2008
Atty. Docket No.: SUTOSH.267AUS
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WRITING DATA WITH SEQUENTIAL ACCESS IN A DISK DRIVE

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 8, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

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(i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
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(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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In re Application of :
Gruchala, et al. :
Application No. 12/245,501 : ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 2006-A1816/ATTWP235US

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 30, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" mailed October 21, 2008. The notice set a period for reply of two months from its mailing date. The notice required replacement drawings to be filed. No response was received within the allowable period, and the application became abandoned on December 22, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 25, 2009.

The response filed June 30, 2009, is noted.

The address cited on the petition differs form the address of record. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address cited on the petition. All future correspondence will be mailed solely to the address of record until appropriate written instructions to the contrary are received.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further review.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

Kenya A. McLaughlin
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Office of Petitions

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SPE RESPONSE FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Paper No.: _____

DATE : April 20, 2010

TO SPE OF : ART UNIT 2812 - SPE Charles D. Garber.

SUBJECT : Request for Certificate of Correction for Appl. No.: 12/245,542 Patent No.: 7,662,647 B2

Please respond to this request for a certificate of correction within 7 days.

FOR IFW FILES:

Please review the requested changes/corrections as shown in the **COCIN** document(s) in the IFW application image. No new matter should be introduced, nor should the scope or meaning of the claims be changed.

Please complete the response (see below) and forward the completed response to scanning using document code **COCX**.

FOR PAPER FILES:

Please review the requested changes/corrections as shown in the attached certificate of correction. Please complete this form (see below) and forward it with the file to:

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Antonio Johnson

Should the disclaimer (DIST) dated 10-03-2008 have been entered?
See COCIN dated 03-11-2010

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Thank You For Your Assistance

The request for issuing the above-identified correction(s) is hereby:
Note your decision on the appropriate box.

✓ **Approved**	**All** changes apply.
☐ **Approved in Part**	Specify below which changes **do not** apply.
☐ **Denied**	State the reasons for denial below.

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In re Application of Obad et al. Application No. 12/245,544 Filed: October 3, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 2763.0130004/EKS/EJH/OAL	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 14, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that on June 15, 2010 the power of attorney to Baker Botts L.L.P. was revoked by the assignee of the patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272- 7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Joan Olszewski

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Application No. 12/245,617	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.268AUS	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed May 8, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kenneth Wieder
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In re Application of
Say et al.
Application No. 12/245,618
Filing: October 3, 2008
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C31

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 17, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement (PTO/SB/130 form) by the applicant's attorney that the applicant is 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6059. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Randell L. Werneth, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/245,625	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 10288-702.300	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 17, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by James R. Shay on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

There is no outstanding Office action at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

Terri Williams

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12/245,625	10/03/2008	Randell L. Werneth	10228-702.300

CONFIRMATION NO. 4438

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/17/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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Cihan et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No: 12/245,633	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. P07903	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 20, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Michael D. Volk Jr. on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer No. 28548.

All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 28548 have been withdrawn. Applicants are reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor at the address indicated below.

Currently, there is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Joan Olszewski

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In re Application of	:	
Robert S. Kieval, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/245,636	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 3, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 021433-001030US	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 12, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP does not have power of attorney in this patent application. See 37 C.F.R. § 10.40. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is not applicable.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/245,648	10/03/2008	Carl Gauthier	20655/1206468-US2	4476

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of
Gauthier et al.
Serial No.: 12/245,648
Filed: October 3, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: 20655/1206468-US2

: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE
: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
: § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on October 3, 2008, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in an agreement that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a Final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the Final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a Notice of Appeal, an Appeal Brief and Appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after Final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a Final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Dave Nguyen, QAS TC 1600, at 571-272-0731

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In re Application of	:	
Phillip H. Lawrence	:	
Application No. 12/245,718	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 4, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 50990/057384	:	
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This is a decision on the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 16, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file replacement drawings in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed October 30, 2008. This Notice set an extendable period for reply of two (2) months. No replacement drawings having been received, the application became abandoned on December 31, 2008. The Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment on July 8, 2009.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, made the proper statement of unintentional delay, and submitted the required reply in the form of replacement drawings.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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In re Application of Ioana M. Rizoiu, et. al. Application No. 12/245,743 Filed: October 4, 2008 Attorney Docket No. BI9914CON	DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed December 10,2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional applications set forth in the amendment filed with the petition.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition does not satisfy item (1) above.

The reference to add the above-noted, prior-filed applications in the first sentence of the specification on page one following the title is not acceptable as drafted since it improperly incorporates by reference the prior-filed applications. An incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (*see* 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)). If an incorporation by reference statement is included in an amendment to the specification to add a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 after the filing date of the application, the amendment would not be proper. When a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is submitted after the filing of an application, the reference to the prior application cannot include an incorporation by reference statement of the prior application. *See* Dart Industries v. Banner, 636 F.2d 684, 207 USPQ 273 (C.A.D.C. 1980). *Note* MPEP §§ 201.06(c) and 608.04(b).

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a renewed petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) and an Application Data Sheet or a substitute amendment (complying with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 and 37 CFR 1.76(b)(5)) to correct the above matter is required.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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In re Application of	:	
Ioana M. Rizoiu, et. al.	:	
Application No. 12/245,743	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 4, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)
Attorney Docket No. BI9914CON	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed March 18, 2010, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application set forth in the amendment filed with the petition.

The petition is again **DISMISSED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition does not satisfy item (1) above.

The reference to add the prior-filed application in the first sentence of the specification on page one following the title is not acceptable as drafted since it improperly incorporates by reference the prior-filed application. An incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (*see* 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)). If an incorporation by reference statement is included in an amendment to the specification to

add a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 after the filing date of the application, the amendment would not be proper. When a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is submitted after the filing of an application, the reference to the prior application cannot include an incorporation by reference statement of the prior application. *See* Dart Industries v. Banner, 636 F.2d 684, 207 USPQ 273 (C.A.D.C. 1980). *Note* MPEP §§ 201.06(c) and 608.04(b).

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a renewed petition under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) and an Application Data Sheet or a substitute amendment (complying with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 and 37 CFR 1.76(b)(5)) to correct the above matter is required.

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In re Application of	:	
Jerry Gleesing	:	
Application No. 12/245,769	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 5, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW FROM
Attorney Docket No. GLEESING_NP_1008	:	RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b) or 10.40 filed April 30, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

The request was signed by Jill Gilbert Welytok and all the attorneys/agents associated with customer number 57520. Therefore, Jill Gilbert Welytok and all the attorneys/agents associated with customer number 57520 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there are no attorneys/agents of record at this time.

There is an outstanding Office action mailed March 4, 2010 that requires a reply from the applicant.

The request to change the correspondence address is accepted. Therefore, All future communications from the Office will be directed to the sole inventor at the address listed below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

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This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 04/30/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/245,826	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 101717.0001US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 9, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Robert D. Fish on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 23552. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 23552 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/09/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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Application No. 12/245,840	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. HCS-002	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) or 37 C.F.R. § 10.40 filed October 26, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Ashley I. Pezzner: (1) does not have power of attorney in this patent application; and (2) has been employed or otherwise engaged in the proceedings in this patent application. In view of the present decision, Ashley I. Pezzner has been withdrawn from the present application and may not prepare or submit papers under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34, or correspond in any manner in this application unless appointed in an acceptable power of attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.32(b).

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at 571-272-3210.

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Applicant	: John Ratzloff	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7654201	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 02/02/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/245,907	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/06/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12245909	Confirmation Number	5045	Filing Date	2008-10-06
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	IMPD101d	Art Unit	2612	Examiner	
First Named Inventor	LEROY E. ANDERSON				
Title of Invention	ELECTRONIC TOWING BALL VIEWER				

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Signature	/ROBERT L. SHAVER/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2009-12-03
Name	ROBERT L. SHAVER	Registration Number	42145

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In re Application of
LEROY E. ANDERSON

Application No. 12245909

Filed: October 6,2008

Attorney Docket No. IMPD101D

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 03-DEC-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

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Application No. 12/245,926	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. DEVOE-44CP	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 6, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a declaration statement signed by applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2831 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/AMW/
April M. Wise
Petitions Examiner
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DATE : 06/08/10

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Application Information

Application Number	12245933	Confirmation Number	5087	Filing Date	2008-10-06
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	IMPD101C	Art Unit	2621	Examiner	
First Named Inventor	LEROY E. ANDERSON				
Title of Invention	ELECTRONIC BABY REMOTE VIEWER				

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LEROY E. ANDERSON

Application No. 12245933

Filed: October 6,2008

Attorney Docket No. IMPD101C

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

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Application Information

Application Number	12245996	Confirmation Number	5198	Filing Date	2008-10-06
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	IMPD101a	Art Unit	2621	Examiner	
First Named Inventor	LEROY E. ANDERSON				
Title of Invention	ELECTRONIC VIEWER FOR PEEPHOLE				

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LEROY E. ANDERSON

Application No. 12245996

Filed: October 6,2008

Attorney Docket No. IMPD101A

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 03-DEC-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

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In re Application of: Raymond Kohler Serial No.: 12/246,052 Filed: October 6, 2008 Docket No.: 683857-6U1 Title: METHOD AND CIRCUIT FOR CONTROLLING AN LED	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 6, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. §1.102.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not

file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181, §1.182 or §1.183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve-month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1594.

Clayton E. LaBalle, Quality Assurance Specialist
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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of the Office communication was sent electronically on above-indicated "Notification Date" to the following e-mail address(es):

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In re Application of: MOTOMIYA H.
Application No. 12/246,077
Filed: October 6, 2008
For: Information processing apparatus and power supply control method

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed October 30, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application is
(a) a Paris Convention application which either
(i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims,

Or

(b) a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim,

Or

(c) a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim.

Where the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims is not the same application for which priority is claimed in the U.S. application, applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims and the JPO priority application claimed in the U.S. application.

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s)just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy; b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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In re Application of
MENG-CHIU YU ET AL.
Application No. 12/246,168
Filed: October 06, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **YU 72**

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 3, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before March 8, 2010, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed December 7, 2009. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is March 9, 2010.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of $755 and the publication fee of $300, (2) the petition fee of $810; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at (571) 272-4584.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for processing into a patent.

/JoAnne Burke/
JoAnne Burke
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
Greenwood et al.	:	
Application No. 12/246,237	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 1510-00200	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 29, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 23, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 24, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 7, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Oath or Declaration and the $65.00 surcharge fee, and Replacement Drawings, the Basic filing fee of $82.00, the Search fee of $270.00, the Examination fee of $110.00 (previously submitted January 20, 2009), (2) the petition fee of $810.00, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute this patent. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing in accordance with this decision on petition.

Joan Olszewski
Petitioner Examiner
Office of Petitions

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In re Application of
LEROY E. ANDERSON

Application No. 12246277

Filed: October 6,2008

Attorney Docket No. IMPD101E

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 03-DEC-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12246277	Confirmation Number	5789	Filing Date	2008-10-06
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	IMPD101e	Art Unit	2622	Examiner	
First Named Inventor	LEROY E. ANDERSON				
Title of Invention	ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT VIEWER				

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An application may be made special for advancement of examination upon filing of a petition showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more. No fee is required with such a petition. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION IN THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV) ON THE BASIS OF THE APPLICANT'S AGE.

A grantable petition requires one of the following items:
(1) Statement by one named inventor in the application that he/she is 65 years of age, or more; or
(2) Certification by a registered attorney/agent having evidence such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc. showing one named inventor in the application is 65 years of age, or more.

Name of Inventor who is 65 years of age, or older

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
LEROY	E.	ANDERSON	

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 10.18.
Please see 37 CFR 1.4(d) for the format of the signature.

Select (1) or (2) :

○ (1) I am an inventor in this application and I am 65 years of age, or more.

◉ (2) I am an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, and I certify that I am in possession of evidence, and will retain such in the application file record, showing that the inventor listed above is 65 years of age, or more.

Signature	/ROBERT L. SHAVER/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2009-12-03
Name	ROBERT L. SHAVER	Registration Number	42145

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3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.

4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).

7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about indivi duals.

8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.

9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

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Application No. 12/246,285	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 101717.0002US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 9, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Robert D. Fish on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Robert MacArthur at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

Terri Williams
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

cc: **Robert MacArthur**
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Date Mailed: 05/11/2009

NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/09/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

/tswilliams/

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Attorney Docket No. **101717.0002US1**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 11, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Robert D. Fish on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 24392. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Robert MacArthur at the address indicated below.

There are no outstanding Office actions at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 572-272-4231.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

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Attorney Docket Number (optional)	IMPD101f	Art Unit	2621	Examiner	
First Named Inventor	LEROY E. ANDERSON				
Title of Invention	ELECTRONIC SECURITY SYSTEM				

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Name of Inventor who is 65 years of age, or older

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
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A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 10.18.
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Signature	/ROBERT L. SHAVER/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2009-12-03
Name	ROBERT L. SHAVER	Registration Number	42145

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4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).

7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about indivi duals.

8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.

9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

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LEROY E. ANDERSON

Application No. 12246304

Filed: October 6,2008

Attorney Docket No. IMPD101F

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 03-DEC-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

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In re Application of	:	
Athanasiou et al.	:	
Application No. 12/246,306	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 002376.1141	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 16, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 2, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 3, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a response to the Restriction Requirement, (2) the petition fee of $810.00 and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Further, it is not apparent whether the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute this patent. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-7751.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1632 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

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David GOREN et al.
Serial No.: 12/246,329
Filed: October 6, 2008
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CALCULATING HIGH FREQUENCY LIMIT CAPACITANCE AND INDUCTANCE FOR COPLANAR ON-CHIP STRUCTURE

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.2

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 6, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:
1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner; and

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable expectation; and

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. n accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists; and

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions regarding the application (section I, subsections 1-4) discussed above are considered to have been met. Additionally, the conditions regarding the petition (section II, subsections 1-5) are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the all the conditions set forth in section II, subsection 6. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirements of section II, subsection 6.3, petitioner does not specifically point out the particular language of the claims that distinguishes over the references. The petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over each of the references with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c) and not merely state that the references do not disclose the claim limitations. 37 CFR § 1.111 (b) states "[a] general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section." 37 CFR § 1.111 (c) states in part "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made." The support document basically just reiterates all of the limitations of each claim and states that all of the references fail to at least teach or suggest all of the given limitations. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of section II, subsection 6.3.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petition is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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Serial No.: 12/246,329	:	
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CALCULATING	:	MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW
HIGH FREQUENCY LIMIT CAPACITANCE	:	APPLICATION UNDER 37
AND INDUCTANCE FOR COPLANAR	:	C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. §
ON-CHIP STRUCTURE		708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration of the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed December 10, 2008. The petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) was dismissed on November 10, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

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In re Application of
Dennis E.J. Johnson

Application No. 12246337
Filed:

Attorney Docket No. Thermo-Gas-Cont1

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 13-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

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Application No. 12/246381	:	ON PETITION
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This is in response to the "RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION and PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.57(a)" filed on March 2, 2009, requesting that the above-referenced application be accorded a filing date of October 6, 2008. This petition is being treated pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2)[1].

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on October 6, 2008. However, on December 30, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed applicants a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," notifying applicant that the application papers had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. In response, applicant timely filed this petition. Applicant requests that the application be amended to include the inadvertently omitted drawings on the basis that the application as filed contained a prior benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.

Petitioner's arguments and evidence have been considered. However, a review of the application confirms that, as filed, the application contained at least one method claim. MPEP 601.01(f) provides that:

> It has been USPTO practice to treat an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

[1] Any request for review of a notification pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section, or a notification that the original application papers lack a portion of the specification or drawing(s), must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f). In the absence of a timely (§ 1.181(f)) petition pursuant to this paragraph, the filing date of an application in which the applicant was notified of a filing error pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section will be the date the filing error is corrected.

Thus, pursuant to § 601.01(f), a drawing is not considered essential for a filing date. The instant application is entitled to a filing date without drawings present in the application.

Accordingly, the Office should have granted the application a filing date and mailed a Notice of Omitted Items instead of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP 601.01(g) under the section entitled, "Application Entitled to a Filing Date," applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

> [i]f an application was filed on or after September 21, 2004, and contains a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application that was present on the filing date of the application, and the omitted portion of the drawing(s) was inadvertently omitted from the application and is completely contained in the prior-filed application[.]

Please note that no petition is required and that the amendment must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17. Petitioners may wish to consider filing a preliminary amendment to enter the inadvertently omitted drawings. If a preliminary amendment is filed, it will be reviewed for new matter by the examiner.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of October 6, 2008, with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee is being refunded.

Pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to Office of Patent Application Processing for:

- **correction of the filing date to October 6, 2008**;
- **for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing** and
- **for issuance of a filing receipt.**

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (571) 272-3231.

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In re Application of
Dennis E.J. Johnson

Application No. 12246395

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. Thermo-Gas-Cont2

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 13-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

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Application No. 12/246,404	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. **PUM-UP-01**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed November 28, 2008.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Eric Hanscom on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 33873. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 33873 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the inventor Ken Ip at the address indicated below

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of	:	
Arnold J. GOLDMAN	:	
Application No. 12/246,422	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **T4339-14269US01**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 30, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes the statement of inventor Arnold J. Goldman, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center at 571-272-1600.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1651 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Monica A. Graves/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

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In re Application of
Dennis E.J. Johnson

Application No. 12246437
Filed:

Attorney Docket No. Thermo-Gas-Cont3

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 13-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Donald Flood et al	:	
Application No. 12/246,441	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 6, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 68376-8001.US01	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 16, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of Replacement Drawing Sheets; Marked-Up Substitute Specification and Clean Substitute Specification; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed October 23, 2008, and the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed June 1, 2009, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

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In re Application of: VAN DE ROSTYNE, ALEXANDER JOZEF MAGDALENA et al.
Serial No.: 12/246,449
Filed: October 06, 2008
Title: FLYING OBJECT WITH TANDEM ROTORS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 6, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because it was not complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination at the time of filing. The mailing of a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on October 14, 2008 is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

Note that the policy as published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 as outlined on 36326, part VIII, conditions for examination, section (f), conditions for examination include drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. As the drawings as filed were not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 at filing, the application is not considered to be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and not in condition for examination at the time of filing. Therefore, the application is ineligible for consideration under the accelerated examination program.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828. In his absence, an inquiry can be directed to J. Harrison, Special Program Examiner, at 571 272-4449

Ehud Gartenberg
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In re Application of
Dennis E.J. Johnson

Application No. 12246464

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. Thermo-Gas-Cont4

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 13-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of
Dennis E.J. Johnson

Application No. 12246483

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. Thermo-Gas-Cont5

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 13-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of Roon	:	
Application No. 12/246,510	:	Decision on Petition
Filing Date: October 7, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 256/2	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed December 28, 2008, to accord the above-identified application a filing date of October 7, 2008.

Application papers were filed October 7, 2008. Although the specification filed October 7, 2008, described drawings, no drawings were filed.

On October 27, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a Notice stating that drawings were not present and that a filing date had not been accorded and the filing date would be the date of receipt of the drawings.

In response, the present petition alleges that drawings are not "necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented" within the meaning of 35 USC 113.

MPEP 601.01(f) states that:

> It has been USPTO practice to treat an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

This application contains disclosure directed to a process or method. Therefore, the application should have been treated as an application filed without all of the drawing figures referred to in the specification as discussed in MPEP 601.01(g). In other words, the Office should have mailed a "Notice of Omitted Item(s)" indicating drawings were missing but a filing date had been accorded, rather than a "Notice of Incomplete Application."

The "Notice" mailed October 27, 2008, was mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn.

In view of the above, the petition is **granted**.

During examination, if the examiner determines drawings are necessary under 35 USC 113, he may reconsider the filing date issue and have the Office of Patent Application Processing mail a Notice of Incomplete Application. See MPEP 601.01(f).

Petitioner is advised to file a preliminary amendment with the Office prior to the first Office action canceling all references in the specification to drawings. In the alternative, petitioner may seek to add some or all of the figures by amendment. If an amendment is filed adding the missing figures, the amendment will be considered by the examiner for entry of new matter not described in the application as filed.

The petition fee of $400 has been credited back to petitioner's credit card.

The Office notes drawings were attached to the petition. The drawings appear to be an exhibit to the petition. Therefore, the drawings have not been entered as part of the application.

The Application is being returned to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing with a filing date of October 7, 2008, using the application papers filed on October 7, 2008.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of	:	
Hovel	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/246,511	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 10/07/2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **YOR920070448US1**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 3/24/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Tom Dunn/

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In re Application of :
Derek Zeedyk et al. :
Application No. 12/246,517 :
Filed: October 07, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 02946/04965

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 30, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Shelley Clement at (571)272-6052 or in her absence to the undersigned at (571)272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3721 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

David Bucci
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In re Application of
LINDQUIST, John T.
Application No. 12/246,662
Filed: October 7, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **8766/2**

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 7, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes the certification of inventor John T. Lindquist, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Technology Center at 571-272-3700.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3732 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Monica A. Graves
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In re Application of: MITANI, YASUSHI Serial No.: 12/246,673 Filed: Oct. 7, 2008 Docket: SANA 1060 Title: MAXILLOFACIAL ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCE	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed Oct. 7, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more corresponding application(s) filed in the JPO or to a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim, or the U.S. application must be a national stage entry of a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and the petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Petition is **granted**.

Henry C. Yuen, Special Programs Examiner
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Ming-Shi Chang
Application No. 12/246,691
Filed: October 7, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 677102000400

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW FROM
RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b), or 10.40 filed June 4, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

The request was signed by Jie Zhou on behalf of himself and the attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 25226. Therefore, Jie Zhou and the attorney/agents associated with Customer Number 25226 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there are no attorneys/agents of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence cannot be accepted since it is not of the sole inventor or the intervening assignee that complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b)[1]. Since the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 CFR 3.71, all future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant[2].

There is an outstanding Office action mailed May 25, 2010 that requires a reply from applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

Andrea Smith
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

cc: National Cheng Kung University
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[1] In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

[2] The Office will no longer change the correspondence address to that of a new practitioner unless the Request is accompanied by a power of attorney to a new practitioner (e.g., Form PTO/SB/82).

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 06/04/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Application No. 12/246,715
Filed: October 7, 2008
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DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 4, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

The request was signed by Jie Zhou on behalf of the practitioners of record associated with Customer Number 25226.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to assignee National Cheng Kung University at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

Irvin Dingle
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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 06/04/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
Claus Bahlmann, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/246,726	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 2007P21959 US01	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 19, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 14, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 15, 2008. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 25, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an executed oath/declaration and $130 surcharge, (2) the petition fee of $1,620, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action on the reply received.

Terri Johnson

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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In re Application of
Charles Beck

Application No. 12246773

Filed: October 7,2008

Attorney Docket No.

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 20-MAR-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of Shawn D. Spitzer Application No. 12/246,784 Filed: October 7, 2008 Attorney Docket No. SS 1010	DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed August 5, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application set forth in the amendment filed concurrently with the instant petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application is submitted after expiration of the period specified by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). Therefore, this is a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).

The petition complies with the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) in that (1) a reference to the prior-filed nonprovisional application has been

included in an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title, as provided by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(iii); (2) the surcharge fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(t) has been submitted; and (3) the petition contains a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, having found that the instant petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the prior-filed nonprovisional application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), the petition is granted.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications. In order for the instant application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed applications should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the instant application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed nonprovisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3636 for appropriate action on the amendment filed August 5, 2009, including consideration by the examiner of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the prior-filed nonprovisional application.

/Liana Walsh/
Liana Walsh
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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt

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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

Applicant(s)

SHAWN D. SPITZER, Anaheim Hills, CA;

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 10/21/2008

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/246,784**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

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Attorney Docket No. NGTOSH.031AUS	:	**PROGRAM AND PETITION**
For: SUPPORT DEVICE AND	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SYSTEM	:	**37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 20 November 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;

2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

3. Applicant must

a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

4. Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

5. Applicant must submit:
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      i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
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7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

Conditions (1), (2) and (4)- (7) above are considered to have been met. However, the request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fails meet condition (3).

Regarding the requirement of condition (3), claims 1, 2 and 5 of the instant application do not sufficiently correspond to claims 1, 2, and 5 of the JPO application. Specifically, claims 1 and 5 of the instant application require the horizontal movement regulation portion to be provided "in a peripheral area" of the circuit board while claims 1 and 5 of the JPO application require it to be provided "at a peripheral edge" and claim 2 of the instant application requires the additional limitation of "the vertical support module comprises at least two vertical support modules."

Applicant is given **ONE** opportunity within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be filed via the Electronic Filing System (EFS) with the Document Code PPH.REQUEST. Any preliminary amendments and IDS submitted with the PPH documents must be separately indexed as a preliminary amendment and IDS, respectively.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

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The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application is

    a. a Paris Convention application which either
        i. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
    b. a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
        iii. contains no priority claim, or
    c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

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The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

This application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision once a formalities review is completed.

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Patent No.	: 7, 640,928 B2
Serial No.	: 12/246,884
Inventor(s)	: Blase et al.
Issue Date	: September 8, 2009
Title	: **CABLE-ROUTING DEVICE**
Doc./File No.	: **LIP071CON**

Re: Reconsideration for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for a certificate of correction, for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.322.

Respecting the alleged errors in your request, the most recent Bibliographical Data sheet dated 6/3/2009, has a note inserted under the Continuing Data section states that, "(*) Data provided by the applicant is not consistent with PTO records". Therefore, no correction is in order here.

In view of the foregoing, your request in this matter is hereby denied.

Further consideration will be given concerning this matter upon receipt of a request for **Reconsideration** (reconsideration should be accompanied by supporting document(s) such as, amendment, postcard receipt, 1449/892, etc.) and should be filed and directed to Decisions & Certificates of Correction Branch.

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TO SPE OF : ART UNIT 3725 (3700)

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In re Application of:
Akiyama et al.
Serial No.: 12/246,901
Filed: October 7, 2008
Docket: JP920070195US1
For: **DIGEST VICEO BROWSING BASED ON COLLABORATIVE INFORMATION**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 7, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The **conditions I 1-4, II 1-5, II 5.1 and II 6.1–6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II 5.2 and II5.3 above**. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and item II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims, and does not appear to have given the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

Specifically, the text search strategy should be added to supplement the classified search performed. Here is an example search strategy that would complete this requirement.

L1:	(video or movie or program or tv or television or multimedia or (multi adj2 media) or media).ab. and (trickplay or (trick adj2 (play or mode)) or fastforward$3 or (fast adj2 forward$3) or rewind$3 or (re adj2 wind$3)).ab.
L2:	L1 and (dislike or interest or rating$ or favorite$1).ab.
L3:	(video or movie or program or tv or television or multimedia or (multi adj2 media) or media) same (trickplay or (trick adj2 (play or mode)) or fastforward$3 or (fast adj2 forward$3) or rewind$3 or (re adj2 wind$3))
L4:	L3 same (dislike or interest or rating$ or favorite$1)
L5:	725/$.ccls.
L6	L4 and L5

This strategy or a rough equivalent should be performed on a database that includes US Patents, US PG Pubs, Foreign Patents and Non Patent Literature.

Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

The search document states that the class and subclasses were searched. It should be noted that it is rare that a text search by itself would be considered a complete search strategy. MPEP 904.02. A recommended search strategy is a couple of the most relevant subclasses are searched by themselves viewing each document or

combined in a text search with a few relevant terms. A larger subset of subclasses can be combined with more search terms.

Finally, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class **725 (Interactive Video Distribution)**, Subclasses 14 (by passively monitoring receiver operation) and 21(combined with detecting VCR operation); and Class **386 (Television signal processing for dynamic recording or reproducing)**, subclasses 6 (Fast reproducing), 7 (slow producing) and 68 (Fast, slow or stop reproducing).

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and item II.5.3 above, the preexamination search includes the statement "**NOTE to CLIENT: Please confirm correctness of this statement**". This statement suggests that the preexamination search does not encompasses disclosed features that may be claimed which is not in compliance with item II 5.3.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 - 5.3 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christopher Grant, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7294. A second point of contact is QAS Chau Nguyen whose number is (571)-272-3126.

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DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on April 3, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 7, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on March 4, 2009.

The renew petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Search Document meets the requirements of conditions II 5.2 and 5.3 that were deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

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4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post

allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

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If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

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In re Application of	:	
TAKEZAKI, SATOSHI	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/246,942	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 07, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. NGTOSH.029AUS	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed May 26, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with item 2 above in that although a translation of the claims has been submitted, the petition fails to include a copy of the actual allowable/patentable claims from the JPO application.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Any response must be submitted via EFS-web.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 22, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
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The request to participate in the PPH program and petition now comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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HIROSHI KIMURA
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Filed: October 7th 2008
Attorney Docket No.: **JP920080124US1**
Title: **DOCUMENT CHARACTER BOX DROPOUT**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

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The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

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Applicant	: John L. Humphrey	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7624560	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 12/01/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/246,960	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/07/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:	
Fred Emilsson	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/246,962	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 05122-P0001A	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed May 28, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO (2) MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);
(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;
(3) the petition fee;
(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.
(5) proof of proprietary interest: and
(6) proof of irreparable damage.

Applicant lacks item(s) (1), (2), and (5) set forth above.
As to item (1), rule 47 applicant must demonstrate with documented evidence that the legal representative of the deceased inventor refuses to join in the application after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims, drawings and oath or declaration). There is no indication herein that legal representative Emilsson was presented with a copy of the complete application papers for this application. If the legal representative was not presented with a copy of the application papers for this application, then the legal representative could not attest that they have "reviewed and understand the application papers" and could not execute the declaration they were requested to sign. Did the legal representative receive a copy of the application papers? The fact that an application may contain proprietary information does not relieve the rule 47 applicant of the responsibility to present the application papers to the legal representative if the legal representative is willing to receive the papers in order to sign the oath

or declaration. Unless petitioner can show that a copy of the application papers was presented to the legal representative, then petitioner will have to mail a copy of the complete application papers (specification, claims and drawings) to the last known address of the legal representative , return receipt requested. A cover letter of instructions should accompany the mailing of the application papers setting a deadline or a statement that no response will constitute a refusal. This sort of ultimatum lends support to a finding of refusal by conduct. **The proof of the pertinent events should be made by a statement of someone with firsthand knowledge of the events and should include documentary evidence, such as certified mail return receipt, cover letter of instructions, telegram, etc.** *See* MPEP 409.03(d).

As to item (2), the declaration, filed May 28, 2009, does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64. 35 U.S.C. § 117 provides that a legal representative may file a patent application on behalf of a deceased inventor and since the legal representative has refused to join in the application, 35 U.S.C. § 116 and 37 CFR 1.47(b) permit filing of the application on behalf of the legal representative. Accordingly, a new declaration, which is signed by the 1.47 applicant and sets forth the name of the deceased inventor, as well as the name, residence and citizenship of the legal representative of the deceased inventor, is **REQUIRED**. *See* MPEP § 409.03(a).

As to item (5), when an application is deposited pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(b), the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant must prove that (A) the invention has been assigned to the applicant, or (B) the inventor has agreed in writing to assign the invention to the applicant, or (C) the applicant otherwise has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application. If the application has been assigned, a copy of the assignment (in the English language) must be submitted. The assignment must clearly indicate that the invention described in the 37 CFR 1.47(b) application was assigned to the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant. **A statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) by the assignee must also be submitted (see MPEP § 324).** Although petitioner has provided a copy of an assignment, a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) has not been provided.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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In re Application of
Fred Emilsson and Ulla Melin Emilsson
Application No. 12/246,962
Filed: October 7, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 05122-P0001AWWW
For: Disc Brake Caliper

DECISION GRANTING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed October 15, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor legal representative Ulla Emilsson has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

The last known address provided in the petition differs from the address provided in the declaration. If appropriate a signed supplemental application data sheet should be provided to update the mailing address of the legal representative.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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Dear Madam:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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In re Application of	:	
Gerhard Uwe Schmidt, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/246,994	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 11336-1940 (P08012US)	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 15, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by John F. Nethery on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

There is no outstanding Office action at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

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Petitions Examiner
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12/246,994	10/07/2008	Gerhard Uwe Schmidt	11336-1940 (P08012US)

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 06/15/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

/tswilliams/

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In re Application of	:	
Guy G. Kennedy, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/247,006	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 02962-093CT	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed June 8, 2009, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 5, 2009 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Terri Williams at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2874 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

Terri Williams

Terri Williams
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form* ***must*** *be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of	:	
Melcer et al.	:	
Application No. 12/247,013	:	Decision According Status
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Atty Docket No. 013068/CMP/CMP/MDG	:	
For: Flow Control Module For a	:	
Fluid Delivery System	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed March 10, 2009.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The Office of Patent Application Processing will be informed of the instant decision so that it may continue to prepare the application for examination.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley at (571) 272-3203.

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In re Application of
Edward Johnson

Application No. 12247026

Filed: October 7,2008

Attorney Docket No. 3468P3324

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 06-FEB-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Johann REGENSBURGER, et al	:	
Application No. 12/247,038	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 1005/0126PUS1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 3, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Martin R. Geissler and the attorneys associated with Customer Number 60601, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on September 22, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272- 6735.

/Diane C. Goodwyn/
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12/247,038	10/07/2008	Johann Regensburger	1005/0126PUS1

CONFIRMATION NO. 7276

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 09/22/2009.

- The Power of Attorney to you in this application has been revoked by the assignee who has intervened as provided by 37 CFR 3.71. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record(37 CFR 1.33).

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 09/22/2009.

The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
Nollan et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/247,168	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. NOLL.001C1	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 23, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by John M. Carson, on behalf of all practitioners of record associated with Customer Number 20995

Customer Number 20995 has been withdrawn as attorney of record. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

There are no outstanding Office actions that require a reply from the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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12/247,168	10/07/2008	Theodore G. Nollan	NOLL.001C1

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/23/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re application of	:	
Pedro de Oliveria Cronemberger	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/247,218	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	NEW APPLICATION
For: NON-LETHAL PROJECTILE WITH FLOWABLE PAYLOAD	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 7, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner;

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable expectation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-

function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition fails to comply with conditions I.3, above.

Because the application was filed without the application search fee, the application is considered to be incomplete under 37 CFR 1.51 as evidenced by the Notice of Missing Parts dated October 14, 2008.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure. Given the above failure of filing a complete application, which can not now be remedied, the petition has not been further reviewed on the merits.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn. Further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7045.

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Applicant: Pedro de Oliveira Cronemberger	:	
Application No. 12/247,218	:	**Decision On Petition to Make**
Filed: October 7, 2008	:	**Special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 (d)**
For: NON-LETHAL PROJECTILE WITH	:	**and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(a)**
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This is a decision in response to the submission denominated "Petition to the Director under 37 CFR 1.181" received on October 21, 2008. The paper requests review of the decision mailed October 16, 2008, denying accelerated examination status for the instant application. The signatory of the October 21, 2008 decision denying accelerated examination status possessed delegated authority to act on behalf of the Technology Center Director in such matters. Therefore, the petition received on October 21, 2008 is a request for review of a decision of a Technology Center Director. Accordingly, the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy has decision-making authority over Applicant's petition. M.P.E.P. § 1002.02(b)(15).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to reconsider the denial of accelerated examination status for application No. 12/247,218 and to grant such status under 37 CFR 1.102 is **DENIED**.

Background

The above-identified application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) on October 7, 2008 accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d) to make the application special under the accelerated examination program. See 71 Fed. Reg. 36,323. The application did not include payment of the search fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(k).

On October 14, 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application. The Notice indicated that the application search fee was not paid and required Applicant to submit fees in the sum of $355.

On October 14, 2008, Applicant responded to the notice of missing parts by submitting payment of the required fees.

On October 16, 2008, a decision was mailed by the USPTO denying Applicant's petition to make special. The decision outlined the requirements for accelerated examination pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" (71 Fed Reg. 36323), and cited the existence of an accurate and properly issued Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" and a failure to pay or authorize payment of the search fee required by 37 CFR 1.16(k) as the justification for denying special examination status to the application.

On October 21, 2008, Applicant submitted the instant Petition under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting reconsideration of the October 14, 2008 denial of the petition to make special.

Applicable Regulations and Notice Sections

37 CFR § 1.102 Advancement of Examination

> (a) Applications will not be advanced out of turn for examination or for further action except as provided by this part, or upon order of the Director to expedite the business of the Office, or upon filing of a request under paragraph (b) of this section or upon filing a petition under paragraphs (c) or (d) of this section with a showing which, in the opinion of the Director, will justify so advancing it.

Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination", 71 Fed. Reg. 36,323 (Jun. 26, 2006)

The relevant portions of the Accelerated Examination Notice are as follows:

> Part I. Requirements for Petitions to Make Special under Accelerated Examination: *A new application may be granted accelerated examination status under the following conditions:*
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> ...
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> (4) The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination. For example, the application must be filed together with the basic filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and application size fee (if applicable), and an executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63.
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Part VIII: More Information:

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Conditions for Examination: The application must be in condition for examination at the time of filing. This means the application must include the following:

...

The petition to make special will be dismissed if the application omits an item or includes a paper that causes the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) to mail a notice during the formality review (e.g. a notice of incomplete application, a notice to file missing parts, a notice to file corrected application papers, notice of omitted items, or notice of informal application). ***The opportunity to perfect a petition (Part II) does not apply to applications that are not in condition for examination of filing.*** (71 Fed. Reg. 36,323 at 36,327)

Decision

Petitioner asserts that failure to pay the search fee[1] went unnoticed when the instant application was filed. Petitioner requests reconsideration based upon petitioner's assertion that Applicant, in accordance with USPTO request, promptly submitted the missing fee and surcharge. Applicant requests reconsideration of the USPTO denial to have the current application prosecuted as special accelerated examination.

Under this program, the application must be, "*at the time of filing*" complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in "*condition for examination*". These requirements include submission of a search fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(k). As the goal of this program is to advance prosecution of an application to final disposition, as defined by the Office, within 12 months from the date of filing, all applications must meet the requirements of the policy in order to meet the reduced examination time goals. The existence of a "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" was the evidentiary basis for concluding the application was not in condition for examination. The issuance of the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" was proper. Petitioner has responded and corrected the errors. Therefore, Petitioner implicitly acknowledged that the application was not in condition for examination at the time of filing.

CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to reconsider a denial to make special application No. 12/247,218 is **DENIED**. Therefore, the USPTO will examine the above-identified application in accordance with standard examination procedures.

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[1] Petitioner asserts that the examination fee was not paid. However, it is the search fee that was not paid.

This decision may be viewed as final agency action. See MPEP 1002.02.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Pinchus M. Laufer, Legal Advisor at (571) 272-7726.

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Applicant	: Bipin Duggal	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7624322	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 11/24/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Application No	: 12/247,228	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/08/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **27** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Application No. 12247252

Filed: October 8,2008

Attorney Docket No. LF10-MTMD-21

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 04-JUN-2010 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Applicant	: Frank J. Viola	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7641095	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 01/05/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/247,273	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/08/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of :

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Application No. 12/247,302 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 8, 2008 : TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **FEQ** : 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 10, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes the certification of attorney David A. Kiewit, attest to the age of inventor Murray F. Feller. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Technology Center at 571-272-2800.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2855 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Lee, Han-Choon	:	
Application No. 12/247,517	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 8. 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 604-0229	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 1, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 17, 2009, which set a three (3) month statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 4, 2010.

Petitioner asserts that the Office action dated September 17, 2009 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates no irregularity in the mailing of the Office action, and, in the absence of any irregularity, there is a strong presumption that the Office action was properly mailed to the practitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Office action was not in fact received. In this regard, the showing required to establish the failure to receive the Office action must consist of the following:

(1) A statement from the practitioner describing the system used for recording an Office action received at the correspondence address of record with the USPTO. The statement should establish that the docketing system is sufficiently reliable.

(2) A statement from the practitioner that the Office action was not received at the correspondence address of record, and that a search of the practitioner's record(s), including any file jacket or the equivalent, and the application contents, indicates that the Office action was not received.

(3) A copy of the record(s) used by the practitioner where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received is required. A copy of the practitioner's

record(s) required to show non-receipt of the Office action should include the master docket for the firm.

See MPEP § 711.03(c) under subheading "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action," and "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993).

The instant petition does not comply with items (1) and (3) above.

As to item (1), petitioner has not discussed the docketing system and its reliability. As to item (3), although petition did include a copy of the docket for the instant application, the master docket for the firm was not included. As the Notice of Allowance set a three month period for reply, a copy of the master docket report showing all replies docketed for a date three months from the mail date of the non-received Office action must be submitted as documentary proof of non-receipt of the Office action. If no such master docket exists, the practitioner should so state and provide other evidence such as, but not limited to, the following: the application file jacket; incoming mail log; calendar; reminder system; or the individual docket record for the application in question.

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Application No. 12/247,585	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 8, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. SWI-018663 US PRI	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 28, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from the applicant declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3751 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of Fletcher et al. Application No. 12/247,616 Filed: October 8, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 045306-0226 For: Curtain Airbag	DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was filed on May 22, 2009. Papers filed on June 5, 2009 included a Declaration signed by a previously non-signing inventor, Jesse Kirby, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under § 1.47(a) is not necessary. This application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the record for this file. This application need not be returned to this Office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition fee is $200.00; the Office is in receipt of $130.00. Accordingly, deposit account no. 19-0741 will be charged the $70.00 difference.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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In re Application of: ROSSELLI, Vicente Suarez. et. al.
Serial No.: **12/247,644**
Filed: October 8, 2008
Docket: GB920070112US2 (21548Z)
For: HOW TO ENABLE "OUT OF BOX" MESSAGES TRACKING IN MESSAGING SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 8, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:
1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:
The petition must:
1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.
The preexamination search must:
5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;
5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;
5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.
6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.
An accelerated examination support document must include:
6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;
6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;
6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);
6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);
6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;
6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I 1-4, II 1-6.4, and II 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II 6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) (I)(5) and item II 6.5, the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) fails to provide showing of where each limitation of each claim finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. Particularly, if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in **each such application** in which such support exists.

In this case, petitioner has claimed priority to patent application 11/948,762 (according to ADS and specification and AESD p. 13), but failed to provide §112 first paragraph support of each limitation of the claim to the priority document. *See* AESD, filed Oct. 8, 2008, pg 11-13.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure and this identification materially effects examination of the application, the showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 is found deficient.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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In re Application of: ROSSELLI, Vicente Suarez et. al.
Serial No.: **12/247,644**
Filed: October 08, 2008
Docket: GB920070112US2 (21548Z)
For: HOW TO ENABLE "OUT OF BOX" MESSAGES TRACKING IN MESSAGING SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on April 13, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 08, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on March 30, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Accelerated Examination Support Document filed April 13, 2009 meet the requirements of conditions II 6.5.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing a showing of where each limitation of the claim finds 35 USC 112, first paragraph support to the priority application, when performing a complete search have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant

after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post

allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/247,677	10/08/2008	Koji MARUYAMA	008312-0375249	8454

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In re Application of: K. MARUYAMA
Application No. 12/247,677
Filed: October 08, 2008
Atty. Docket No.: 008312-0375249
For: INFORMATION PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND INFORMATION PLAYBACK METHOD

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 14, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application is
(a) a Paris Convention application which either
(i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims,

Or

(b) a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim,

Or

(c) a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim.

Where the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims is not the same application for which priority is claimed in the U.S. application, applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims and the JPO priority application claimed in the U.S. application.

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s)just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy; b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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Applicant: Dal Piaz et al.
Appl. No.: 12/247,688
Filing Date: October 8, 2008
Title: NEW PYRIDAZIN-3(2H)-ONE DERIVATIVES
Attorney Docket: 09605.0011-01000
Pub. No.: US 2009/0111819 A1
Pub. Date: April 30, 2009

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on June 29, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request is granted-in-part.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains material errors on the first page of the specification wherein the priority claim cross-referenced was not printed and in several claims.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. [1]

The request is granted except for the extent provided below:

The error noted by requester with respect to the preliminary amendment to the specification is not an Office error. The patent application publication does not include a mistake regarding the failure to include the preliminary amendment to the specification because patent application publications are not required to include preliminary amendments. See 37 CFR 1.215(a). The

[1] Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

failure to include an amendment is not an Office error, "See MPEP 1130(b). The publication accurately reflected the specification as filed.

The corrected patent application publication will be published in due course, unless the patent issues before the application is republished.

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221(a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

A guide for filing a request for a Pre-Grant Publication, such as a request for republication, may be found on the link below:

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/index.jsp

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/efs/pgpub_quickstart.pdf

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication".

Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Michael Cygan at (571) 272-7700, or to the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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12/247,697	10/08/2008	Yasushi UNOKI	008312-0375275	8494

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In re Application of	:	
UNOKI, YASUSHI ET AL	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/247,697	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 8, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 008312-0375275	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed May 15, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with item 3 above.

Regarding item 3, all the claims in the US application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claims in the JPO application. In this instant US application, none of the claims sufficiently correspond to the JPO application 2007-280766. For example, claim 1 in this instant US application does not sufficiently correspond to claim 1 of JPO application.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Doris To at 571-272-7629.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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UNOKI, YASUSHI, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/247,697	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 8, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 08312-0375275	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 7, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition now comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Doris To at 571-272-7629.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/247,724	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 8, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. ORCON-16063	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 1, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a certification by a registered attorney. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3622 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/247,753	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 501-P002	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed November 18, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a photocopy of driver's license. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing at 571-272-4000.

Upon completion of the pre-examination processing by the Office of Patent Application Processing, this application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2454 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kimberly Inabinet
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Applicant: Sviridov et al.
Appl. No.: 12/247,792
Filing Date: October 8, 2008
Title: PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES AS STEAROYL-COA DESATURASE INHIBITORS AND THEIR USE AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS
Attorney Docket: 17243/006002
Pub. No.: US 20090030008 A1
Pub. Date: January 29, 2009

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on February 18, 2009, for the above-identified application.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application republication contains material errors, including two instances of missing text in claim 27, and certain other typographical errors.

The request is granted-in-part.

37 CFR 1.221(b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records. Any request for a corrected or revised patent application publication other than as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. [1]

The request is granted to the extent indicated below.

The errors due to missing text in claim 27 is a material Office error, and claim 27 will be corrected.

[1] Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

The errors noted by requestor with respect to claims 11, 14, and 44 are not Office errors. These errors are due to the quality of the text, which makes it difficult to electronically reproduce by digital imaging and optical character recognition. See 37 CFR 1.52(a)(1)(v), which states that all papers that are to become a permanent part of Office records must be presented "in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing to permit . . . electronic capture by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition." As set forth at MPEP 1121, "applications with poor quality text, which may be acceptable for scanning and examination purposes, may lead to errors in the patent application publication. Correction of these errors and inclusion of any desired amendments into the text of the originally-filed specification and drawings will only occur if applicant files a request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a). They will not be corrected by the Office in a corrected publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b)."

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221 (a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17 (i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication" and questions or request for reconsideration of the decision, should be addressed as follows:

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http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/tutorials.htm

The corrected patent application publication will be published in due course, unless the patent issues before the application is republished.

Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Michael Cygan at (571) 272-7700, or to the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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Applicant	: Yoshihiko Yamazaki	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7648358	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 01/19/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/247,811	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/08/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

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In re Application of	:	
Vandor	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/247,902	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 10/8/2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **36608-1030**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 3/25/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition

must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1793 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of:
BALK, IGOR, et al.
Serial No.: 12/247,910
Filed: October 08, 2008
Attorney Docket number: **85453-4195**
Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING UNIFIED COLLABORATION SYSTEMS WITH CONDITIONAL COMMUNICATION HANDLING**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 08, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II, items 5.2, and 5.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in items 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows:

The US field of search and database searches which are to be provided under section 8(A) are not sufficient. In addition to the search areas provided, applicant would also need to search in the following class/subclasses:
379/211.01-214.01, 93.11, 102.06, 196-198, 207.02, 207.11-207.12; 709/223-225.

Furthermore, search operators used are too narrow. Search operator of "AND" should be broader by modifying with "OR" operator.
Keyword search should include other commonly used terms. For example, Search Statement on page 7 indicates only "user" when other terms such as "subscriber" and "called party" are widely used terms, and "availability" should be broader by using "availab$5".

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per item 5.1 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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In re Application of:
BALK, IGOR, et al.
Serial No.: 12/247,910
Filed: October 8, 2008

Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING UNIFIED COLLABORATION SYSTEMS WITH CONDITIONAL COMMUNICATION HANDLING**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

The petition on request for reconsideration to make the application special filed March 2, 2009 is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the

examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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In re Application of:
IGOR BALK et al.
Serial No.: 12/247,934
Filed: October 8th, 2008
Attorney Docket number: 85453-4196
Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING UNIFIED COLLABORATION SYSTEMS WITH COMBINED COMMUNICATION LOG**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 8th, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II, items 5.1-5.3 and 6.3.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in items 5.1-5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows:

The US field of search and database searches which are to be provided under section 8(A) are not sufficient. In addition to the search areas provided, applicant would also need to search in the following class/subclasses: 379/93.24.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per item 5.1 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

Regarding the requirements of item 6.3, above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient because section 9(C) fails to provide a "detailed explanation of how ***each of the claims*** are patentable over ***each of the references*** cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c)". Petitioner indicated in section 9(C) that no reasonable combination of the references Matthew et al., Hiatt et al., and Berger, would teach the claimed invention. However petitioner failed to include the Brunson et al. reference, cited in the IDS in support of the Accelerated Examination Support Document, in the discussion of patentability. The Brunson et al. reference is listed as a reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims and therefore must be included in the discussion of patentability. Accordingly, as set forth in item 6.3 above, applicant must provide a more detailed explanation of how claim 1 is patentable over each of the references with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

For the reason cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
BALK, IGOR et al
Serial No.: 12/247,934
Filed: October 8, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: **85453-4196**
Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING UNIFIED COLLABORATION SYSTEMS WITH COMBINED COMMUNICATION LOG**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on January 2, 2009 requesting reconsideration to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

All of the requirements to correct the deficiencies outlined in the petition decision mailed December 2, 2008 have been met.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election

without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:

To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

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Serial No.: **12/247,949**
Filed: October 8, 2008
Docket: 85453-4197
For: SYSTEMD AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING UNIFIED COLLABORATION SYSTEMS WITH USER SELECTABLE REPLY FORMAT

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 8, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:
1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:
The petition must:
1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.
The preexamination search must:
5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;
5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;
5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.
6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.
An accelerated examination support document must include:
6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;
6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;
6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);
6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);
6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;
6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1-4, II. 1-5, 5.1 - 6.1, and II 6.4-6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II 6.2 and 6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding to the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) (I) (I) (2-3) and item II 6.2 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) must include: an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are **disclosed** by the reference specifying where the limitation is **disclosed** in the cited reference.

The AESD shows a second table produced which identifies portions of the references relevant to each of the elements of the claims based on our review. More specifically, in the second table, the first column identifies the claim elements by element number, the second column identifies portions of the Berger, Malik et. al, Perfetto et. al. and Brunson et. al. are "*relevant to the claim elements*" rather than specifying *where the limitation(s) is/are disclosed* in the cited reference, as required. *See* AESD pg 5-7. Correction is required.

Regarding to the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) (I) (2-3) and item II 6.3 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) must include: a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

In this case, the AESD statement of patentability raises the question as to whether or not the *identified claim limitation allegedly not disclosed by all of the reference,* namely, "the application providing communication capability according to a plurality of communication formats, the *plurality of communication formats comprising email, instant messenger and telephone*", since the Berger reference appears to meet of the limitations of the claim as presented on the second table. *See* AESD pg 11. The AESD further states that Berger teaches a data processing device that uses separate messaging applications, email (202), IM (204) and telephony (210), rather than a "single application" as claimed.

However, the AESD fails how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c). More specifically, the AESD's statement fails to discuss how the combination of the references fails to render the claims obvious.

Nor does the support document discuss whether any of the claimed features not explicitly taught or suggested by the references can be asserted to be inherent, well-known or to be common knowledge in the art, whereby one could take official notice of these claimed features and thus render certain claimed features as being obvious (e.g. integration of applications, EAI, etc).

Additionally, the support document also fails to discuss whether any of the claimed features not explicitly taught or suggested by the references can be asserted any rationale to modify or combine based on or supported by teachings expressly or impliedly of the prior art or that may be reasoned from knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, established scientific principles, or legal precedent established by prior case law (see MPEP §2143.02 and §2144.04). Correction/clarification is required.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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BALK, Igor et al.
Serial No.: 12/247,949
Filed: October 08, 2008
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING UNIFIED COLLABORATION SYSTEMS WITH USER SELECTABLE REPLY FORMAT

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL (ACCELERATED EXAMINATION) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on May 01, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 08, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on April 01, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the revised Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) meets the requirements of conditions II [6.2 – 6.3].

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing all of the features of the claims, and giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation, the statement of patentability must provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable and the concise statement of the utility must be of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (reference must be made to independent claims 1, 14 and 20) have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

1. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

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3. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

4. Reply by Applicant:
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To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

6. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

7. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

8. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

9. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3612. A second point of Contact is Kim Huynh at (571)-272-4147.

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This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182 TO REQUEST WITHDRAWAL OF THE RECORDED TERMINAL DISCLAIMER", filed May 18, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2441. The examiner is directed to withdraw the terminal disclaimer over US Application No. 12/247,934.

Receipt of the $400 petition fee is acknowledged.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed June 23, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Michael R. Ward on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 20872.

Michael R. Ward and all attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 20872 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the assignee of the entire interest at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

This application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing in accordance with this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 8, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a copy of the applicant's birth certificate proving that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2821 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of:
NADEHARA, SHUHEI
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Title: **HEAD POSITION DETECTOR WITH OPTICAL SLIT PATTERN**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 08, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

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4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions set forth under section I. above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions set forth under section II. item 6.5.

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement in item 6.5 above, the "Accelerated Examination Support Document", is deficient because it fails to include a showing of where ***each limitation of the claims*** finds support under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 in the written description of ***each benefit application***. As set forth supra, "*if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph,* ***in each such application in which such supports exists***". It is noted, contrary to petitioners statement "The application does not claim benefit of any application." in the Examination Support document, the instant application does claim benefit to parent application 12/058,744. The petitioner has not provided a showing of support for this benefit application. Therefore, an updated accelerated examination support document must be provided which shows where each limitation of the claims finds support in this benefit application as well.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
NADEHARA, SHUHEI
Serial No.: 12/248,036
Filed: October 8, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: **JP920070190US2**
Title: **HEAD POSITION DETECTOR WITH OPTICAL SLIT PATTERN**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on December 18, 2008 requesting reconsideration to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

All of the requirements to correct the deficiencies outlined in the petition decision mailed December 2, 2008 have been met.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

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The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been corrected to reflect the correct spelling of the above-named inventor. A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the correct spelling of the above-named inventor, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

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KITA, YUKI et al
Serial No.: 12/248,071
Filed: October 9, 2008
Docket: 4952-037
Title: WIRE-CUT ELECTRIC DISCHARGE MACHINE HAVING WATER LEVEL ABNORMALITY DETECTION FUNCTION AND WATER LEVEL ABNORMALITY ALARM GENERATION CAUSE SPECIFYING METHOD

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY (PPH) AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 20, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are GRANTED.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more corresponding application(s) filed in the JPO or to a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim, or the U.S. application must be a national stage entry of a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

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(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications.

In light of the petition being properly submitted, the request to participate in the PPH program and the petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The applicant is encouraged to cite and submit all relevant prior art references, if any, to facilitate examination in this application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Tu Hoang, the SPE of Art Unit 3742, and 571-272-4780 for Class 219/69 and also accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

Petition is **granted**.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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In re Application of	:	
Joseph IANNICELLI	:	
Application No. 12/248,072	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 001025.00009	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 9, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a copy of applicant's driver license. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3672 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Gordon Blunn, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/248,091	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 1034526-000006	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a), filed November 18, 2008, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 9, 2008.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a) is **GRANTED**.

The instant application was deposited on October 9, 2008. However, the application omitted a copy of the drawings. Accordingly, on October 29, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application", requiring drawings and stating that the filing date would be the date of receipt of the drawings.

In response, petitioner filed drawings and the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a) on November 18, 2008. Petitioner argues that drawings were incorporated by reference pursuant to a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior filed foreign application and a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of prior filed nonprovisional and international applications.

With respect to the practice of incorporation by reference, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states:

> For applications filed on or after September 21, 2004, a claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78 for benefit of a prior-filed nonprovisional application or international application designating the U.S. that was present on the filing date of the continuation or divisional application is considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to inadvertently omitted material, subject to the conditions and requirements of 37 CFR 1.57(a). The purpose of 37 CFR 1.57(a) is to provide a safeguard for applicants when all or a portion of the specification and/or drawing(s) is (are) inadvertently omitted from an application.

The section goes on to state:

> For an application filed on or after September 21, 2004, if the material needed for a filing date is completely contained within a prior-filed application to which benefit is claimed, applicant may file a petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3) along with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f) and an amendment with the inadvertently omitted material requesting that the amendment be entered and the application be accorded a filing date as of the original date of deposit of the application papers. See 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3) and MPEP § 201.17.[1]

Accordingly, the above identified application is entitled to a filing date of October 9, 2008, in view of the priority claim to the prior international application.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing with a filing date of October 9, 2008, using the application papers received in the Office on that date and the 3 drawing sheets supplied on petition filed November 18, 2008. Applicants will receive appropriate notifications regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OPAP.[2]

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Sherry Brinkley at (571) 272-3204.

Anthony Knight
Supervisor
Office of Petitions

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[1] MPEP 201.06(c).

[2] It is noted that the drawings submitted November 18, 2008 are not original drawings and should have been labeled as "new sheets" in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). The drawings, however, are accepted in their current format.

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In re Application of	:	
Jinkyu SEO	:	
Application No. 12/248,213	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 09, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. P10143US	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 14, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed October 31, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 01, 2009.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of the required specification (2) the petition fee of $810.00; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of October 31, 2008 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at (571) 272-4231.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

Michelle R. Eason
Paralegal Specialist
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12/248,223	10/09/2008	David E. Allison	P2202R1D1	9453

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EXAMINER
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re Application of:	:
Allison et al.	:
Serial No.: 12/248,223	: PETITION DECISION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:
Attorney Docket No.: **P2202R1D1**	:

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed March 10, 2010, requesting that the finality of the Office action of January 7, 2010 be withdrawn.

BACKGROUND

The examiner mailed a non-final Office action on May 29, 2009 setting a three month statutory limit for reply. At the time of this non-final Office action, claims 1-11 were pending. The examiner rejected claims 1, 7 and 8 under 35 USC 101, as non-statutory. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fleming et al. Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Bossenmaier et al. Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Spicer in view of Fleming et al, as evidenced by Bossenmaier et al. Claims 6 and 9-11 were withdrawn from consideration.

In reply to the non-final Office action of May 29, 2009, applicants filed a response on September 29, 2009. The response submitted by applicants included remarks, arguments traversing the rejections made in the non-final Office action, amendments to the claims and a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131.

On January 7, 2010, the examiner mailed a final Office action setting a three month statutory limit for reply. Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Sliwkowski in view of Sheth et al. and MoH Approved Prescribing Information.

In response thereto, applicants filed this petition on March 10, 2010, requesting that the finality of the Office action of January 7, 2010 be withdrawn.

DISCUSSION

The petition and the file history have been carefully considered.

In the petition filed by applicants on March 10, 2010, applicants request that the finality of the Office action of December 11, 2009 be withdrawn as premature. Applicants argue that a "new ground of rejection is raised - namely a Section 103 (a) rejection of claims 1-5, 7 and 8 based on newly cited references." Applicants further point out that "None of these newly cited references were cited in the first Office Action nor were they cited by Applicants."

Applicants' argument is well taken and persuasive since applicants' amendments did not necessitate the new rejection. As noted by applicants, MPEP § 706.07 recites:

> Under present practice, second or any subsequent actions on the merits shall be final, except where the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection that is neither necessitated by applicant's amendment of the claims nor based on information submitted in an information disclosure statement filed during the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).
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> Furthermore, a second or any subsequent action on the merits in any application or patent undergoing reexamination proceedings will not be made final if it includes a rejection, on newly cited art, other than information submitted in an information disclosure statement filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) with the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p), of any claim not amended by applicant or patent owner in spite of the fact that other claims may have been amended to require newly cited art.

Thus, it is *not* proper for an office action to be made final when the examiner introduces a new ground of rejection that is neither necessitated by applicant's amendment of the claims nor based on information submitted in an information disclosure statement filed during the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(c). Accordingly, it is decided that Applicants' argument is well-taken and found persuasive.

DECISION

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The Office action mailed January 7, 2010 is hereby vacated to the extent that it was made "final" and the Office action is now considered to be a non-final Office action. Any amendment submitted will be entered and considered by the examiner.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact Marianne C. Seidel, by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number, 703-872-9306.

George C. Elliott

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In re Application of	:	
Villafana et al.	:	
Application No. 12/248,233	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. 2008-3801.ORI	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed January 4, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. *See* 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an eighteen-month publication country on October 8, 2009. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen-month publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

> (1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
> (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
> (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request, in which the projected publication date is set to be determined pending completion of Security Review, accompanies this decision on petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 3735 for examination in due course.

/Liana Walsh/
Liana Walsh
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ATTACHMENT: Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request

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12/248,233	10/09/2008	Manuel A. Villafana	2008-3801.ORI

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Communication Regarding Rescission Of Nonpublication Request and/or Notice of Foreign Filing

Applicant's rescission of the previously-filed nonpublication request and/or notice of foreign filing is acknowledged. The paper has been reflected in the Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) computer records so that the earliest possible projected publication date can be assigned.

The projected publication date is 06/24/2010.

If applicant rescinded the nonpublication request before or on the date of "foreign filing,"[1] then no notice of foreign filing is required.

If applicant foreign filed the application after filing the above application and before filing the rescission, and the rescission did not also include a notice of foreign filing, then a notice of foreign filing (not merely a rescission) is required to be filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing. See 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), and Clarification of the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Interpretation of the Provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iv), 1272 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 22 (July 1, 2003).

If a notice of foreign filing is required and is not filed within 45 days of the date of foreign filing, then the application becomes abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). In this situation, applicant should either file a petition to revive or notify the Office that the application is abandoned. See 37 CFR 1.137(f). Any such petition to revive will be forwarded to the Office of Petitions for a decision. Note that the filing of the petition will not operate to stay any period of reply that may be running against the application.

Questions regarding petitions to revive should be directed to the Office of Petitions at (571) 272-3282.

[1] Note, for purpose of this notice, that "foreign filing" means "filing an application directed to the same invention in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing".

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of: MUTCHLER, CHRISTY et al.
Application No.: 12/248375
Filed: October 09, 2008
Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FACILITATING IMAGE POST-PROCESSING

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 9, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" (PESD) including pages 1-13; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-84, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in the following class/subclasses combinations:

434/219
705/8 and 9

In addition the following word combinations should be searched:

(medical near3 imag$3) and distribution
(medical near3 imag$3) and training
"volumetric imaging technologist" and (training management)
(work near3 distribution) and (skilll near3 database)
radiologic$3 and (training or education)

Regarding section II elements 6.2 and 6.3, Petitioner chose to bundle the statements, contrary to the requirements that specifically require separate analyses. For this reason, it is impossible to asses which limitations Applicant sees as defining over the prior art, as distinguished from limitations that may not be disclosed in a particular reference but were known and routinely used in the art at the time of the claimed invention. This is particularly true regarding the dependent claims.

The analysis is at times verbose, discussing limitations that are not present in the clause at issue. For example, with respect to clause (b) of claim 1, reproduced below:

b) a database, said database configured to receive said scan specified through said upload interface;

Petitioner proposes on p. 9 of the AESD, the following mapping, reproduced below:

> With respect to clause (b) of claim 1, Van Hoe teaches a database configured to receive a scan specified through an upload interface in at least component 30 from figure 5, and the discussion of the database used to store system data set forth in lines 31-36 of page 14. However, the applicants note that, as set forth with respect to clause (a), the upload interface of Van Hoe is used to specify a study for analysis, rather than for medical image postprocessing as recited.

The problem is that that the last sentence in the statement above, comments on a limitation that is not present in clause (b) of claim 1, and therefore is confusing. As indicated above, the

statements responding to the requirements of condition II: 6.2 must be separated from the statements responding to the requirements of condition II: 6.3. As long as this requirement is satisfied, and irrelevant and confusing statements (as discussed above) are eliminated, the present format of the filing satisfies the requirements. However, as a courtesy to the Petitioner, the following simplified way of satisfying said requirement is suggested. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where each discrete limitation (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in each one of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Limitations for which antecedent basis has been established and mapped unto the prior art reference need not be mapped repeatedly (the first time suffice). However limitations not disclosed must be specifically singled out (without bundling with disclosed limitations – to the extent possible). Note that disclosure may be express, implicit, or inherent. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., statements that do not spell out the text of the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. The requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With regard to condition II: 6.3, Petitioner failed to satisfy its requirements. It is first noticed that the statements responding to the requirements of condition II: 6.3 must be separated from the statements responding to the requirements of condition II: 6.2. It is also noticed that on p. 82 of the AESD, statements for dependent claims are missing. Statements such as the one reproduced below do not satisfy the requirements of condition 6.3:

> Additionally, the applicants note that the dependent claims also include limitations which are not taught or suggested in the cited art. For example, as set forth above, none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the limitations of claims 11-13, focusing on quality control review. However, because each of the independent claims is allowable over the cited art, the applicants are not separately summarizing the arguments for patentability of any of the dependent claims at this time.

In particular, the statement "applicants are not separately summarizing the arguments for patentability of any of the dependent claims at this time" is not acceptable, because all statements should be made presently. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for each one of the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) which specific i.e., discrete limitation(s) in each one of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant

limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" will suffice, as long as the reference name and the text of the specific limitation are fully spelled out in the statement. Lack of obviousness analysis for combining two or more references should be performed when a "most closely related prior art" reference clearly indicates reasons for such combination. With regard to each dependent claim, there should be an unequivocal statement whether the patentability of each dependent claim is predicated solely on that of the claim from which it depends (e.g., "Dependent claim X is patentable solely because of the limitations of the claims from which it depends" - will suffice), or Applicant should provide a detailed explanation of patentability specific to that particular claim (only if the claim recites new limitations that further define over the prior art).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.4 outlined above, the petition fails to identify a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims. A general statement directed to the overall concept of the invention is not specifically relating the utility to each of the independent claims as is required by the policy. Petitioner should reference each independent claim specifically when discussing the utility of the invention.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because referring to an entire lengthy paragraph (and at time multiple paragraphs) lacks specificity. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where <u>each limitation in each clause</u> of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The instant petition only identifies figures and portions of text with respect to claim numbers as opposed to the disclosure of the required claim limitations, addressed individually for each limitation in each claim. The requirement of section II element 6.5 can be satisfied by listing verbatim all the presently filed claims (by "copy and paste") and by indicating where the instant application (and separately each one of the priority documents – if applicable) teaches <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) in each one of said presently filed claims, by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers. To the extent possible, Petitioner should indicate the enablement location in the specification as required by statute, i.e., "the manner and process of making and using it," rather than pointing to the first occurrence of establishing antecedent for the limitation in the specification. For this reason Petitioner should indicate, to the extent possible, the combination of the element, figure, page, (or paragraph), and line numbers in the specification where the mapped limitation is actually taught and enabled. If the application(s) for which domestic priority is claimed is/are identical to the present application, a statement to the effect that they are "substantially identical" in lieu of the required additional mapping is acceptable. Petitioner's attention is also drawn to the requirements relevant under 35 U.S.C 112, 6th paragraph, listed above. Should this requirement not apply to the present application, Petitioner should make a statement in this regard (requirement presently satisfied).

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **<u>dismissed</u>**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of: MUTCHLER, CHRISTY et al.
Serial No.: 12/248375
Filed: 10/09/2008
Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FACILITATING IMAGE POST-PROCESSING

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration filed on December 22, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The request has been treated as a renewed petition to make the above-identified application special and has been viewed as a supplement to and in combination with the original petition which was filed on October 9, 2008 and dismissed in the Office letter of November 21, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the conditions as outlined in the prior petition decision. The conditions are not repeated herein.

REVIEW OF FACTS

As stated in the decision of November 21, 2008 conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1 5.3, 6, 6.1, and 6.6 were considered to have been met. However, the petition failed to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5. Upon reconsideration, the petition is considered to additionally meet II: 5.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5. However, the petition still fails to meet the requirement of section II: 6.2. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure. In view of the deficiency of meeting the requirements of section II: 6.2, it is suggested that Petitioner re-visits the statements in response to the requirements of section II: 6.3. With regard to the latter, it is noted that the format of the detailed conclusion statements for patentability on pages 62, 68, and 74 suffice, and there is no need to repeat parts of the mapping tables provided in response to the requirements of section II: 6.3.

DISCUSSION

With regard to the requirements of section II: 6.2, the Petitioner statements contain contradictions, and it is believed that at times they contain errors. As an example, the mapping of claim 10 unto van Hoe, as per the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD), pp. 7-9 will be discussed. Regarding contradictions, on p. 7 of the AESD, box 6, Petitioner acknowledges that van Hoe teaches "a server". However, on pp. 8 and 9 of the AESD, boxes 41 and 45, Petitioner states that "said server" is "not disclosed". As a additional examples: on pp. 7 and 8 of the AESD, boxes 9, 11, 19, and 21, Petitioner acknowledges that van Hoe teaches "a scan"; however in boxes 26 and 33, the same "scan" is stated to be "not disclosed"; on p. 8, box 28, "a set of data" acknowledged to be taught by van Hoe, becomes "not disclosed" in boxes 30, 37 and 43. With regard to errors and omissions, it is not clear why Petitioner does not read the claimed "volumetric imaging technologist" on van Hoe's "radiologist", because a radiologist performs all the functions of a technologist, assuming that a radiologist is an MD and a technologist may or may not be not be an MD. Regarding omissions to map claimed limitations unto van Hoe, i.e., limitations stated as not disclosed by van Hoe, the following observations are made:

AESD, p. 7, box 4, "correlating one or more volumetric imaging technologists", van Hoe teaches "a radiologist" at least on p. 3, l. 28, the radiologist being correlated with one or more skill indicator, see at least p. 3, l. 28 et seq., and p.10, l. 20. The "volumetric imaging technologist" of boxes 10, 13, 17, 22, and 29 is read on the van Hoe's radiologist taught at least on p. 3, l. 28 et seq.

AESD, p. 7, box 14, "selected from said one or more volumetric imaging technologists", van Hoe teaches the selection process at least on p. 14, ll. 14-15.

AESD, p. 7, box 18, "and a set of medical image postprocessing activities to be performed for", van Hoe teaches on p. 14, ll. 15-16 that the matching of the radiologist is made based on the "associated data of the imaging study".

AESD p. 8, boxes 23-25, "in combination with a medical image postprocessing protocol indicating the set of medical image postprocessing activities to be performed" is taught by van Hoe at least on 4, ll. 29-31 and p. 13, l. 33 et seq.

AESD p. 8, box 35, "of said set of medical image postprocessing activities" is taught by van Hoe at least on p. 12, ll. 17-18.

The limitations of the entire clause (iii) of claim 10 are taught by van Hoe at least on p. 5, ll. 16-19 (steps (f) and (g)), p. 12, l. 18, and p.14, ll. 19-20.

Note that the limitations of clause (c) of claim 10 read on any conventional network connection. In absence of a more detailed definition, a conventional network connection will transmit any data that is sent through it.

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reason (for at least failing to meet the requirement of section II: element 6.2), the petition is **DENIED**. The application will remain in its regular status and will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is reminded that a single opportunity to perfect the petition is given. Therefore, further petitions for accelerated examination in this application will not be entertained.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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Applicant	: LORI LISA CARRIGAN	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7663032	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 02/16/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/248,388	: OF WYETH
Filed	: 10/09/2008	:
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The Patentee's Request for Recalculation is **DISMISSED.**

This Request is deemed ineligible for consideration for one or more of the following reasons:

(A). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested is either a design or reissue application or is a reexamination proceeding;

(B). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested resulted from a utility or plant application filed under 35 USC 111(a) before May 29, 2000 and no CPA filed in the application on/after May 29, 2000;

(C). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested resulted from an international application in which the international filing date was before May 29, 2000 and no CPA filed in the application on/after May 29, 2000;

(D). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested issued on/after March 2, 2010;

(E). The Request for Recalculation was filed more than 180 days after the grant date of the patent and the request was not filed within two months of a dismissal of a request for reconsideration of the of the patent term under 37 CFR 1.705(d);

(F). The Request for Recalculation is not solely limited to USPTO pre-Wyeth interpretation of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A);

or

(G). A civil action was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A)concerning the same patent at issue in this request.

Patentee may file a reply to this decision dismissing the Request for Recalculation. Patentee must file such reply within one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, of the mail date of the decision dismissing the Request for Recalculation. No fee is required if patentee is asserting in the reply that the dismissal for ineligibility is improper.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a reply to this dismissal. If the USPTO finds that the request was improperly deemed ineligible, the USPTO will mail applicant a recalculation determination.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A). Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Heng Chang Kuo et al.	:	
Application No. 12/248,391	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 18506-208	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed August 5, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 53538 has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on August 3, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

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Applicant	: WILLIAM ANDREW WILSON	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7638695	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
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Appliction No	: 12/248,411	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/09/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:	
Husted, et al.	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 12/248,443	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 031445-00002	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 14, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Martin D. Husted, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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Application No. 12/248,443	:	
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Attorney Docket No. 031445-00002	:	

Dear Mr. Husted:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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Application No. 12/248,505	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. QIM 2007 P 52097 US	:	

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36, filed June 17, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because it lacks a forwarding correspondence address of the first named inventor or a properly intervening assignee.

If the forwarding correspondence address is to the assignee, the Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *that properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71.* 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

The assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2991.

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Applicant	: Brian A. Vaartstra	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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Application No	: 12/248,544	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12248603

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 1157.015

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 09-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Wendell A. Thomas	:	
Application No. 12/248,628	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application Deposited: October 9, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 8875/5	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 16, 2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's health as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section III.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section III: Applicant's Health, must be accompanied by evidence showing such as a doctor's certificate or other medical certificate that the state of health of the applicant is such that he or she might not be available to assist in the prosecution of the application if it were to run its normal course. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a certificate from Dr. Lynne S. Kaminer. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Joan Olszewski at 571-272-7751.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2614 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Applicant	: DIANA L. PATOKA	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7658153	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 02/09/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/248,632	: OF WYETH
Filed	: 10/09/2008	:
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The Patentee's Request for Recalculation is **DISMISSED.**

This Request is deemed ineligible for consideration for one or more of the following reasons:

(A). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested is either a design or reissue application or is a reexamination proceeding;

(B). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested resulted from a utility or plant application filed under 35 USC 111(a) before May 29, 2000 and no CPA filed in the application on/after May 29, 2000;

(C). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested resulted from an international application in which the international filing date was before May 29, 2000 and no CPA filed in the application on/after May 29, 2000;

(D). The patent for which PTA recalculation is requested issued on/after March 2, 2010;

(E). The Request for Recalculation was filed more than 180 days after the grant date of the patent and the request was not filed within two months of a dismissal of a request for reconsideration of the of the patent term under 37 CFR 1.705(d);

(F). The Request for Recalculation is not solely limited to USPTO pre-Wyeth interpretation of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A);

or

(G). A civil action was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A)concerning the same patent at issue in this request.

Patentee may file a reply to this decision dismissing the Request for Recalculation. Patentee must file such reply within one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, of the mail date of the decision dismissing the Request for Recalculation. No fee is required if patentee is asserting in the reply that the dismissal for ineligibility is improper.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a reply to this dismissal. If the USPTO finds that the request was improperly deemed ineligible, the USPTO will mail applicant a recalculation determination.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A). Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Issue Date	: 02/09/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/248,632	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/09/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

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In re Application of	:	
Adrian VUYK JR., et al	:	
Application No. 12/248,649	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 066015.000012	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed July 27, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

The Office will no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with a Request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative. The Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor.

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request to change the correspondence address is not the most current address of: (1) the first named inventor; or (2) an assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 C.F.R 3.71.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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In re Application of :

Seunghun Hong et al. :
Application No. 12/248,652 :
Filed: October 9, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. **091619-0228 (KR-000079-02** :

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed August 20, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request cannot be approved.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/248,652
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Attorney Docket No. **091619-0228 (KR-000079-02**

DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the renewed Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed October 14, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond , pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Mark A. Kassel on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer No. 23524.

All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer No. 23524 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Seunghun Hong at the address list listed in the request.

There is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply from the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4584.

JoAnne Burke
Petitions Examiner
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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/14/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of:
Tom Carhart et al.
Serial No.: 12/248,691
Filed: October 9, 2008
Docket: PA4623US
For: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING EPISODIC MEDIA CONTENT**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 9, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The **conditions I 1-4, II 1-5, II 5.1, II 5.3 and II 6.1–6.4 and II 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II 5.2 and II6.5 above**. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and item II.5.2 above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims, and does not appear to have given the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

Specifically, the text search strategy should be added to supplement the classified search performed. Here is an example search strategy that would complete this requirement.

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2) (media or movie or show or program or audio or video) same episod$3 same (download$3)

3) (media or movie or show or program or audio or video) same episod$3 same (synchroniz$5 or synch or sync or clock$3 or timing) same (portable or (hand adj2 held) or PDA or MP3 or laptop)

This strategy or a rough equivalent should be performed on a database that includes US Patents, US PG Pubs, Foreign Patents and Non Patent Literature.

Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

The search document states that the class and subclasses were searched. It should be noted that it is rare that a text search by itself would be considered a complete search strategy. MPEP 904.02. A recommended search strategy is a couple of the most relevant subclasses are searched by themselves viewing each document or combined in a text search with a few relevant terms. A larger subset of subclasses can be combined with more search terms.

Finally, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 725 (Interactive Video Distribution), Subclasses 89 (by use of memory at receiver), 100 (Receiver – e.g. set-top box), 134 (Having particular storage feature) and Class 700 (Data processing: Generic Control Systems or Specific Applications, subclass 94 (Digital audio data processing system).

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(5) and item II.6.5 above, the preexamination support document fails to provide a proper showing of the 112 1st support for each and every claim feature for the applications that this application claims priority on and this application. A single set of paragraph numbers are referenced for each claim feature but the record is not clear as to whether these paragraphs refer to this application's specification (12/248,691) or to the parent's specification (10/717,183). Further, note that the instant application specification contains 25 pages while the parent application contains 34 pages, and the disclosure on page 4 for both applications are different. Clarification is required.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per item 5.2 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; a new Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any newly found prior art, and the Accelerated Examination Support Document must also be amended to include the necessary reference and discussion of any newly found and cited prior art in accordance with all of items 6 through 6.6 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christopher Grant, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7294. A second point of contact is QAS Chau Nguyen whose number is (571)-272-3126.

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In re Application of:
Tom Carhart et al.
Serial No.: 12/248,691
Filed: October 9, 2008
Docket: PA4623US
For: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING EPISODIC MEDIA CONTENT**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on March 6, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 9, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on February 6, 2009.

The renew petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Support Document meets the requirements of conditions II 6.5 and the new Search Document meets the requirements of conditions II 5.2 that were deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the

first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christopher Grant, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7294. A second point of Contact is Chau Nguyen at (571)-272-3126.

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Application No. 12/248,696	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 4814-A1	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 9, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a declaration statement signed by applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3672 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/248,719	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 3510.67US02	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed January 21, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Viswa Sharma, has constructively refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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In re Application of	:	
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Dear Mr. Sharma:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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In re Application of	:	
Buschle et al.	:	
Application No. 12/248,744	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. SONN:135US/10812755	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 20, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction Requirement, mailed April 7, 2009 , which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on May 8, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed November 5, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an election of the invention to be examined, (2) the petition fee of $1,620, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. There is no indication that the person signing the petition was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 1648 for further examination on the merits.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of
Ishmail Lakkis
Application No. 12/248,754
Filed: October 9, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 082837U1

DECISION ON PETITIONS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND (a)(6)

This is a decision on the renewed petitions under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6), filed February 13, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petition is **DISMISSED**

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000 and after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition does not comply with items (1) and (3).

The amendment is not acceptable as drafted since it improperly incorporates by reference prior-filed applications 11/599,725 and 60/737,065. An incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (*see* 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)). If an incorporation by reference statement is included in an amendment to the specification to add a benefit claim under 35

U.S.C. § 120 after the filing date of the application, the amendment would not be proper. When a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is submitted after the filing of an application, the reference to the prior application cannot include an incorporation by reference statement of the prior application. *See* Dart Industries v. Banner, 636 F.2d 684, 207 USPQ 273 (C.A.D.C. 1980). *Note* MPEP §§ 201.06(c) and 608.04(b).

Further, the unintentional delay statement in the petition only references 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and does not reference 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). This is improper since petitioner wants to add a claim for priority to both a provisional and nonprovisional application. Thus, both code sections must be referenced in the unintentional delay statement.

Before the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) can be granted, a renewed petition and either a signed Supplemental Application Data Sheet or a substitute amendment (complying with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 and 37 CFR 1.76(b)(5)) to correct the above matters are required.

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Any questions concerning this decision on petition may be directed to Charlema Grant at (571) 272-3215.

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FUJII, NORIYO	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/248,755	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 09, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.279AUS	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 08, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	
TUVAL, Yosi et al.	
Application No. 12/248,776	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 09, 2008	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **SANFT5.001AUS**	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 22, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office has revised its change in procedure for request to withdraw from representation applies to requests filed on or after May 12, 2008.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request cannot be approved because there is no indication that acts (1) and (3) noted in the above-identified certifications have been performed.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272- 2783.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed November 20, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office has revised its change in procedure for request to withdraw from representation applies to requests filed on or after May 12, 2008.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request to withdraw less than all attorneys appointed by customer number 230920 cannot be approved. The addition and/or deletion of a practitioner from the list of practitioners associated with a Customer Number should be made by submitting a "Request for Customer Number Data Change" (PTO/SB/124) which will result in the addition or deletion of such practitioner from the list of persons authorized to represent any applicant or assignee of the entire interest who appointed all of the practitioners associated with such Customer Number. See MPEP 403 Section I. Customer Number Practice.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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In re Application of	:
Ismail Lakkis	:
Application No. 12/248786	: DECISION ON PETITIONS
Filed: 10/09/2008	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) and (a)(6)
Attorney Docket No. 082837U4	:

This is a decision on the "PETITION TO CORRECT PRIORITY CLAIM," filed on February 13, 2009, which is treated as a petition filed under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6), to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional and provisional applications set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petition is **DISMISSED**

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000 and after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition does not comply with item (1).

The amendment is not acceptable as drafted since it improperly incorporates by reference the prior-filed applications. An incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (*see* 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)). If an incorporation by reference statement is included in an amendment to the specification to add a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 after the filing date

of the application, the amendment would not be proper. When a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is submitted after the filing of an application, the reference to the prior application cannot include an incorporation by reference statement of the prior application. *See* Dart Industries v. Banner, 636 F.2d 684, 207 USPQ 273 (C.A.D.C. 1980). *Note* MPEP §§ 201.06(c) and 608.04(b).

Before the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) can be granted, a renewed petition and either an Application Data Sheet or a substitute amendment (complying with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 and 37 CFR 1.76(b)(5)) to correct the above matters are required.

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DECISION ON PETITIONS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND (a)(6)

This is a decision on the renewed petitions under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6), filed on March 25, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 119(e) for the benefit of the prior-filed applications set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petitions are **GRANTED.**

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

Additionally, the instant nonprovisional application must be pending at the time of filing of the reference to the prior-filed provisional application as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Further, the nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application must have been filed within twelve months of the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application. All the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed applications. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) and under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed applications should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether the application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (571) 272-3231. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2112 for consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. § §120 and 119(e) of the prior-filed nonprovisional and provisional applications.

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ATTACHMENT : Corrected Filing Receipt

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CONFIRMATION NO. 1473

CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/998,278 10/10/2007
and is a CIP of 11/599,725 11/15/2006
which claims benefit of 60/737,065 11/16/2005

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 04/28/2009

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/248,786**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SINGLE CARRIER AND OFDM SUB-BLOCK TRANSMISSION

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Almost every country has its own patent law, and a person desiring a patent in a particular country must make an application for patent in that country in accordance with its particular laws. Since the laws of many countries differ in various respects from the patent law of the United States, applicants are advised to seek guidance from specific foreign countries to ensure that patent rights are not lost prematurely.

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For information on preventing theft of your intellectual property (patents, trademarks and copyrights), you may wish to consult the U.S. Government website, http://www.stopfakes.gov. Part of a Department of Commerce initiative, this website includes self-help "toolkits" giving innovators guidance on how to protect intellectual property in specific countries such as China, Korea and Mexico. For questions regarding patent enforcement issues, applicants may call the U.S. Government hotline at 1-866-999-HALT (1-866-999-4158).

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Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

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NOT GRANTED

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PURCELL, Michael S. et al.	:	
Application No. 12/248,792	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 09, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **094409-0107**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed August 04, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Foley & Lardner LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on July 31, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

Michelle R. Eason
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In re Application of	:	
MIZUKOSHI, SEIJI, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/248,827	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **SUTOSH.283AUS**	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 8, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kenneth Wieder
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Christopher Reid Error, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/248,831	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 9, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. OMN90002-DIV	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 4, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Amir H. Raubvogel on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R. 3.71 at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/03/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of
Laurence Danese

Application No. 12248893

Filed: October 10,2008

Attorney Docket No.

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 14-NOV-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Patent No. 7,552,732	:	
Cyril Newman	:	
Issue Date: June 30, 2009	:	
Application No. 11/248,948	:	LETTER REGARDING
Filed: October 11, 2005	:	PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Title: Adult Percutaneous	:	
Emergency Tracheotomy Kit	:	

This is in response to the "CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT", filed May 27, 2009. Pursuant to their duty of candor and good faith to the Office, patentees disclose that the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) may be less than 473 days.

The request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent is **GRANTED**.

Patentee is given THIRTY (30) DAYS or ONE (1) MONTH, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this decision to respond to this decision. No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

The patent term adjustment indicated in the patent is to be corrected by issuance of a certificate of correction showing a revised Patent Term Adjustment of zero (0) days.

On June 30, 2009, the above-identified application matured into U.S. Patent No. 7,552,732 with a revised patent term adjustment of four hundred seventy-three (473) days. On May 27, 2009, patentees filed the instant comment. Patentee states that an additional reduction for the abandonment of the application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.704(c)(3) may be required.

Patentees are correct that a reduction should have been entered based on 37 CFR 1.704(c)(3). 37 CFR 1.704(c) provides that:

> Circumstances that constitute a failure of the applicant to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application also include the following circumstances, which will result in the following reduction of the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 to the extent that the periods are not overlapping:
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> (3) Abandonment of the application or late payment of the issue fee, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in §1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the date of abandonment or the date after the date the issue fee was due and ending on the earlier of:
> (i) The date of mailing of the decision reviving the application or accepting late payment of the issue fee; or
> (ii) The date that is four months after the date the grantable petition to revive the application or accept late payment of the issue fee was filed.

In this instance the application was held abandoned on January 2, 2006 based upon the failure of patentee to file a response to the November 1, 2005, Notice to File Missing Parts. The petition filed on August 28, 2006 was dismissed on January 9, 2007, because a complete reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts was not provided. Thus, a grantable petition was not filed until January 22, 2007. A petition decision reviving the application was not mailed until June 21, 2007.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(c)(3), the period of reduction is 506 days counting the number of days beginning on January 2, 2006, the date of abandonment and ending on May 22, 2007, the earlier date of four months after the date of the filing of a grantable petition to revive. Thus a reduction of 506 days is being entered.

In view thereof, the patent term adjustment indicated on the patent should be zero **(0)** (592-506-119) days.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error against patentees' favor, the Office will not assess the $200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The application file is being forwarded to the Certificates of Correction Branch for issuance of a certificate of correction in order to rectify this error. The Office will issue a certificate of correction indicating that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by zero (0) days.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the Petitions Attorney Charlema Grant at (571) 272-3215.

Anthony Knight
Supervisor
Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Copy of DRAFT Certificate of Correction

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT : 7,552,732 B2

DATED : June 30, 2009

INVENTOR(S) : Newman

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page,

[*] Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 USC 154(b) by (473) days

Delete the phrase "by 473 days" and insert – by 0 days--

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In re Application of :
Rui LI et al. :
Application No. 12/248,973 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008 : TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 234064 : 37 CFR 1.102
:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 28, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant

will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

This petition lacks items 1 and 8 above, as explained below.

In regard to item 1, this application has been classified in an area (USPC 292/302) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 8, as shown by the records of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, a first Office action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system on September 4, 2009. The present petition was submitted on December 28, 2009. Since a first Office action appears in PAIR prior to the submission of the present petition, the petition is dismissed.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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By FAX: (571) 273-8300

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4914.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3673 for action in its regular turn.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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NIES, JACOB JOHANNES et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/248,977	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: Oct. 10, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 229989	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS PITCHING OF A WIND TURBINE		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 21, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be

accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived. The petition lacks item(s) #1 and #5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 416/041.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 5, petitioner should note that the instant petition includes a statement identifying the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the instant invention (1) materially enhances the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction) as required by sections II and III of the notice. However, as stated in the notice, applicant must also provide a statement pertaining to the materiality standard if the application disclosure is not clear on its face as to the materiality of the basis for the special status of the invention. This petition lacks such a statement and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard. The statement provided fails to explain how the present invention materially contributes to the development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856. The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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Filed: Oct. 10, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 229989	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 21, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth in 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of

James D. Ralph, et al.
Application No. 12/248,978
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 104084-038

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed February 9, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from applicant's representative that he is in possession of proof of applicant's age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3775 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
James D. Ralph, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/248,978	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.55(c)
Attorney Docket No. 104084-038	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.55(c), filed April 16, 2010, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) for benefit of priority to the filing Application No. 11/333,102, filed January 17, 2006.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

This application was filed after November 29, 2000, and did not include a reference to the foreign application, for which benefit is now sought, within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior foreign application. Since the claim for priority is submitted after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1)(i), this is an appropriate petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.55(c).

A petition under 37 CFR 1.55(c) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority requires:

(1) The nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date must be filed on or after November 29, 2000;
(2) the claim submitted with the petition must identify the prior foreign application for which priority is claimed, as well as any foreign application for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed, by the application number, country, and the filing date, **and be included either in an oath or declaration (37 CFR 1.63(c)(2)) or in an Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76(b)(6))**;
(3) the surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t);
(4) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional (the Director

may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional); and

(5) the above-identified nonprovisional application must be filed within 12 months of the filing date of the foreign application.

The petition fails to comply with item (2) and (4) above.

With respect to item (2):

A review of the file record fails to disclose that the priority information was included in an oath or declaration or in an Application Data Sheet (ADS) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(b)(6). Unless provided in an ADS, 37 CFR 1.63(c)(2) requires that the oath or declaration must identify the foreign application for patent (or inventor's certificate) for which priority is claimed under 37 CFR 1.55, and any foreign application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed, by specifying the application number, country, day, month, and year of its filing. *Note* MPEP 201.14.

With respect to item (4):

The petition does not include a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Upon further review of the petition, it has been determined that the petition cannot be granted because there is no benefit claim to a prior filed foreign application.

In view of the above, compliance with 37 CFR 1.63(c)(2) or 37 CFR 1.76(b)(6) must be satisfied if applicant desires to claim priority to the foreign application noted in the petition. Any future petition should include a cover letter and be entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.55(c)."

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to April M. Wise at (571) 272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Michael Lambright	:	
Application No. 12/249,002	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 121046-0006	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 20, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 28, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 29, 2008. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 8, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an oath and $65 surcharge, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3652 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received

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In re Application of :
Ralph D. JAMES et al. :
Application No. 12/249,005 :
Filed: February 9, 2010 :
Attorney Docket No. 104084-014 CIP :

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed February 9, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes certification by a registered attorney/agent having evidence such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc. showing one named inventor in the application is 65 years of age, or more. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Olisa Anwah at (571) 272-6051 or in his absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3775 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
ALTENSCHULTE, MARKUS	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/249,038	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: Oct. 10, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 232239-1	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS INVOLVING WIND TURBINE BEARING DETECTION AND OPERATION		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 21, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice

before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived. The petition lacks item(s) #1 and #5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 416/009.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 5, petitioner should note that the instant petition includes a statement identifying the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the instant invention (1) materially enhances the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction) as required by sections II and III of the notice. However, as stated in the notice, applicant must also provide a statement pertaining to the materiality standard if the application disclosure is not clear on its face as to the materiality of the basis for the special status of the invention. This petition lacks such a statement and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard. The statement provided fails to explain how the present invention materially contributes to the development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856. The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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ALTENSCHULTE, MARKUS	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12249038	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 232239-1	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 06/14/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth in 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Henry Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/249,071
Filed: October 10, 2008
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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 30, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement made by registered attorney Daniel S. Polley, which will be treated as the result of the attorney having evidence that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age or more. In the event that such evidence is not with the attorney, the Office should be notified immediately. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-6735.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center at 571-272-3700.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3753 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision

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DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 10, 2008 and the supplemental petition filed on April 23, 2009 (filed in response to a telephone request on April 22, 2009), to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

This application is a continuation of US application SN 11/958,918, now U.S. Patent No. 7,453,910, issued on November 18, 2008. Note, a copy of cited NPL reference "Runtime Monitoring of Timing Constraints in Distributed Real-Time Systems" by Farnam Jahanian, et al., pp. 1-21, April 1994, can be found in this application.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral

election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3595.

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In re Application of
SANDER, Wendell et al.
Application No. 12/249,170
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **56398-3600**

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 20, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Patent Law Professionals has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 24, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

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In re Application of	:	
Ralph MUSCATELL	:	
Application No. 12/249,201	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 1160.8005	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 30, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement made by registered attorney Daniel S. Polley, which will be treated as the result of the attorney having evidence that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age or more. In the event that such evidence is not with the attorney, the Office should be notified immediately. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-6735.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center at 571-272-3700.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3744 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Diane Goodwyn
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In re Application of Joel Camia Reglos et al. Application No. 12/249,203 Filed: October 10, 2008 Attorney Docket No. **VFX012002800**	DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR. § 1.36(b), filed January 7, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 68823 has been revoked by the applicants of the patent application on January 15, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4584.

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In re Application of	:	
Curtis Ling, et al.	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 12/249,269	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 022287-001410US	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 27, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, John Wetherell, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

Sherry D. Brinkley
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In re Application of
Curtis Ling, Madhukar Reddy and
John Wetherell
Application No. 12/249,269
Filed: October 10, 2008
For: GAIN PARTITIONING IN A RECEIVER

Dear Mr. Wetherell:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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Sherry D. Brinkley
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In re Application of :
Marcin K. Augustyniak et al. :
Application No. 12/249,370 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: October 10, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. **TI-62794** :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 7, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 28, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 29, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an oath and declaration and replacement drawings, (2) the petition fee of $1,620 (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

JoAnne Burke
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In re Application of	:	
Stephen Gillette	:	
Application No. 12/249,377	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 158860-0004	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 1, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

The request was signed by Norman E. Brunell on behalf of the practitioners of record associated with Customer No. 29000.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to inventor Stephen Gillette at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/249,402	10/10/2008	David Newcomb	9335-70	1661

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In re Application of:	::
David Newcomb	:: PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR
Serial No.: 12/249,402	: DRAWINGS
Filed: October 10, 2008	UNDER 37 CFR § 1.84(a)(2)
Attorney Docket No.: 9335-70	

This is a decision on the petition filed December 29, 2008 to accept color drawings under 37 CFR § 1.84(a)(2).

The petition is granted and the drawings have been accepted.

Gregory J. Toatley, Jr.
Supervisory Patent Examiner,
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In re Application of
D. Michael Mosholder, Jr. et al.
Application No. 12/249,403
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **1034146-000005**

: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the petition filed April 27, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION**. Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on October 10, 2008, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on October 27, 2008, a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice To File Missing Parts") was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and a surcharge for its late filing.

In response, the instant petition, a declaration executed by joint inventor D. Michael Mosholder, Jr. in his own stead and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor Jeffrey T. Beach and a four month extension of time was filed. Petitioner claims that joint inventor Jeffrey T. Beach refuses to sign the declaration.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition lacks item (1). In regards to item (1), while petitioners argue by statement of joint inventor D. Michael Mosholder, Jr. that a copy of the application was sent to joint inventor Jeffrey T. Beach on March 5, 2009 and while petitioners argue that joint

inventor Beach has verbally refused to execute the declaration, petitioners have not submitted sufficient evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor.

Petitioners must show proof that a copy of the application (specification including claims, drawings, if any) and the Declaration were sent or given to the non-signing inventors for review.[1] Petitioners should provide a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventor.

Petitioners must also present proof that if after having received the complete application, the non-signing inventor refused to sign the declaration. If there is a written refusal, a copy of the written refusal should be submitted with any renewed petition.

Status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) cannot be accorded this application until such time as the deficiencies have been cured.

The Notice to File Missing Parts also required the basic filing fee, surcharge, Search fee, Examination fee and Additional Claims fees. In view of the authorization found in the petition, petitioner's deposit account no. 02-4800 has been charged in the amount of $82 for the Statutory basic filing fee, $65 for the Surcharge, $270 to complete the search fee, $110 to complete the examination fee for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, and $104 for 4 total claims over 20.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

Patricia Faison-Ball

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In re Application of
D. Michael Mosholder, Jr. et al.
Application No. 12/249,403
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **1034146-000005**

: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the request for reconsideration filed July 27, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a)[1].

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on October 10, 2008, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, on October 27, 2008, a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice To File Missing Parts") was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and a surcharge for its late filing. In response, a petition, declaration executed by joint inventor D. Michael Mosholder, Jr. in his own stead and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor Jeffrey T. Beach and a four month extension of time was filed. Petitioner claimed that joint inventor Jeffrey T. Beach refused to sign the declaration. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed May 26, 2009 because while petitioners argued by statement of joint inventor D. Michael Mosholder, Jr. that a copy of the application was sent to joint inventor Jeffrey T. Beach on March 5, 2009 and while petitioners argued that joint inventor Beach verbally refused to execute the declaration, petitioners had not submitted sufficient evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor.

In response to the decision dismissing the petition filed April 27, 2009, the instant petition, establishes that a copy of the complete application was sent to joint inventor Jeffrey T. Beach, that he has expressly refused to execute the oath or declaration and to cooperate with the filing of the instant application, that to date, he has not returned an executed copy of the oath or declaration.

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[1]A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

All requirements under 37 CFR 1.47(a) therefore having been met, as provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

Patricia Faison-Ball

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In re Application of: Miroslav Novak Serial No.:12/249,423 Filed: October 10, 2008 Docket: 200800515-1 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A POLICY-BASED MANAGEMENT OF A SOFTWARE SERVICE COMPONENT	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 10, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

1. The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. The application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;
3. The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention;

Further relevant portions of the Accelerated Examination Notice are as follows:

> Part I. Requirements for Petitions to Make Special under Accelerated Examination: *A new application may be granted accelerated examination status under the following conditions:*
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> (4) The application, at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination. For example, the application must be filed together with the basic filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and application size fee (if applicable), and an executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63.
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> *Part VIII: More Information:*
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> *Conditions for Examination:* The application must be in condition for examination at the time of filing. This means the application must include the following:
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> The petition to make special will be dismissed if the application omits an item or includes a paper that causes the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) to mail a notice during the formality review (e.g. a notice of incomplete application, a notice to file missing parts, a *notice to file corrected application papers*, notice of omitted items, or notice of informal application). ***The opportunity to perfect a petition (Part II) <u>does not apply</u> to applications that are not in condition for examination of filing.*** (71 Fed. Reg. 36,323 at 36,327)

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because it is a utility application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a) and was not complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination at the time of filing. The mailing of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on November 4, 2008 is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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Axel Thomsen, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/249,457	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 026-0050-3	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed, July 14, 2010 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on July 6, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2816 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed amendment.

Terri Johnson

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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Herb GERARD, et al	:	
Application No. 12/249,481	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 1375.002	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 10, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement made by registered attorney Thomas A. Behrendt, which will be treated as the result of the attorney having evidence that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age or more. In the event that such evidence is not with the attorney, the Office should be notified immediately. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

This application is being referred back to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

Diane Goodwyn
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In re Application of	:	
HERB GERARD	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/249,481	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. **1375.002**	:	

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36, filed April 4, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because the attorney cannot withdraw attorneys' by Customer Number when the power of attorney was originally granted individually in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed October 10, 2008.

It is also noted that the application is now abandoned for failure to respond to the Office action mailed October 5, 2009. The Office does not process any request to withdraw as attorney filed after the application has gone abandoned.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4584.

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In re Application of	:	
Roukis	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/249,491	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: September 30, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 20042US01	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed May 14, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO (2) MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);
(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;
(3) the petition fee;
(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.
(5) proof of proprietary interest: and
(6) proof of irreparable damage.

Petitioner lacks item (1) set forth above. Petitioner has failed to establish that the inventor constructively refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The Office requires that the non-signing inventor be provided with a complete copy of the application as filed. This includes the specification with claims, drawings, if any, and a declaration. See MPEP 409.03(d).

Mr. Handan Cikar, Patent Administrator for Aristocrat, allegedly contacted Mr. Roukis by registered Australian Post providing to him the subject patent application, assignment form and combined declaration and power of attorney form. Mr. Cikar states that someone at the Australian Post informed him that the package containing the subject patent application, assignment form and combined declaration and power of attorney form was collected on December 20, 2008.

When it is concluded by the Rule 47 applicant that a non-signing inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal, all facts upon which that conclusion is based should be stated in an affidavit or declaration. If there is documentary evidence to support facts alleged in the affidavit or declaration, such evidence must be submitted.

The present petition does not contain documentary evidence that Mr. Roukis retrieved the package containing the application papers. Since the package was sent via registered mail, a signature of the person retrieving the package should be available. Evidence of Mr. Roukis' retrieval should be provided with a renewed petition. If petitioner is unable to provide such evidence, petitioner should provide a statement that details why petitioner is reasonably certain that Mr. Roukis received the application papers and the request to sign the declaration. Petitioner's position may be bolstered by a statement in writing from a postal official at the Miranda NSW, Australia Post Office.

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In re Application of	:	
Roukis	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Application No. 12/249,491	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: September 30, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 20042US01	:	

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed October 9, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, George Roukis, has constructively refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

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In re Application of :
Roukis :
Application No. 12/249,491 : LETTER
Filed: September 30, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 20042US01 :

Dear Mr. Roukis:

You are named as sole inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as sole inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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In re Application of	:	
Franklin Thomas DRIVER, et al	:	
Application No. 12/249,504	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. ITI-423 (118001.15822)	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 1, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request cannot be approved because there is no indication that the act noted above at item (1) has been performed

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified.

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In re Application of
Zhongchu Zhu et al.
Application No. 12/249,549
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No. HW703801

: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition filed May 8, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on October 8, 2009, without an oath or declaration. Accordingly, a Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed November 10, 2008. In response, the instant petition seeking status under 37 CFR 1.47(a), a four month extension of time and a Declaration signed by all joint inventors except Yunlong Wang, claiming that while diligent efforts have been made to reach the non-signing inventor, they have been unsuccessful.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition bears proof that the application papers were forwarded to joint inventor Yunlong Wang at the last known address but that he has not been located.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). In view thereof, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Thus, as provided in Rule 1.47c, this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of
Roukis
Application No.: 12/249,579
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: 20177/P01235

ON PETITION

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed May 7, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Any response should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" and may include an oath or declaration executed by the inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.**

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration;
(2) an acceptable oath or declaration;
(3) the petition fee;
(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(5) proof of proprietary interest; and
(6) proof of irreparable damage.

This petition lacks items (1) and (2) set forth above.

As to item (1), petitioner has failed to establish that Mr. Roukis has refused to sign the declaration or cannot be reached. A successful Rule 47 petition requires either (a) a clear refusal to join, whether expressly or by conduct, or (b) a showing of diligence in trying to find an unavailable inventor. The proof of the pertinent events should be made by a statement of someone with first hand knowledge of the events.

The Office requires that the non-signing inventor be provided with a complete copy of the application as filed. The petition establishes that the present application and a declaration was mailed to Mr. Roukis' last known address, but returned to sender.

Mr. Roukis must have the complete application in his possession in order to make an informed decision as to whether he joins in its filing. Mr. Roukis cannot make the necessary statements found in the declaration-- i.e. "I have reviewed and understand..." -- without having examined the patent application.

The email refusal sent Friday, April 3, 2009, was sent in response to an email regarding Application No. 12/196,766. It establishes the inventor's refusal to execute a declaration for Application No. 12/196,766, but no other application.

Petitioner is informed that emailing is generally not accepted as a means to communicate with non-signing inventors. This is because the Office cannot know definitely if the message was received; people are not as careful in deleting emails as they are in throwing out mail as shown by bulk folder deletions and the fact that some people might not check emails frequently; the Office does not know if the recipient has the program to open the specific attachment; and PTO guidelines regarding accepting e-mail reflects the fact that the Office does not have the same confidence in email as it does in USPS service.

The Office typically requires documentary evidence of successful emailing in the form of a response email from the non-signing inventor in which the inventor acknowledges receipt of the email. Sending an email is not sufficient.

A showing of **diligence** is critical in obtaining Rule 47 status if petitioner is asserting Mr. Roukis cannot be located or reached. One returned mailing to the inventor's last known address does not rise to the level of diligence required to obtain Rule 47 status.

Petitioner should engage in further efforts to locate Mr. Roukis. The following is a list of evidentiary sources that are commonly relied upon to prove inability to locate an inventor: searches of Internet databases; inquiries of local telephone directories; telegrams; and documented inquiries of last known employers. Every listed type of search need not be done. However, a diligent effort to find the inventor must be made. **Please provide documentary evidence of the searches from parties with first hand knowledge of the searches. Computer printouts of Internet searches would suffice.**

If a more current address for Mr. Roukis is found, a copy of the application papers and the declaration should be mailed to him via mail service, along with a cover letter of instructions which includes a deadline or a statement that no response will constitute a refusal. This sort of ultimatum lends support to a finding of refusal by conduct. If the papers are returned and all other attempts to locate or reach the inventor continue to fail, then applicant will have established that the inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort or has refused to join in the application.

Where there is an express or oral refusal, that fact, along with the time and place of the refusal, must be stated in an affidavit or declaration by the party to whom the refusal was made. Where there is a written refusal, a copy of the document(s) evidencing that refusal must be made part of the affidavit or declaration.

When it is concluded by the rule 47 applicant that an omitted inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal, all facts upon which that conclusion is based should be stated in an affidavit or declaration. If there is documentary evidence to support facts alleged in the affidavit or declaration, such evidence must be submitted.

Whenever an omitted inventor gives a reason for refusing to sign the application oath or declaration, that reason should be stated in the affidavit or declaration.

As to item (2), an oath or declaration for the patent application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 has not been presented. Petitioner has not submitted a declaration signed by a properly empowered representative of the Rule 1.47 applicant. An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 listing Mr. Roukis' information, signed by the Rule 1.47 applicant on behalf of Mr. Roukis is REQUIRED. See MPEP 409.03(b).

MPEP 409.03(b) states that typically when a corporation is the Rule 47 applicant, an officer should sign the declaration and provide his/her title. Where an oath is signed by a registered attorney on behalf of a corporation, either proof of the attorney's authority in the form of a statement signed by an appropriate corporate officer must be submitted, or the attorney may simply state that he is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation. The Rule 47 applicant must state his/her relationship to the inventor as required by 37 CFR 1.64.

Regarding fees, petitioner paid a $400.00 petition fee. However, the current Rule 47 petition fee is $200.00. Pursuant to petitioner's authorization, deposit account no. 50-2455 will be refunded $200.00.

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In re Application of :
Roukis : ON PETITION
Application No.: 12/249,579 :
Filed: October 10, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No.: 20177/P01235 :

This decision is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed July 20, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Any response should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" and may include an oath or declaration executed by the inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.**

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration;
(2) an acceptable oath or declaration;
(3) the petition fee;
(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(5) proof of proprietary interest; and
(6) proof of irreparable damage.

This petition lacks item (2) set forth above.

As to item (2), an oath or declaration for the patent application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 has not been presented. Petitioner has not submitted a declaration signed by an authorized representative of the Rule 1.47 applicant. An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 listing Mr. Roukis' information, signed by the Rule 1.47 applicant on behalf of Mr. Roukis is REQUIRED. See MPEP 409.03(b).

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Kieran Power, the individual who signed the declaration, has not provided a registration number **and** proof of his/her authority in the form of a statement signed by an appropriate corporate officer, or a statement that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation. His/her title does not clearly set forth that he/she is an officer of the assignee.

It is noted that Christopher N. George, who provided his registration number, signed the Statement under 3.73(b) and is therefore authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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In re Application of
Roukis
Application No.: 12/249,579
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: 20177/P01235

DECISION GRANTING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This decision is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed September 23, 2009.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, George Roukis, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

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Application No.: 12/249,579
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: 20177/P01235

LETTER

Dear Mr. Roukis:

You are named as the sole inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as sole inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 29, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Morrison & Foerster LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on April 26, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272- 4231.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Application No. 12/249,644	:	ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C24	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 17, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement (PTO/SB/130 form) by the applicant's attorney that the applicant is 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6059. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Takada et al.	:	
Application No. 12/249679	:	ON PETITION
Deposited: October 10, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. M1071.2113	:	

This is in response to the "RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION AND PETITION TO ADD INADVERTENTLY OMITTED MATERIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.57(a)" filed on November 18, 2008, requesting that the above-referenced application be accorded a filing date of October 10, 2008. This petition is being treated pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2)[1].

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on October 10, 2008. However, on November 10, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed applicants a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," notifying applicants that the application papers had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. In response, applicants timely filed this petition. Applicants request that the application be amended to include the inadvertently omitted drawings on the basis that the application as filed contained a prior benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.

Petitioner's arguments and evidence have been considered. However, a review of the application confirms that, as filed, the application contained at least one composition claim. MPEP 601.01(f) provides that:

> It has been USPTO practice to treat an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence). The same practice has been followed in composition application.

Thus, pursuant to § 601.01(f), a drawing is not considered essential for a filing date. The instant application is entitled to a filing date without drawings present in the application.

[1] Any request for review of a notification pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section, or a notification that the original application papers lack a portion of the specification or drawing(s), must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f). In the absence of a timely (§ 1.181(f)) petition pursuant to this paragraph, the filing date of an application in which the applicant was notified of a filing error pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section will be the date the filing error is corrected.

Accordingly, the Office should have granted the application a filing date and mailed a Notice of Omitted Items instead of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP 601.01(g) under the section entitled, "Application Entitled to a Filing Date," applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

> [i]f an application was filed on or after September 21, 2004, and contains a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application that was present on the filing date of the application, and the omitted portion of the drawing(s) was inadvertently omitted from the application and is completely contained in the prior-filed application[.]

Please note that no petition is required and that the amendment must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17.

The drawings filed with the subject petition will not be used for processing or examination, but will be retained in the application file. Petitioner may wish to file the drawings in an amendment. Any amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawing(s) will be considered by the examiner.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of October 10, 2008 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee is being refunded.

Pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to Office of Patent Application Processing for:

- **correction of the filing date to October 10, 2008**;
- **for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing** and
- **for issuance of a filing receipt.**

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (571) 272-3231.

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In re Application of:
BICHENO, RICHARD M., et al.
Serial No.: 12/249,680
Filed: October 10, 2008

Title: **USING AUDIO TO DETECT CHANGES TO THE PERFORMANCE OF AN APPLICATION**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 10, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the

examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ken Wieder, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-2986.

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Application No. 12/249,691	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No.: **SUTOSH.282AUS**	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 2, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with item 2 above in that although a copy of the actual allowable/patentable claims from the JPO application has been submitted, the petition fails to include a complete copy of the English translation of all JPO allowable/patentable claims (note that the English translation of JPO allowable/patentable claims 8-10 is missing). The Requester must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Any response must be submitted via EFS-web.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Doris To at 571-272-7629.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed August 18, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
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(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition now comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Doris To at 571-272-7629.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☑ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html.
4. ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Attorney Docket No. 643272000300	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 19, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Walter Wu G. on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 25226. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 25226 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.285AUS	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
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	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 10, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with items 2 above in that although a copy of the allowable/patentable claims have been submitted, the petition fails to include an English translation of the actual allowable/patentable claims from the JPO application. Additionally, the petition fails to include a statement that the English translation is accurate.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Any response must be submitted via EFS-web.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 08, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
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(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition now comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Michael Horabik/

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/249,768	10/10/2008	Takashi Minemura	SUTOSH.284AUS	2427

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In re Application of	:	
MINEMURA, TAKASHI	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/249,768	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.284AUS	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 12, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Doris To at 571-272-7629.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of	:	
Maggio	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/249,796	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 12/249,796	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **MAGGIO1100-2**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/22/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be

accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item(s) 1 and 9.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 75/431.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 9, petitioner should note that since the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d) has not been received, the petition is dismissed.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tom Dunn at 571-272-1171.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1793 for action in its regular turn.

/Tom Dunn/

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In re Application of
Walter Clark Milliken et al.
Application No. 12/249,804
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No. SV1PGP085C

: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on March 2, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION**. Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed October 10, 2008 with an oath or declaration from the parent application. The instant petition is filed with a declaration executed by two of three inventors arguing that joint inventor Sanchez has either refused to execute the Declaration for the above-identified application, or that he is unavailable and/or cannot be reached.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition lacks item (1). Petitioners have not submitted sufficient evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor or that

diligent efforts have been employed to locate the non-signing inventor.

Petitioners must show proof that a copy of the application (specification including claims, drawings, if any, and the Declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review.[1] Petitioners should provide a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventor or details given in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first hand knowledge of the details. Petitioners must also present proof that if after having received the complete application, the non-signing inventor refuses to sign the declaration.

On the other hand if it is petitioner's claim that Mr. Sanchez cannot be located, petitioners must provide details, in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person with first hand knowledge of the details, of the efforts which have been undertaken to locate him, send or give a copy of the application papers to him, and request that he sign and return the declaration. If repeated attempts to contact the non-signing inventor by telephone, mail, and e-mail, are unsuccessful, petitioners will have established that he cannot be found despite diligent efforts.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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[1] MPEP 409.03(d).

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In re Application of
Walter Clark Milliken et al.
Application No. 12/249,804
Filed: October 10, 2008
Attorney Docket No. SV1PGP085C

DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the request for reconsideration filed October 12, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a)[1].

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed October 10, 2008 with an oath or declaration from the parent application. In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts mailed October 30, 2008, a petition was filed March 2, 2009 with a declaration executed by two of three inventors arguing that joint inventor Luis Sanchez had either refused to execute the Declaration for the above-identified application, or that he was unavailable and/or could not be reached. The petition was dismissed in a decision dated March 11, 2009 because petitioners had not submitted sufficient evidence to prove that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor or that diligent efforts have been employed to locate the non-signing inventor. [2]

In response to the decision dismissing the petition filed March 2, 2009, the request for reconsideration, which includes a five month extension of time, bears proof that a letter including a copy of the complete application papers were mailed to the last known address for joint inventor Sanchez but was returned undeliverable. As well, additional efforts were undertaken to locate the non-signing inventor including internet searches

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[1]A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

[2]MPEP 409.03(d).

but those efforts were unsuccessful. The evidence is therefore sufficient to establish diligence as required by the regulation.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of
Walter Clark Milliken et al.
Application No. 12/249,804
Filed: October 10, 2008
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRACING PACKETS**

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as joint inventors.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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In re Application of	:	
Sanchez, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/249,832	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: October 10, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. SVIPGP085E	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed March 2, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

On petition, petitioner has established that inventor Sanchez refused to sign the declaration after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, a copy of the application papers was forwarded to Sanchez on November 3, 2008. However, as of the date of the petition, no executed declaration from Sanchez has been received.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). Accordingly, the above-identified application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the last known address provided on the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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In re Application of
Sanchez, et al.
Application No. 12/249,832
Filed: October 10, 2008
Title: Method and Apparatus for Identifying a Packet

LETTER

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 USC 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a joint inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, agent of record would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (571)272-3207. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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Application No. 12/249,879	:	ON PETITION
Filing: October 10, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C32	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 17, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement (PTO/SB/130 form) by the applicant's attorney that the applicant is 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6059. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Mohan et al.	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/249,941	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: October 12, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. NOR-156	:	
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 28, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks item(s) (1) set forth above.

As to item (1), the applicable statute (35 U.S.C.§ 116) requires that a "diligent effort" have been expended in attempting to find or reach the non-signing inventor. *See* MPEP 409.03(a). The showing currently fails to demonstrate, with a documented showing, that a diligent effort was made to find or locate non-signing inventor Mohan, such that the declaration can be accepted under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Where inability to find or locate a named inventor(s) is alleged, a statement of facts should be submitted that fully describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a *diligent effort* was made to locate the inventor.

Petitioner has not demonstrated that all efforts were expended in trying to locate inventor non-signing Mohan. In this regard, petitioner should, at the very least, conduct a search of the regional or national registry(s). The results of such search should be made in any future petition for reconsideration. *See* MPEP 409.03(d). Additionally, petitioner should state whether he has access to inventor Mohan's personnel records and, if so, what does inspection of the records

reveal as to a current address, forwarding address, or an address of the nearest living relative? What does inspection of the phone directories for those address locations reveal? Further, the petition fails to indicate that correspondence was ever mailed unsuccessfully to the inventor's last known address. Therefore, at the very least, petitioner should mail correspondence to the inventor's last known address, return receipt and/or forwarding address requested. If a forwarding address is provided, petitioner should then mail a complete copy of the application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath, etc.) to Mr. Mohan's address, return receipt requested, along with a cover letter of instructions which includes a deadline or a statement that no response will constitute a refusal. This sort of ultimatum lends support to a finding of refusal by conduct. If the papers are returned and all other attempts to locate or reach the inventor, e.g., through personnel records, co-workers, E-mail, the Internet or the telephone, etc., continue to fail, then applicant will have established that the inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort or has refused to join in the application. **The statements of facts must be signed, where at all possible, by a person having firsthand knowledge of the facts recited therein and should be accompanied by documentary evidence in support of the statement of facts.** It is important that the forthcoming communication contain statements of fact as opposed to conclusions.

Where there is an express or oral refusal, that fact, along with the time and place of the refusal, must be stated in an affidavit or declaration by the party to whom the refusal was made. Where there is a written refusal, a copy of the document(s) evidencing that refusal must be made part of the affidavit or declaration.

When it is concluded by the rule 47 applicant that an omitted inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal, all facts upon which that conclusion is based should be stated in an affidavit or declaration. If there is documentary evidence to support facts alleged in the affidavit or declaration, such evidence must be submitted.

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Application No. 12/249,941
Filed: October 12, 2008
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(19097ROUS02U)

DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 17, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks item (2) set forth above.

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Application No. 12/249,941
Filed: October 12, 2008
Attorney Docket No. NOR-156
(19097ROUS02U)

DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 6, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

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As to item (2) the declaration submitted on October 6, 2009 does not appear to be a re-executed declaration. Petitioner must submit an executed declaration from inventor Mohan pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 (a)(1). Any changes made in ink in the application or oath prior to signing should be initialed and dated by the applicants prior to execution of the oath or declaration. The declaration appears to include initials and a date, which were not present prior to the execution of the declaration. The wording of an oath or declaration cannot be amended, altered or changed in any manner after it has been signed. If the wording is not correct or if all of the required affirmations have not been made, or if it has not been properly subscribed to, a new oath or declaration must be required. See MPEP 602.01. The Office will require a new oath or declaration if the alterations are not initialed and dated. MPEP 605.04(a).

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DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Papers have been filed on June 8, 2010, in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," mailed December 9, 2009, and include a Declaration that is signed by a previously non-signing inventors, Dinesh Mohan, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under § 1.47(a) is not necessary. This application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the record for this file. This application need not be returned to this Office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being referred to Art Unit 2473 for processing in the normal course of business.

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/249,944
Filed: October 12, 2008
Attorney Docket No. NOR-164(19097ROUS04U)

DECISION REFUSING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 28, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks item(s) (1) set forth above.

As to item (1), the applicable statute (35 U.S.C.§ 116) requires that a "diligent effort" have been expended in attempting to find or reach the non-signing inventor. *See* MPEP 409.03(a). The showing currently fails to demonstrate, with a documented showing, that a diligent effort was made to find or locate non-signing inventor Mohan, such that the declaration can be accepted under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Where inability to find or locate a named inventor(s) is alleged, a statement of facts should be submitted that fully describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a *diligent effort* was made to locate the inventor.

Petitioner has not demonstrated that all efforts were expended in trying to locate inventor non-signing Mohan. In this regard, petitioner should, at the very least, conduct a search of the regional or national registry(s). The results of such search should be made in any future petition for reconsideration. *See* MPEP 409.03(d). Additionally, petitioner should state whether he has access to inventor Mohan's personnel records and, if so, what does inspection of the records

reveal as to a current address, forwarding address, or an address of the nearest living relative? What does inspection of the phone directories for those address locations reveal? Further, the petition fails to indicate that correspondence was ever mailed unsuccessfully to the inventor's last known address. Therefore, at the very least, petitioner should mail correspondence to the inventor's last known address, return receipt and/or forwarding address requested. If a forwarding address is provided, petitioner should then mail a complete copy of the application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath, etc.) to Mr. Mohan's address, return receipt requested, along with a cover letter of instructions which includes a deadline or a statement that no response will constitute a refusal. This sort of ultimatum lends support to a finding of refusal by conduct. If the papers are returned and all other attempts to locate or reach the inventor, e.g., through personnel records, co-workers, E-mail, the Internet or the telephone, etc., continue to fail, then applicant will have established that the inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort or has refused to join in the application. **The statements of facts must be signed, where at all possible, by a person having firsthand knowledge of the facts recited therein and should be accompanied by documentary evidence in support of the statement of facts.** It is important that the forthcoming communication contain statements of fact as opposed to conclusions.

Where there is an express or oral refusal, that fact, along with the time and place of the refusal, must be stated in an affidavit or declaration by the party to whom the refusal was made. Where there is a written refusal, a copy of the document(s) evidencing that refusal must be made part of the affidavit or declaration.

When it is concluded by the rule 47 applicant that an omitted inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal, all facts upon which that conclusion is based should be stated in an affidavit or declaration. If there is documentary evidence to support facts alleged in the affidavit or declaration, such evidence must be submitted.

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DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 17, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks item (2) set forth above.

As to item (2) although petitioner has provided a fully executed declaration, the signature block of inventor Mohan contains non-initialed changes to the citizenship on the declaration. Any changes made in ink in the application or oath prior to signing should be initialed and dated by the applicants prior to execution of the oath or declaration. Petitioner must submit an executed declaration from inventor Mohan pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 (a)(1). Any changes made in ink in the application or oath prior to signing should be initialed and dated by the applicants prior to execution of the oath or declaration. The Office will require a new oath or declaration if the alterations are not initialed and dated. MPEP 605.04(a).

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DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 6, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

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As to item (2) the declaration submitted on October 6, 2009 does not appear to be a re-executed declaration. Petitioner must submit an executed declaration from inventor Mohan pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 (a)(1). Any changes made in ink in the application or oath prior to signing should be initialed and dated by the applicants prior to execution of the oath or declaration. The declaration appears to include initials and a date, which were not present prior to the execution of the declaration. The wording of an oath or declaration cannot be amended, altered or changed in any manner after it has been signed. If the wording is not correct or if all of the required affirmations have not been made, or if it has not been properly subscribed to, a new oath or declaration must be required. See MPEP 602.01. The Office will require a new oath or declaration if the alterations are not initialed and dated. MPEP 605.04(a).

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Filed: October 12, 2008
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(19097ROUS04U)

DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Papers have been filed on June 8, 2010, in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," mailed February 1, 2010, and include a Declaration that is signed by a previously non-signing inventors, Dinesh Mohan, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under § 1.47(a) is not necessary. This application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the record for this file. This application need not be returned to this Office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being referred to Art Unit 2447 for processing in the normal course of business.

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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed May 28, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

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As to item (1), the applicable statute (35 U.S.C.§ 116) requires that a "diligent effort" have been expended in attempting to find or reach the non-signing inventor. *See* MPEP 409.03(a). The showing currently fails to demonstrate, with a documented showing, that a diligent effort was made to find or locate non-signing inventor Mohan, such that the declaration can be accepted under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Where inability to find or locate a named inventor(s) is alleged, a statement of facts should be submitted that fully describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a *diligent effort* was made to locate the inventor.

Petitioner has not demonstrated that all efforts were expended in trying to locate inventor non-signing Mohan. In this regard, petitioner should, at the very least, conduct a search of the regional or national registry(s). The results of such search should be made in any future petition for reconsideration. *See* MPEP 409.03(d). Additionally, petitioner should state whether he has access to inventor Mohan's personnel records and, if so, what does inspection of the records

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DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 17, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

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DECISION REFUSING STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 6, 2009.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Applicant lacks item (2) set forth above.

As to item (2) the declaration submitted on October 6, 2009 does not appear to be a re-executed declaration. Petitioner must submit an executed declaration from inventor Mohan pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63 (a)(1). Any changes made in ink in the application or oath prior to signing should be initialed and dated by the applicants prior to execution of the oath or declaration. The declaration appears to include initials and a date, which were not present prior to the execution of the declaration. The wording of an oath or declaration cannot be amended, altered or changed in any manner after it has been signed. If the wording is not correct or if all of the required affirmations have not been made, or if it has not been properly subscribed to, a new oath or declaration must be required. See MPEP 602.01. The Office will require a new oath or declaration if the alterations are not initialed and dated. MPEP 605.04(a).

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DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(A)

Papers have been filed on June 8, 2010 in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," mailed December 9, 2009, and include a Declaration that is signed by a previously non-signing inventor, Mohan, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under § 1.47(a) is not necessary. This application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the record for this file. This application need not be returned to this Office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being returned to Art Unit 2473 for processing in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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In re Application of
Shu-Lan Ku
Application No. 12/250,073
Filed: October 13, 2008
Attorney Docket No. 15063-000006/US/CPB

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 5, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request cannot be approved since the above listed certifications were not made. Accordingly, any subsequent requests must include all certifications pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40.

Further, petitioner should note that the Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71*, **or**, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until properly notified.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059.

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In re Application of
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Application No.: 12/520,082
PCT No.: PCT/US2007/088001
Int. Filing Date: 18 December 2007
Priority Date: 18 December 2006
Attorney Docket No.: 111845-US7086
For: NANOWIRE ARRAY-BASED LIGHT EMITTING DIODES AND LASERS

DECISION ON REQUEST

In a decision mailed by this Office on 02 February 2010, applicant's request to correct inventorship was dismissed without prejudice for failure to satisfy all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(d).

On 09 March 2010, applicant filed the renewed request under 37 CFR 1.497(d) considered herein. Applicant's (24 August 2009, 11 December 2009 and 09 March 2010) submissions satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(d). Applicant has submitted a statement from the added inventors. The processing fee set in forth in 37 CFR §1.17 has been submitted. And applicant has submitted the consent of the assignee to the requested correct of inventorship in the form required under 37 CFR 1.497(d)(3) and 3.73(b).

Based on the above, applicant's request to add Cesare Soci and David Aplin as inventors is appropriately granted. Based on this correction, the declaration filed on 11 December 2009 (which named Deli Wang; Xinyu Bao; Bin Xiang; Cesare Soci; and David Aplin) is acceptable under 37 CFR 1.497. Applicant's request to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.497(d) is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office Of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision. The 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date is 11 December 2009.

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Lincoln et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/250,099	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 4761	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 22, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

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Currently, a Notice of Informal Application concerning the above-identified application was mailed October 29, 2008 and requires a reply.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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This is a decision on the renewed Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 18, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Christopher L. Bernard on behalf of all attorneys of record, but reflects an incorrect Customer Number. Accordingly, since the practitioners were appointed by a Customer Number upon filing of the instant application, the Request must reflect withdrawal of practitioners associated with same Customer Number.

Currently, there is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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CORRECTED DECISION

This is a decision on the renewed Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 18, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Christopher L. Bernard on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer No. 22474.

All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 22474 have been withdrawn. Applicants are reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor at the address indicated below.

Currently, there is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of

DUNSMORE, Marnie et al.
Application No. 12/250,104
Filed: October 13, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **80-021US**

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 20, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by William Winters, the sole attorney of record. William Winters has been withdrawn as attorneys or agents of record. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence address of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor or the assignee of the entire interest at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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In re Application of	:	
David S. Breed	:	
Application No. 12/250,114	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. ATI-513	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed December 14, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by an attorney on behalf of the inventor David S. Breed attesting to his age and a photocopy of applicant's passport. The above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3616 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
TUVAL, Yosi et al.	:	
Application No. 12/250,163	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **4529-107511**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 22, 2009.

The request is not approved because it is **moot.**

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to HUSCH BLACKWELL SANDERS, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on April 07, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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In re Application of	:	
Keith A. Marlow, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/250,165	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 085804-717400	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 25, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Morrison and Foerster has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on April 21, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

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In re Application of	:	
Donald H. MCNEIL	:	
Application No. 12/250,251	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. P08178US01	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed December 2, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a declaration statement by the applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2194 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Liang Hu	:	
Application No. 12/250,257	:	DECISION ON PETITIONS
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 688045-1U2	:	

This is a decision on the petitions, filed March 22, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the instant nonprovisional application for failure to timely notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multinational treaty that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. *See* 37 CFR 1.137(f). This is also a decision on the petition to expedite under 37 CFR 1.182.

The petitions are **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in an eighteen-month publication country on April 30, 2009. However, the USPTO was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in an eighteen-month publication country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition to revive an application abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) for failure to notify the USPTO of a foreign filing must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the USPTO of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of

such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request which sets forth the projected publication date of July 1, 2010 accompanies this decision on petition.

It is noted that in the petition to expedite, petitioner indicated that the application was intentionally abandoned. However in view of the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.137(f) for revival of an application for patent abandoned unintentionally, and the statement that the entire delay was unintentional; the words intentionally abandoned mentioned in the petition to expedite is being construed as unintentionally abandoned. If this is an incorrect interpretation, petition must notify the Office in writing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management.

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ATTACHMENT: Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request

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In re Application of: WITTENSCHLAEGER, THOMAS Serial No.: 12/250,342 Filed: October 13, 2008 Docket: 023466.0017US1 Title: SURFACE-SPACE MANAGED NETWORK FABRIC	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 13, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claims during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1 – I.4, II.1 – II.4, II5.1, II.5.3, II.6.1, II6.2, II.6.3 and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.2, II.6.4 and II.6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H)[1] and items II.5 and 5.2 above, the preexamination search must be directed to the (instant) claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

With respect to item II.5.2 above, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a limited classified search in the following class and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 370, subclasses 315, 384 and 406. This additional search area was confirmed with a Primary examiner in the pertinent art area (Class 370).

With regard to the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(4) and item 6.4 above, the concise statement of the utility ***must be of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims*** (reference must be made to independent claim 1).

Finally, with respect to the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(5) and item 6.5 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document only identifies specific figures and portions of text in the specification as providing support under 35 U.S.C. 112, First paragraph, but ***fails to specifically identify each claim limitation and the corresponding support in the cited portions of specification***. Clarification and identification of support is required. Similar clarification and identification of support is required for each claim limitation in Provisional applications 61/013,852, 61/014,306, 61/014,367, 61/023,004, 61/024,842, 61/079,892 and the parent application 12/120,024, from which the instant application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

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[1] MPEP 8th ed. rev 7 July 2008

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Chau Nguyen at (571) 272-3126.

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In re Application of:
WITTENSCHLAEGER, THOMAS
Serial No.: 12/250,342
Filed: October 13, 2008

Title: **SURFACE-SPACE MANAGED NETWORK FABRIC**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on January 28, 2009 requesting reconsideration that the above-identified application be made special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The original petition, submitted on October 13, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on December 31, 2008.

The renewed petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the supplemental search along with the orginal search now meets the requirements of condition II. 5 and 5.2.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01.

As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):

Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Chau Nguyen, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3126.

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In re Application of	:	
SIMON, Wayne	:	
Application No. 12/250,375	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **50417-00003**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 11, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Wayne Simon, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2624 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Tredelle D. Jackson
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In re Application of	:	
BABINGTON, Robert S.	:	
Application No. 12/250,389	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **20453-00042-US**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 23, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Robert Babington, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

Tredelle D. Jackson
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/250,420	10/13/2008	Yoshiyuki Yamaji	JP920050133US2	3741

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Yoshiyuki YAMAJI et al.	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/250,420	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 13 October 2008	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: JP920050133US2	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 15 October 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;
2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
    a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
    b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
    c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
3. Applicant must:
    a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and

b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

4. Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
    a. Documentation of prior office action:
        i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
        ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
        iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

    Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;

    b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
    c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
6. Applicant must submit:
    a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
    b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

This request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition is assessed as follows:

Conditions 2-7 above are considered to have been met. However the request to participate in the PPH program fails to meet condition 1.

Regarding condition 1, there is no proper claim of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to any application filed in the JPO. Petitioner has submitted two (2) Application Data Sheets (ADS). The first was filed 10/13/2008. The second was submitted 11/6/2008. The only indication in this application of a claim of foreign priority is in the second ADS. 37 C.F.R 1.76(c) states a supplemental ADS may be filed to correct or update information previously submitted on an ADS, however it **must** be titled "Supplemental Application Data Sheet" and **must** identify the information that is being changed. The second ADS submitted does not comply with 37 CFR 1.76(c), therefore there is no proper claim for foreign priority in this application.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be filed via the Electronic Filing System (EFS) with the Document Code PPH.PET.652 unless this is a request from the pilot program in which case a fax submission is also acceptable. Fax may be sent to Brian Sircus at 571 273 2058.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Brian Sircus at 571 272 2058.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

This application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Yoshiyuki YAMAJI et al.	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/250,420	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 13 October 2008	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: JP920050133US2	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 15 October 2008 and supplemented 15 December 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;
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    b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
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    a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and

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    b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
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    b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Brian Sircus at 571 272 2058.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

This application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	
Dante MONTEVERDE	
Application No. 12/250,421	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2008	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 35041-401200	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 3, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a declaration statement signed by the applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

This application is being referred back to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

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In re application of	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Jun Makihara et al.	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Serial No. 12/520,514	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: June 19, 2009	:	PROGRAM AND
For: THERMOSENSITIVE RECORDING	:	PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
MEDIUM	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed June 19, 2009.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;

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   b. An English translation of the allowable/ patentable claim(s), if applicable; and
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b. Copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application); and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program fails because:

Applicants have not submitted an IDS listing or submitted all documents cited in JPO Refusal of March 9, 2009 as required in item (6) above. A review of the JPO Dossier Access System shows these documents to be cited in the Refusal:

JP 54-128349-A
JP 2001-347757-A
JP 60-179290-A
JP 2003-154760-A
WO 2006/16506

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected within the time period given, the application with await action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

/Christine Tierney/

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In re Application of: Ohad SHACHAM et al Serial No.: 12/250,534 Filed: October 13, 2008 Title.: APPLYING CNF SIMPLICATION TECHNIQUES FOR SAT-BASED ABSTRACTION REFINEMENT	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed October 13, 2008.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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In re Application of:
HOBSON, STEPHEN J., et al
Serial No.: 12/250,536
Filed: October 13, 2008
Docket: GB920070189US2
Title: PUBLISH-SUBSCRIBE LOOPING DETECTION AND CORRECTION

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 13, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

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The application is eligible for accelerated examination, and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3126.

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In re Application of	:	
Toshiharu Ohta, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/250,586	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3)
Attorney Docket No. 329859US0DIV	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3), filed December 16, 2009 and supplemented on December 18, 2009, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the abandonment is hereby recognized.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

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I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

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COMMENTS

In the event that any fees are due, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge the required fees to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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In re Application of	:	
Richard Thomas Stanley, Sr., et al.	:	
Application No. 12/250,624	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 091115-0107	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 17, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Kristel Scherr on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the first named inventor Kristel Scherr at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

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cc: **Richard Thomas Stanley, Sr.**
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12/250,624	10/14/2008	Richard Thomas Stanley SR.	091115-0107

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 06/17/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
Raghavan, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/250,628	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. TI-65357	:	
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This is in response to petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed December 4, 2008.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached after diligent effort or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63; (3) the petition fee;

and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. Rule 47 applicant has not met requirement (2) above.

Also with respect to requirement (2), petitioner has failed to submit an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. The declaration is not acceptable because it contains a non-initialed, non-dated alteration to the residence and mailing address of inventor Tucker.[1] Regarding this, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states that it is "improper for anyone, including counsel, to alter, rewrite, or partly fill in any part of the application, including the oath or declaration, after execution of the oath or declaration by the applicant." Furthermore, the Office "will not consider whether noninitialed and/or nondated alterations were made before or after signing of the oath or declaration but will require a new oath or declaration."[2]

The petition fee of $200 and the $130 surcharge for late filing of the declaration have been charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0668, as authorized. No additional petition fee is required on renewed petition.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop Petitions
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By FAX: (571)273-8300
Attn: Office of Petitions

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

Cliff Congo
Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions

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[1] "Any interlineation, erasure, cancellation or other alteration of the application papers...should be dated and initialed or signed by the applicant on the same sheet of paper." 37 CFR 1.52(c)(1).

[2] MPEP 605.04(a).

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In re Application of	:	
Raghavan, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/250,628	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. TI-65357	:	
	:	

This is in response to renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed January 15, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

Applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on December 4, 2008. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on January 13, 2009. The petition was dismissed because applicant submitted a 37 CFR 1.63 declaration containing a non-initialed, non-dated alteration to the residence and mailing address of inventor Tucker.[1] Regarding this, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states that it is "improper for anyone, including counsel, to alter, rewrite, or partly fill in any part of the application, including the oath or declaration, after execution of the oath or declaration by the applicant." Furthermore, the Office "will not consider whether noninitialed and/or nondated alterations were made before or after signing of the oath or declaration but will require a new oath or declaration."[2]

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[2] MPEP 605.04(a).

With the instant renewed petition, applicant has submitted a proper 37 CFR 1.63 declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). Accordingly, the above-identified application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the last known address provided in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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In re Application of Raghavan, et al. Application No. 12/250,628 Filed: October 14, 2008 Title: Method of Screening Endothelial Cells for Angiogenic Capability	LETTER

Dear Mr. Tucker:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 USC 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a joint inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, agent of record would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (571)272-3207. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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In re Application of:
MCBREARTY, GERALD F., et al.
Serial No.: 12/250,669
Filed: October 14, 2008

Title: **KID'S CELL PHONE BUTTON THAT CALLS THE CLOSEST PARENT OR RELATIVE**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of: GANZ, HOWARD
Application No.: 12/250757
Filed: October 14, 2008
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TOY ADOPTION AND MARKETING

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 14, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, and 6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" herein below, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form "Petition to Make Special Under Accelerated Examination Program", the "pre-examination search document" (PESD) including pages 1-16; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-83, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in class 446 subclass 470.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference(s) and where the limitation is disclosed in each of the cited reference. As stated in the policy published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), for each reference cited, the examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. The policy statement does not caveat "the independent claims", nor does it allow for grouping and general discussions. A grantable petition must delineate every limitation of every claim and identify where the equivalent limitation is disclosed in each piece of prior art cited on the IDS. As is published on www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ in "Guidelines for Applicants under the new accelerated examination procedures"):

> *For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Applicants should specify where in each of the cited references the particular claim limitations are found. This process is intended to be analogous to the analysis an examiner uses when locating a relevant prior art reference and then determining whether the reference contains the claimed limitation. For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and all reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation is shown. When preparing an Office Action, the examiner would correlate the limitation to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation. This part of the AESD is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of every conceivable subjective interpretation of how a claim limitation may read on the reference. Applicants should point out what are considered to be the relevant representations of the limitation in the reference. A limitation may be found in more than one portion of the reference and should be pointed out, yet the intention is not to have applicants point out every conceivable interpretation. The USPTO will adopt a rule of reason when evaluating this portion of the AESD. Unless the representation is so deficient that it would materially effect examination of the application (e.g., numerous instances where the limitations are not shown where applicant states they are), the representation will be deemed to be sufficient for this part of the AESD.*

Petitioner's submission appears to contain inaccuracies. For example, on p. 19 of the AESD, with regard to Shrock, petitioner makes the following statement, reproduced below:

Further, with respect to claim 1, Shrock '593 does not teach or suggest providing a virtual room for a virtual replica of a toy. Further, the reference does not teach or suggest providing virtual furnishings for a virtual room, arranging such virtual furnishings, or interacting the virtual replica with such virtual furnishings.

Yet Shrock, on p. 3, paragraph [0027], a portion of which is reproduced below, teaches as follows:

> For example, you could buy a figurine that wants to go to White House (easy), on Air Force One(harder), or onto George Bush's desk in the Oval Office with a picture taken (even harder).

It appears that Shrock teaches a virtual room – "the Oval Office", providing furnishings – "George Bush's desk" and interacting with the such virtual furnishings – "a picture taken" (i.e., at the desk). For this reason, Petitioner failed to satisfy the requirement of condition II: 6.2. The requirement of section II element 6.2 can be satisfied by listing verbatim ("copy and paste") all the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) and by indicating where <u>each discrete limitation</u> (without bundling limitations to the extent possible) of each one of said presently filed claims is taught (or is not taught) in <u>each one</u> of the most closely related references that is cited, by specifically indicating the element number and/or the relevant page/paragraph and line number(s), or by indicating "(not disclosed)" where appropriate - in order to ensure that no limitation was left out inadvertently. Limitations for which antecedent basis has been established and mapped unto the prior art reference need not be mapped repeatedly (the first time suffice). However limitations not disclosed must be specifically singled out (without bundling with disclosed limitations – to the extent possible). Note that disclosure may be express, implicit, or inherent. Claim recitations must be complete. Statements such as "Limitation II(b) – (not disclosed)", i.e., statements that do not spell out the text of the relevant limitations should be avoided. This one-to-one mapping should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, one reference at a time. The requirement of this element calls for a straight mapping of each single limitation unto the prior art. Section II element 6.2 is not the proper venue to imply patentability by bundling limitations and concluding that the combination is not disclosed. Patentability arguments should be made only in response to the requirement of section II element 6.3.

With respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition appears to make inaccurate statements as to the definition over the prior art. For example, on p. 74 of the AESD, Applicant makes the following argument for patentability, reproduced below:

> In section 9(B), above, each limitation of each claim is discussed with respect to each reference. As should be apparent from the above discussion, with respect to independent claim 1, none of the references identified above teach every limitation of this claim, in particular, none of the references teach the combined steps of: 1) providing a toy that is represented on a website via a virtual replica of the toy, wherein the toy is associated with a registration code; and 2) interacting the virtual replica of the toy with at least one of one or more virtual furnishings. Further, for the following reasons, it would not be obvious to combine these references to arrive at the claimed combination of steps.

It is believed that sitting at a desk to have a picture taken, as discussed above with respect to Shrock, does read on the claimed toy interaction with a virtual furnishing. Further, with respect to the first clause of the above paragraph, Petitioner made the following statement on p. 19 of the AESD, reproduced below:

> Further, with respect to claim 1, Shrock '593 does not explicitly teach validating the registration code. In paragraph [0026], lines 6-9, the reference describes that a user purchases a figurine and then logs onto a web site and enters the unique figurine identifier. If the web server does not validate the figurine identifier, then a user could enjoy the benefits of the web site without having purchased a figurine, which is contrary to the purpose of the web site. Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement a process of validating a registration code in order to provide some assurances that the user has actually purchased a figurine as required.

Therefore, it is believed that the above obviousness statement made in response to condition II: 6.2 contradicts the patentability argument made in response to condition II: 6.3. For this reason, it is believed that Petitioner failed to satisfy the requirements of condition II: 6.3. The requirement of section II element 6.3 can be satisfied by indicating for <u>each one</u> of the presently filed claims (i.e., the claims of the instant application) which <u>specific</u> i.e., <u>discrete</u> limitation(s) in <u>each one</u> of said presently filed claims define(s) over each one of the most closely related references that is cited. This patentability showing should be performed individually, with regard to each one of the most closely related prior art that is cited, <u>one reference at a time</u>. Patentability arguments must specifically spell out the relevant limitation(s); prior art patents can be referred to by the last name of the first inventor. Statements such as "Reference A does not teach limitation II(b)" will suffice, as long as the reference name and the text of the specific limitation are fully spelled out in the statement. Lack of obviousness analysis for combining two or more references should be performed when a "most closely related prior art" reference clearly indicates reasons for such combination. With regard to each dependent claim, there should be an unequivocal statement whether the patentability of each dependent claim is predicated solely on that of the claim from which it depends (e.g., "Dependent claim X is patentable solely because of the limitations of the claims from which it depends" - will suffice), or Applicant should provide a detailed explanation of patentability specific to that particular claim (only if the claim recites new limitations that further define over the prior art).

It is noted that the above discussion addressed the deficiencies of the present petition by way of examples. Petitioner should carefully evaluate the entire AESD, before submitting for reconsideration.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address all of the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of: GANZ, HOWARD
Application No.: 12/250757
Filed: 10/14/2008
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TOY ADOPTION AND MARKETING

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on January 2, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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Application No. 12250764

Filed: October 14,2008

Attorney Docket No. 2090

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 07-AUG-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Application No. 12/250,773	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. CUL0005		

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed June 30, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **granted**.

This application became abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application mailed October 29, 2008. The notice set a shortened period for reply of two-months from its mailing date. Extensions of time were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The notice required replacement drawings and an executed oath or declaration to be filed. A response was not received within the allowable period and the application became abandoned on December 30, 2008.

The replacement drawings were received June 29, 2009.

The executed declaration was received June 30, 2009.

This application is being directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☑ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html.
4. ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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Application No. 12/250,828	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 14 October 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 5308-727	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 30 December 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2879 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 14, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by the applicant. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Upon completion of the pre-examination processing by the Office of Patent Application Processing, this application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3643 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of Urban et al. Application No. 12/250,899 Filed: October 14, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 8285-982	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 5, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Scott W. Brim on behalf of all practitioners of record associated with Customer Number 83808. The request cannot be approved since the practitioners of record were not appointed by Customer Number. The practitioners were appointed power of attorney individually, by Registration Number and therefore, any subsequent request must reflect withdrawal of the associated practitioners in the same manner.

The correspondence address will remain unchanged since the address provided with the petition herein is the same as the current address of record.

There is an outstanding Office action mailed July 24, 2009 that requires a reply.

The address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
Sukarno Mertoguno	:	
Application No. 12/250,949	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	
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This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 20, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 29, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 30, 2008. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 9, 2009.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) (1) & (3).

The required reply according to the Notice of Missing Parts is incomplete. Replacement drawings and an oath or declaration is still required.

There is no statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 137(b) was unintentional because the second page of the petition with the statement and signature is missing.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2991.

Terri Johnson

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In re Application of Sukarno Mertoguno Application No. 12/250,949 Filed: October 14, 2008	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 19, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed October 29, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 30, 2008. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 9, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an oath/declaration, replacement drawings, the $65 surcharge, and the $195 additional claims fee, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action on the reply received.

Terri Johnson

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In re Application of	:	
Richard H. Selinfreund	:	
Application No. 12/250,996	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. VTI-114.6(B)(CIP)(C)	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 22, 2009 and resubmitted February 5, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Marvin R. Wachs on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 47670. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 47670 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the first named signing inventor at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

/AMW/
April M. Wise
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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12/250,996	10/14/2008	Richard H. Selinfreund	VTI-122.3(B)(P)(US)(C)

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/05/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
Craig M. Whitehouse et al	:	
Application No. 12/251,023	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No.	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed October 15, 2008, under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee), requesting refund of the filing fee for the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant application was an unintended duplicate filing via EFS-Web.

37 CFR 1.26(a) states, in part: "The Director may refund any fee paid by mistake or in excess of that required. A change of purpose after the payment of a fee, such as when a party desires to withdraw a patent filing for which the fee was paid, including an application, an appeal, or a request for an oral hearing, will not entitle a party to a refund of such fee."

However, the Office may find a mistake pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26, waive the presumption in 37 CFR 1.26 that applications are not entitled to filing fee refunds, and refund the filing fees associated with unintended duplicate application filings via EFS-Web.

The Office has accepted petitioner's statement as an assertion that the duplicate application was filed by mistake. Accordingly, the filing fee of $462.00, submitted on October 14, 2008, has been credited to petitioner's credit card account.

As no further action will be taken in this application, this matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management for express abandonment of the subject application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

Karen Creasy
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Mail Date: 04/20/2010

Applicant	: Yuji YASUI	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7661407	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 02/16/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/251,069	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/14/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re application of	:	**DECISION ON PETITION**
Bous et al.	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/251,202	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OFFERING AND FULFILLING SITUATION-BASED, LOCATION SPECIFIC REWARDS AND OFFERS TO MOBILE-ORIENTED CONSUMERS

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 14, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications

under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition in this case fails to comply with conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2, II.6.3, and II.6.5.

Regarding Condition II.5.1, it is required that Applicant's search involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement. Applicant did not search most of the database files recommended by the search template. Applicant is reminded that search templates, specific to each class/subclass, may be found at http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/. For example, the instant application is best classified in 705/14. Looking toward the available search templates and recommended areas of search for class 705/14 (see http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/class705-014.htm) some of the more relevant search areas would include a text search in the listed Non-Patent Literature database files. A comprehensive list of recommended database files is found on the 705/14 search template web page as well. Especially relevant to the claimed subject matter are database files such as:

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EBSCOhost Research Databases
Examiner's Electronic Digest Database
Gale Group Computer DatabaseTM
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As per Condition II.5.2, the preexamination search must be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation. While Applicant conducted good searches, Applicant did not search all of the claimed features. In particular, Applicant did not search the features he indicated as patentable such as: "the advertisement being associated prior to transmission with an identification card." It is important that Applicant more thoroughly search this feature in order to make a patentability determination with greater confidence.

A recommended search query for the above features that may be executed in all databases of East is as follows:

> L1 ((advertis$5 or ad$1 or promot$4) near5 (associat$4 or link$3) near5 (ID or card$1 or identification)) same ((prior or previous$3 or before) near3 (transm$6 or send$3))

Please keep in mind that this is a non-limiting search suggestion and is only meant to serve as a possible starting point for Applicant's preexamination search for the specific feature of "the advertisement being associated prior to transmission with an identification card." Furthermore, the search conducted previously by the applicant was done over 6 months ago, and is not considered to be current. It is recommended that the search in all databases including US patent, US patent applications, Foreign and NPL, be updated to include any publications or patents which have been published in the last 6 months. Additional guidance regarding the proper manner of performing and documenting a preexamination search may be found on the following web site: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ Applicant is expected to perform more supplemental searches than the sample search query listed above.

Further regarding Condition II.5.2, the search that was performed for the NPL databases, is overly broad. It is recommended that the applicant repeat the search that was conducted in the US Patent databases as well as the above recommended search for the patentable feature, in the NPL search.

Regarding Condition II.6.2, Applicant fails to map out each claim limitation to all of the references cited on the submitted Information Disclosure Statements. This should be done for each claim as it pertains to each reference cited on the IDSs. If Applicant feels that certain references are less relevant to the patentability determination of the claimed invention and, therefore, would prefer not to map these references in detail to each claim limitation, then Applicant may submit an IDS that is designated as the IDS pertinent to the Accelerated Examination petition. Less relevant references may be cited on a separate IDS. Specific guidance regarding the proper content of an IDS submitted with a Petition for Accelerated Examination may be found at http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ae_faq_091207.pdf (see pages 1-3 in particular).

Further regarding Condition II.6.2, Applicant has failed to map out each claim limitation to all of the references cited in the Support Document as being relevant. The applicant starts to do this for some of the references, however for the Matsubura reference, the applicant has simply given a general statement of what Matsubura discloses, but has not mapped it to specific claim limitations.

As to condition II.6.3, there is not a satisfactory detailed explanation of claim patentability over each of the references. The explanation needs to specify how each of the claims (not just the independent claims) are patentable over each of the cited references, which includes the need to specify whether each of the dependent claims are separately patentable beyond the limitations contained in the independent claims, and if so how, or a statement made that the dependent claims are not separately patentable. Also, when explaining that a limitation is not taught by the prior art it should be made clear which specific portion of the limitation is not taught or made clear that no part of the limitation is taught by any of the references. The applicant has made a blanket statement that various dependent claims also recite additional subject matter, however has failed to disclose whether any of this additional subject matter is considered to be separately patentable or not.

As per Condition II.6.5. a showing of where <u>each</u> limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification is required. Applicant only mapped out support from the disclosure of the instant application for the claims as whole. Such a mapping should be performed separately for each limitation for each claim. The mapping should also include the support for each of the parent cases. The current application claims priority back to a provisional application, therefore support should be shown back to the provisional application as well.

The petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within one (1) month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the date of this decision. No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) if the request is to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt at (571) 272-6633, or C. Michelle Tarae at (571) 272-6727, Business Practice Specialists or Jamisue Plucinski, Primary Examiner, at (571) 272-6811.

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Filed: October 14, 2008
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OFFERING AND FULFILLING SITUATION-BASED, LOCATION SPECIFIC REWARDS AND OFFERS TO MOBILE-ORIENTED CONSUMERS

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 14, 2008 and the supplemental petition documents filed December 22, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the

first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed to a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated

examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

    If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is

involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Robert Weinhardt, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6633, or C. Michelle Tarae, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6727.

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In re Application of: NAKAMURA et al.
Application No. 12/251,313
Filed: October 14, 2008
For: SECURITY POLICY GENERATION

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed October 15, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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Mail Date: 04/21/2010

Applicant	: Atman Zhao	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7619435	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 11/17/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/251,387	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/14/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of	:	
Gary A. MORAIS	:	
Application No. 12/251,405	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 62898/G660	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 2, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Wesley W. Monroe on behalf of the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 23363.

The attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 23363 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below, until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

/DCG/
Diane C. Goodwyn
Petitions Examiner
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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/02/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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Joseph Molinaro	:	
Application No. 12/251,436	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 076005.0103	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 28, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Baker Botts L.L.P. has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on December 14, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

Terri Johnson
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In re Application of	:	
Shiota, SHIGEMASA et al.	:	
Application No. 12/251,444	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 14, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. XA-9798D	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 07, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed November 05, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 06, 2009.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of the $330 Statutory basic filing fee, the $130 Surcharge, the $540 application Search fee, and the $220 examination fee; (2) the petition fee of $1620; and the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of November 05, 2008 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ella Colbert at (571) 272-6741 or in her absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

The application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action on the concurrently filed Notice.

Cliff Bottorff

for David Bucci
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12/251,535	10/15/2008	Chikara WATARAI	ONKYP0142US	5791

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In re Application of: WATARAI C.
Application No. 12/251,535
Filed: October 15, 2008
For: Hot-plug signal output apparatus and hot-plug signal input/output apparatus.

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed **April 30, 2010** to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application is
(a) a Paris Convention application which either
(i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims,

Or

(b) a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim,

Or

(c) a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim.

Where the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims is not the same application for which priority is claimed in the U.S. application, applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims and the JPO priority application claimed in the U.S. application.

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s)just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy; b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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In re Application of	
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Application No.: 12/251,566	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Filed: 15 October 2008	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Attorney Docket No.: ONKYP0143US	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
For: AUDIO APPARATUS,	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
SWITCHING POWER SUPPLY, AND	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
SWITCHING CONTROL METHOD	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 02 June 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;

2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

3. Applicant must

a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
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   b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

6. Applicant must submit:
   a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
   b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);

Conditions (1), (2), and (4) - (6) above are considered to have been met. However, the request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fails meet condition (3).

Regarding the requirement of condition (3), applicant has failed to ensure that all the claims in the U.S. application sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claims in the JPO application. Claims 1 and 2 of the JPO application recites various "means" while claims 1 and 2 of the instant application recite corresponding "sections." These terms are not of the same scope.

Applicant is given **ONE** opportunity within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be filed via the Electronic Filing System (EFS) using the document description: Petition to make special under Patent Pros Hwy. Any preliminary amendments and IDS submitted with the PPH documents must be separately indexed as a preliminary amendment and IDS, respectively.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

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Applicant	: Lee D. Whetsel	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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Issue Date	: 11/03/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Application No	: 12/251,600	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/15/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Application No. 12/251,627	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **093286-0154**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 15, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to FOLEY AND LARDNER LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on December 02, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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In re Application of :
Ramin Farjad-Rad :
Application No. 12/251,792 :
Filed: October 15, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. 3003C

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 3, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 15, 2010 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2611 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed amendment.

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[1] The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

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: DECISION ON PETITION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed May 3, 2010, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) for the benefit of priority to a prior-filed provisional application.

The petition is **DISMISSED.**

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and must be filed during the pendency of the nonprovisional application. In addition, the petition must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition does not comply with item (1):

A reference to the prior-filed provisional application has been included in an amendment to the first sentence of the specification following the title.

A review of the written record shows that the amendment as drafted is improper as Application No. 10/764,003 does not properly claim benefit to the provisional application 60/441,911.

Accordingly, before the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) can be granted, a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) and either an Application Data Sheet or a substitute amendment (complying with 37 CFR 1.121 and 37 CFR 1.76(b)(5)).

As authorized, the $1410 fee required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)(ii) will be charged to petitioner's Deposit Account No. 50-5066.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone questions concerning this matter may be directed to April M. Wise at (571) 272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of: COPE, Brian Charles et. al. ::
Serial No.: **12/251,920** ::
Filed: October 15, 2008 :
Docket: GB920070109US2 (21550Z) ::
Title: USE OF TEMPLATE MESSAGES TO OPTIMIZE A SOFTWARE MESSAGING SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 15, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(1) each means-(or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and

(2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support

under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions [I. 1-4, II. 1-5, II. 5.1-5.3, and II 6.1 - 6.4, 6.6] above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions [III. 6.5]. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) I (5), and item III. 6.5 above, the Accelerated Support Document (AESD) must include: an indication showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification.

MPEP 708.02(a) I (5) (ii) states "If the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in each such application in which such support exists."

Although the AESD has presented 112, first paragraph support for the claims to the instant application, this mapping is insufficient because the Application Data Sheet claims domestic priority to parent application 11/947,639 now patent 7,444,596 and as such requires a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support to U.S.C. 120 in this parent application.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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Filed: October 15, 2008
Atty. Docket: GB920070109US2 (21550Z)
For: USE OF TEMPLATE MESSAGES TO OPTIMIZE A SOFTWARE MESSAGING SYSTEM

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on April 23, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 15, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on March 30, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Accelerated Examination Support Document filed April 23, 2009 meet the requirements of conditions II 6.5.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing a showing of where each limitation of the claim finds 35 USC 112, first paragraph support to the priority application, when performing a complete search have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant

after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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Application No. 12/251,924	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. AM101869	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed January 13, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

The last known address of the non-signing inventor is presumed to that as set forth in the petition as "his address" and on the Application Datasheet. If this is not a correct interpretation of the facts set forth in the petition, petitioner must promptly notify the Office.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2305.

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Dear Sir:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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In re Application of Daniel Langenegger Application Number: 12/251982 Deposited: 10/15/2008 Attorney Docket Number: 40424-262754	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(e)(2) AND 1.181 AND ALTERNATIVELY 1.57(A) IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION," filed on January 30, 2009, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 15, 2008.

BACKGROUND

On October 15, 2008, the application was deposited. The application papers consisted of, *inter alia*, 13 pages of written description, four (4) pages containing 12 claims, an executed declaration, and an Application Data Sheet (ADS).

Accordingly, on December 18, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, stating the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented."

On January 30, 2009, the present petition was filed. Petitioner concedes that the drawings were inadvertently omitted from the application papers deposited on October 16, 2008, but requests a filing date of October 15, 2008, because the application claims priority to prior-filed European Patent Office (EPO) Application 07405314.1 filed on October 19, 2007, which contains the inadvertently omitted drawings. A preliminary amendment including a copy of the drawings present on filing in the prior-

filed application has been provided with the petition. Petitioners additionally supplied a copy of the German-language EPO application, an English translation thereof, and a statement the translation is accurate.

Relying on §1.57(a), applicant asserts that the drawings are effectively incorporated by reference.

OPINION

37 CFR 1.57 states, in pertinent part:

> (a) Subject to the conditions and requirements of this paragraph, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under § 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under § 1.55 or § 1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s).
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> (1) The application must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by § 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier. The applicant is also required to:
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> (i) Supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;
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> (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
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> (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.

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(3) If an application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b), the amendment must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph, accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f).

The petition lacks item (1). Petitioners have not provided an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawings as required by 37 CFR 1.57(a). Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(a) amendments in applications, other than reissue applications, are made by filing a paper, in compliance with § 1.52, directing that specified amendments be made. An amendment on a separate sheet of paper requesting entry of the drawings must be filed.

A renewed petition, accompanied by the required amendment, including the omitted drawings, must be filed.

It is noted that petitioner argues that the application was complete as filed because a Request to Retrieve Electronic Priority Application referencing the prior-filed foreign application was deposited with the original application papers. Petitioner's argument is not persuasive, however, as to be entitled to a filing date, the application, including the drawings, must be filed with the application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b). Assuming, *arguendo*, that the priority document containing the drawings had been filed with the application, a petition under 37 CFR 1.53, and the requisite fee, would still be required to accord the application a filing date based on the drawings included in the priority document.

The petition fee has been received, and no additional fee is due.

Any request for reconsideration should be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** of the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. This time period may <u>not</u> be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136.

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Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at 571.272.3231.

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In re Application of Daniel Langenegger Application Number: 12/251982 Deposited: 10/15/2008 Attorney Docket Number: 40424-262754	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed on March 30, 2009, of the previously filed petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 15, 2008.

BACKGROUND

On October 15, 2008, the application was deposited. The application papers consisted of, *inter alia*, 13 pages of written description, four (4) pages containing 12 claims, an executed declaration, and an Application Data Sheet (ADS).

Accordingly, on December 18, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, stating the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented."

On January 30, 2009, the initial petition was filed. Petitioner concedes that the drawings were inadvertently omitted from the application papers deposited on October 15, 2008, but requests a filing date of October 15, 2008, because the application claims priority to prior-filed European Patent Office (EPO) Application 07405314.1 filed on October 19, 2007, which contains the

inadvertently omitted drawings. A copy of the drawings asserted to be present on filing in the prior-filed application has been provided with the initial petition. Petitioners additionally supplied a copy of the German-language EPO application, an English translation thereof, and a statement the translation is accurate.

On March 5, 2009, the initial petition was dismissed because an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawings as required by 37 CFR 1.57(a) had not been filed.

On March 30, 2009, the subject renewed petition was filed, accompanied by an amendment requesting that the inadvertently omitted drawings be entered in the application.

Relying on §1.57(a), applicant again asserts that the drawings are effectively incorporated by reference.

OPINION

37 CFR 1.57 states, in pertinent part:

> (a) Subject to the conditions and requirements of this paragraph, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under § 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under § 1.55 or § 1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s).
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> (1) The application must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by § 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier. The applicant is also required to:
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> (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
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> (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.
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> (3) If an application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b), the amendment must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph, accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f).

A review of the application as filed reveals that it included, in the specification and the Application Data Sheet as present on filing, a claim to the benefit of prior-filed European Patent Application No. 07405314.1, filed on October 19, 2007. A copy of the prior-filed foreign application, an English language translation thereof, and a statement that the translation is accurate were filed with the initial petition on January 30, 2009. The petition fee has been received. Furthermore, the subject renewed petition is accompanied by a preliminary amendment adding the omitted drawings.

In view thereof, the petition under § 1.57(a) is **GRANTED**. The amendment will be entered in due course.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for according of a filing date of **October 15, 2008**, using the application papers received in the Office on that date and the three (3) sheets of drawings submitted with the present petition, and for an indication in Office records that three (3) sheets of drawings were present on filing.

The application is referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing with a filing date of **October 15, 2008**. Applicant will receive appropriate notification regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OPAP.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at 571.272.3231.

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In re Application of	:	
Leslie BROMBERG	:	
Application No. 12/251,995	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No.	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 14, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed October 28, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 29, 2008.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(c). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information. *See* MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item (3) above.

The statement of delay is not acceptable. In this regard, petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.33(b), which states.

> (b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:
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> (1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);

(2) A registered patent attorney or patent agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;

(3) An assignee as provided for under §3.71(b) of this chapter; or

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

An unsigned amendment (or other paper) or one not properly signed by a person having authority to prosecute the application is not entered. This applies, for instance, where the amendment (or other paper) is signed by only one of two applicants and the one signing has not been given a power of attorney by the other applicant.

Therefore, as the petition is not signed by all the inventors and the record herein fails to disclose that petitioner herein Ching Wu was ever given a power of attorney to act on behalf of inventor Leslie Bromberg, or that he is an assignee of the entire interest and has complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.73(b), the petition is considered to not contain a proper statement of unintentional delay.

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4231.

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Application No. 12/251,995	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 29, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed October 28, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 29, 2008.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of the required replacement drawings; (2) the petition fee of $810.00; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers of October 28, 2008 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at (571) 272-4231.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of: Bultrowicz et al.
Application No. 12/252,033

Filed: October 15, 2008

For: **SHARED COMMENTS FOR ONLINE DOCUMENT COLLABORATION**

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), filed February 13, 2009, requesting acceptance of color drawings.

The petition requests that the color drawings, identified to be Figures 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D of the instant application, be accepted in lieu of black and white drawings.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) must be accompanied by a fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), three (3) sets of the color drawings in question, a black and white photocopy of said drawings, and the specification must contain, or be amended to contain, the following language as the first paragraph in that portion of the specification relating to the brief description of the drawings:

"The patent or application file contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication *with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee."*

The petition was filed with the required fee and 3 (three) sets of color drawings. The specification at page 3, para. [0013.5], contains the entire notification described above.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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Application No. 12/252,060	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 49414-77383	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed July 15, 2009, to expunge information from the above identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

Petitioner requests that a document entitled Application Data Sheet (ADS), "previously" filed, be expunged from the record.

The petition is deficient because there is no statement to:

(B) it is stated that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted;
(C) the information has not otherwise been made public;
(D) there is a commitment on the part of the petitioner to retain such information for the period of any patent with regard to which such information is submitted.

Petitioner is directed to MPEP 724.05(II).

Further, the petition does not clearly identify the information requested to be expunged. The petition merely requests that the "previous" ADS be expunged. It is assumed petitioner intends the ADS filed October 15, 2008. Clarification is required.

Telephone inquiries concerning this communication should be directed to Carl Friedman at (571) 272-6842.

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Application No. 12/252,105	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 09696-00037-US1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 21, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed November 3, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. A five month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 4, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a declaration, the required fee and replacement drawings; (2) the petition fee of $810; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-6735.

This application is being referred back to the Office of Data Management for further processing.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 15, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from the applicant declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Terri Williams

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In re application of Kiyoshiro Ueoka et al. Application No. 12/252,228 Filed: October 15, 2008 For: VEHICLE CONTROLLER AND CONTROL METHOD	: : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 22, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the Office action from the JPO application just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" (e.g., the latest "Notification of Reasons for Refusal") from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims that are the basis for the request along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu at 571-272-7045. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application will be forwarded to an examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Teri P. Luu/

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Attorney Docket No. QIM 2008 P 00677 US	:	

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36, filed June 17, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because it lacks a forwarding correspondence address of the first named inventor or a properly intervening assignee.

If the forwarding correspondence address is to the assignee, the Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *that properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71.* 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

The assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2991.

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This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36, filed June 17, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because it lacks a forwarding correspondence address of the first named inventor or a properly intervening assignee.

If the forwarding correspondence address is to the assignee, the Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *that properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71.* 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

The assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2991.

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In re Application of	:	
LEE, DAE WON, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/252,270	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No.: **2101-3574**	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed April 26, 2010 and supplemented on April 21, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Doris To at 571-272-7629.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of Kenneth Blum, William J. Heaney, and Roger L. Waite Application No. 12/252,271 Filed: October 15, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 23223P001 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO STIMULATE CELL INITIATED NITRIC OXIDE (NO) ACTIVATION, INTERSTITIAL PROTEIN CLEARANCE, AND ANGIOGENESIS	DECISION ON PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(A)

This is in response to the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), filed on January 5, 2009.[1]

This petition is **DISMISSED**.

On October 15, 2008, the application was filed, identifying Kenneth Blum, William J. Heaney, and Roger L. Waite as joint inventors. No oath or declaration was included on filing. On November 3, 2008, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted" (notice) was mailed, requiring a fully executed oath or declaration and the surcharge associated with the late submission of the same. The notice set a two-month period for response.

On January 3, 2009, Petitioner submitted this petition in response to the notice,[2] along with a declaration that has been executed by Kenneth Blum and William J. Heaney, the fee that is associated with the late submission of an oath or declaration, a

1 A supplement to this petition was submitted on January 14, 2009.
2 It is noted that January 3, 2009 fell on a Saturday.

portion of the petition fee,[3] the last-known address of non-signing inventor Waite, a statement of facts, a copy of a letter, and a United Parcel Service tracking report which indicates that this package was delivered to the wrong address.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) requires:

(1) the petition fee of $200;
(2) a surcharge of either $65 or $130 if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f);
(3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
(4) either
  a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
  b) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, and;
(5) a declaration which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Petitioner has met requirements (1) - (3) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a).

Regarding the fourth requirement of Rule 1.47(a), the record does not support a finding that a complete copy of the application was sent to the last-known address of the non-signing inventor. Petitioner has asserted that on December 16, 2008, an employee of the Assignee of record by the name of Ryan Heaney sent a "copy of the patent application for review along with the Declaration"[4] to the last known address of the non-signing inventor, and provided him with two days to review and sign the declaration.

Petitioner has further provided a copy of the tracking report, has indicated that the tracking report contains the wrong address, and has asserted that Mr. Heaney "confirmed that he spoke to Roger Waite, who acknowledged receipt of

3 Petitioner submitted $130 towards the $200 petition fee. The deficiency will be charged to Petitioner's Deposit Account, as authorized in the Fee Transmittal sheet submitted concurrently with this petition.
4 Petition, page 1.

the application" and orally refused to execute the declaration.[5] It is noted that the petition is silent as to the address at which this communication was received. It is further noted that a statement from Mr. Heaney has not been provided.

Petitioner will note that **any statement that pertains to the presentation should be made by one having firsthand knowledge of the event. Statements based on hearsay are not normally accepted.**

On renewed petition, Petitioner should provide **a statement from Mr. Heaney, attesting to all relevant facts.** Moreover, Mr. Heaney should indicate whether it was a *complete* copy of the application that was sent to the non-signing inventor.

Regarding the fifth requirement of Rule 1.47(a), it is unclear whether the declaration complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(a)(2), as **it cannot be determined if the declaration correctly sets forth the correct address of the non-signing inventor.** As set forth above, the address that appears on the UPS tracking report does not match the last known address, which is the address to which the communication was addressed. On renewed petition, a statement must be provided which indicates whether:

- this package was delivered to the last known address of 4617 Carmel Brooks Way and the address which appears on the tracking report is a typographical error, or;
- the package was actually received by the non-signing inventor at 4017 Carmel Brooks Way and the address which appears on the declaration is incorrect.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, any response to this decision must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are permitted. The reply should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)". This is not a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C § 704.

Any response to this decision should indicate in a prominent manner that the attorney handling this matter is Paul Shanoski, and may be submitted by mail,[6] hand-delivery,[7] or facsimile.[8]

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5 Id. at 2.
6 Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450.

Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit a response to this decision via EFS-Web.[9]

If responding by mail, Petitioner is advised not to place the undersigned's name on the envelope. Only the information that appears in the footnote should be included - adding anything else to the address will delay the delivery of the response to the undersigned.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.[10]

/Paul Shanoski/
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7 Customer Window, Randolph Building, 401 Dulaney Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.
8 (571) 273-8300- please note this is a central facsimile number.
9 https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/authenticateuserlocalepf.html
10 Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any of Petitioner's further action(s).

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In re Application of Kenneth Blum, William J. Heaney, and Roger L. Waite Application No. 12/252,271 Filed: October 15, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 23223P001 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO STIMULATE CELL INITIATED NITRIC OXIDE (NO) ACTIVATION, INTERSTITIAL PROTEIN CLEARANCE, AND ANGIOGENESIS	DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(A)

This is in response to the renewed petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), filed on April 29, 2009.

This renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

On October 15, 2008, the application was filed, identifying Kenneth Blum, William J. Heaney, and Roger L. Waite as joint inventors. No oath or declaration was included on filing. On November 3, 2008, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted" (notice) was mailed, requiring a fully executed oath or declaration and the surcharge associated with the late submission of the same. The notice set a two-month period for response.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) requires:

(1) the petition fee of $200;
(2) a surcharge of either $65 or $130 if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(f);

(3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
(4) either
  a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
  b) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, and;
(5) a declaration which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

On January 3, 2009, Petitioner submitted an original petition in response to the notice,[1] along with a declaration that has been executed by Kenneth Blum and William J. Heaney, the fee that is associated with the late submission of an oath or declaration, a portion of the petition fee,[2] the last-known address of non-signing inventor Waite, a statement of facts, a copy of a letter, and a United Parcel Service tracking report which indicates that this package was delivered to the wrong address. A supplement to the original petition was filed on January 14, 2009.

The original petition was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on March 6, 2009, which indicated that requirements (1) - (3) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) had been satisfied.

With this renewed petition, Petitioner has included a statement from Mr. Heaney,[3] which indicates that a complete copy of the application that was sent to the last-known address of the non-signing inventor, and that the non-signing joint inventor has confirmed that package was received at the 4017 Carmel Brooks Way address. As such, the fourth and fifth requirements of Rule 1.47(a) have been met.

<u>Each of the five requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) has been satisfied</u>. This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), this Office will forward

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1 It is noted that January 3, 2009 fell on a Saturday.
2 The deficiency in the petition fee has been charged to Petitioner's Deposit Account.
3 It is noted in passing that Mr. Heaney's declaration of facts makes reference to an "[e]xhibit 2" that was purportedly attached to the declaration of facts, and no such attachment is present in the electronic file.

notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address that appears on the declaration submitted with the original petition pursuant to Rule 1.47(a). Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the *Official Gazette*.

The Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) will be notified of this decision, and jurisdiction over the application is transferred to OPAP, so that the application may receive further processing.

Petitioner will receive appropriate notifications regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OPAP.

The general phone number for OPAP is 571-272-4000. Telephone inquiries **regarding this decision** should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.[4]

/Paul Shanoski/
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4 Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.

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In re Application of	:	
Daivid Harriman	:	
Application No. 12/252,303	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **21058/0209820-US0**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed July 10, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request cannot be approved.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

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Daivid Harriman	:	
Application No. 12/252,303	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 15, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **21058/0209820-US0**	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed August 17, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 07278 has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on August 21, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

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In re Application of: K. YOSHIDA
Application No. 12/252362
Filed: October 16, 2008
Atty. Docket No.: 04329.4396
For: LOGIC SIMULATOR AND LOGIC SIMULATION METHOD

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 25, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application is
(a) a Paris Convention application which either
(i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims,

Or

(b) a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim,

Or

(c) a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
(i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

(ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
(iii) contains no priority claim.

Where the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims is not the same application for which priority is claimed in the U.S. application, applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application that contains the allowable/patentable claims and the JPO priority application claimed in the U.S. application.

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit:
a. Documentation of prior office action:
i. a copy of the office action(s)just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy; b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition failed:

A. Item 3 above. Specifically,

1) the means plus function language in all the claims allowed in the Japanese application have been replaced by other terminology. For example, in claim 17 of the US application, "means for, at a specific point...", has been replaced by "information holder configured, at a specific point ...", etc. These changes change the scope of the claim, and hence the claims of the instant U.S. application does not substantially correspond to the same limitation in the corresponding claims in the "Decision to Grant a Patent" of the JPO application.

With regard to claim 19 of the US application, on lines 13 -22: the logic simulation apparatus comprising :

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"the predetermined constraint information ..." ; however in the corresponding claim in the JPO, ""the predetermined constraint information ..." is not part of the logic simulation apparatus. These changes change the scope of the claim, and hence the claims of the instant U.S. application does not substantially correspond to the same limitation in the corresponding claims in the "Decision to Grant a Patent" of the JPO application.

The reviewer has listed a few here, as examples. Applicant is requested to review the claims in view of the comments above to make sure that all the claims are in compliance with guidelines set forth above for a grantable petition to make special.

The Petition is **DISMISSED**.

Applicant is given a time period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, to correct the deficiencies. NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.

If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must submitted by EFS-Web using the document description "Petition to make special under Pat Pros Hwy".

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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In re Application of	:	
Akihisa Wanibe.	:	
Application No.: 12/252390	:	DECISION ON
Filing or 371(c) Date: 10/16/2008	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket Number: Q110642	:	

This is a decision in response to the "Petition for New Notice to File Missing Parts," filed April 6, 2009. The petition is properly treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181.

This Petition is hereby **dismissed**.

Any further petition must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under [insert the applicable code section]." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice"), mailed November 5, 2008. The Notice set a two (2) month period for reply. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on January 6, 2009. This Decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

Applicant files the present petition and statement from the practitioner attesting to the fact that the Notice was not received, and a search of the file jacket and docket records of the present application and of the docket for the present application indicates that the Notice was not received. In support of this assertion, Applicant files a copy of the internal docket for all Office actions received from this Office during the period from November 3, 2008 through November 13, 2008, as well as a copy of the file jacket. Applicant provides that as a routine matter, mail received from this Office is first processed and recorded by the docketing department.

Applicable Law, Rules and MPEP

The MPEP 711.03(c)A, Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure To Receive Office Action, provides

> In Delgar v. Schulyer, 172 USPQ 513 (D.D.C. 1971), the court decided that the Office should mail a new Notice of Allowance in view of the evidence presented in

support of the contention that the applicant's representative did not receive the original Notice of Allowance. Under the reasoning of Delgar, an allegation that an Office action was never received may be considered in a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. If adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment and remail the Office action. That is, the reasoning of Delgar is applicable regardless of whether an application is held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee (35 U.S.C. 151) or for failure to prosecute (35 U.S.C. 133).

To minimize costs and burdens to practitioners and the Office, the Office has modified the showing required to establish nonreceipt of an Office action. The showing required to establish nonreceipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner describing the system used for recording an Office action received at the correspondence address of record with the USPTO. The statement should establish that the docketing system is sufficiently reliable. It is expected that the record would include, but not be limited to, the application number, attorney docket number, the mail date of the Office action and the due date for the response.

Practitioner must state that the Office action was not received at the correspondence address of record, and that a search of the practitioner's record(s), including any file jacket or the equivalent, and the application contents, indicates that the Office action was not received. A copy of the record(s) used by the practitioner where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received is required.

A copy of the practitioner's record(s) required to show non-receipt of the Office action should include the master docket for the firm. That is, if a three month period for reply was set in the nonreceived Office action, a copy of the master docket report showing all replies docketed for a date three months from the mail date of the nonreceived Office action must be submitted as documentary proof of nonreceipt of the Office action. If no such master docket exists, the practitioner should so state and provide other evidence such as, but not limited to, the following: the application file jacket; incoming mail log; calendar; reminder system; or the individual docket record for the application in question.

The showing outlined above may not be sufficient if there are circumstances that point to a conclusion that the Office action may have been lost after receipt rather than a conclusion that the Office action was lost in the mail (e.g., if the practitioner has a history of not receiving Office actions). (Emphasis supplied).

Analysis/conclusion

Regrettably, the petition is not grantable at this time. The Office requirements for granting a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based upon non-receipt of an Office communication has been modified. The Office requires a statement from the practitioner describing the system used for recording an Office action received at the correspondence address of record with the USPTO. The statement should establish that the docketing system is sufficiently reliable. In addition, a copy of the practitioner's record(s) required to show non-receipt of the Office action should include the master docket for the firm. That is, if a three month period for reply was set in the nonreceived Office action, a copy of the master docket report showing all replies docketed for a date three months from the mail date of the nonreceived Office action must be submitted as documentary proof of nonreceipt of the Office action. If no such master docket exists, the practitioner should so state and provide other evidence

such as, but not limited to, the following: the application file jacket; incoming mail log; calendar; reminder system; or the individual docket record for the application in question.

The petition is dismissed without prejudice. Applicant should file a Request for Reconsideration of Petition and include the necessary statements and/or copies of docket records and/or file jacket docketed for a date that is two (2) months from the mail date of the non-received Notice.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

/Derek L. Woods/
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In re Application of	:	
Akihisa Wanibe.	:	
Application No.: 12/252390	:	DECISION ON
Filing or 371(c) Date: 10/16/2008	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket Number: Q110642	:	

This is a decision in response to the "Request for Reconsideration of Petition for New Notice to File Missing Parts," filed July 10, 2009. The petition is properly treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice"), mailed November 5, 2008. The Notice set a two (2) month period for reply. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on January 6, 2009. This Decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

With the present renewed petition, Applicant has demonstrated non-receipt of the Notice by a preponderance of the evidence.

In view of the foregoing, the petition is granted. The holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The application will be referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing of the response to the Notice, filed on April 6, 2009, and for continued processing in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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In re Application of	:	
Yuri Starostenko	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/252,405	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 1488.48813X00	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 10, 2010 and supplemented on May 11, 2010. This is also a decision under 37 CFR 1.182, filed May 10, 2010, to expedite the petition under 37 CFR 1.36(b).

The request under 1.36(b) is **APPROVED**.

The petition under 1.182 to expedite is **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Alan E. Schiavelli, on behalf of all the practitioners of record.

All of the practitioners of record have been withdrawn as attorney of record. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

There is an outstanding Non Final Office action mailed December 11, 2009, that requires a reply from the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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12/252,405	10/16/2008	Yuri Starostenko	1488.48813X00

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 05/10/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
TAJIMA, YUKIO	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/252,522	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **Q110615**	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 18, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kenneth Wieder
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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

Betty Powell

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/252,540	10/16/2008	William D. Bolin	2750-298	7622

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In re Application of	:	
William D. BOLIN	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/252,540	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 16 October 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 2750-298	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 26 May 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent

Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item 3.

In regard to item 3, petitioner should note that the instant petition fails to state the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the instant invention (1) materially enhances the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction) as required by sections II and III of the notice.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
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Application No. 12/252,540	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 16 October 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 2750-298	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 26 May 2010 and renewed on 06 July 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
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In re Application of
Harvey G. Cobb

Application No. 12252550

Filed:

Attorney Docket No.

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 16-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Application Number: 12/252563
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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3) FOR INCLUSION OF INADVERTENTLY OMITTED DRAWINGS IN THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION," filed on December 1, 2008, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 16, 2008.

BACKGROUND

On October 16, 2008, the application was deposited. The application papers consisted of, *inter alia*, 22 pages of written description, four (4) pages containing 12 claims, an executed declaration, and a preliminary amendment including a claim of benefit to prior-filed Application No. 11/600,150.

Accordingly, on November 10, 2008, the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, stating the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented."

On December 1, 2008, the present petition was filed. Petitioner concedes that the drawings were inadvertently omitted from the application papers deposited on October 16, 2008, but requests a filing date of October 16, 2008, because the application claims the benefit of prior-filed Application No. 11/600,150, which contains the inadvertently omitted drawings. A preliminary amendment including a copy of the drawings present on filing in

the prior-filed application has also been provided with the petition.

Relying on §1.57(a), applicant asserts that the drawings are effectively incorporated by reference.

OPINION

37 CFR 1.57 states, in pertinent part:

> (a) Subject to the conditions and requirements of this paragraph, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under § 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under § 1.55 or § 1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s).
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> (1) The application must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by § 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier. The applicant is also required to:
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> (i) Supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;
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> (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
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> (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.
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> ...

> (3) If an application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b), the amendment must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph, accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f).

A review of the application as filed reveals that it included, in the preliminary amendment present on filing, a claim to the benefit of prior-filed Application No. 11/600,150. Authorization to charge the petition fee has also been provided in the subject petition. Furthermore, the petition is accompanied by a preliminary amendment adding the omitted drawings.

In view thereof, the petition under § 1.57(a) is **GRANTED**. The amendment will be entered in due course.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for according of a filing date of **October 16, 2008**, using the application papers received in the Office on that date and the 14 sheets of drawings submitted with the present petition, and for an indication in Office records that 14 sheets of drawings were present on filing.

The application is referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing with a filing date of **October 16, 2008**. Applicant will receive appropriate notification regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OPAP.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at 571.272.3231.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

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Application No. 12/252,618	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. PAT00117-004 013721-0199-999	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 16, 2010.

The request is **moot because a revocation of power of attorney has been filed**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to all attorneys/agents associated with customer number 20583 have been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 31, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below listed until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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Robert R. Lube	:	
Application No. 12/252,642	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 027024-001011US	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 18, 2009.

The request is **moot because a revocation of power of attorney has been filed**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP and all attorneys/agents associated with customer number 20350 have been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on January 22, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below listed until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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Hartmut A. SCHOLTE-WASSINK	:	
Application No. 12/252,661	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 234478	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed December 28, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2) and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The application must be directed to a single invention that either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) that materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy

resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item 1, above, as explained below.

This application has been classified in an area (USPC 052/040) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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By FAX: (571) 273-8300

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to David Bucci at 571-272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3633 for action in its regular turn.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. ☑ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html.
4. ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Application No. 12/252,834	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. **LF1-3436-U**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed January 14, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Francis Layher, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3748 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: Eric P. Fried Serial No.: 12/252,867 Filed: October 16, 2008 Docket: AUS920071032US2 Title: BROWSER USE OF DIRECTORY LISTING FOR PREDICTIVE TYPE-AHEAD	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 16, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I.1–I.4, II.5.3, II.6.1, II.6.4, and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2, II.6.3, and II.6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(H)(1) and item **II.5.1** above, Petitioner does not fulfill the requirement of the "preexamination search must involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, **foreign patent documents**, and non-patent literature, **unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated source and includes such a justification with this statement**." The Pre-Examination Search Document does not include either a foreign patent search, or a statement justifying with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated source. Correction is required

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(H) and items **II.5.2** above, the preexamination search does not encompass all of the features of the claims.

The search logic does not seem to include the inventive concept or features included in the claim language that covers the subject matter of the claims using terms recognized in the art given their broadest reasonable interpretation. The search should consider individual features by themselves and combinations of features. The search should cover the broadest scope encompassed by the claims as well as claims of narrow and intermediate breadth.

With respect to the database searches, several claim limitations some of which have been identified as patentable features distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art (such as "determining whether each of said keystrokes is a directory separator, and if said keystroke is a directory separator, perform a directory listing query to complete said URL", "determining whether each of said keystrokes is a question mark, and if said keystroke is a question mark, end attempts to present full directory listings that match the partial URL", "determining whether each of said keystrokes is a backspace, and if said keystroke is a backspace, delete the currently presented URLs", "generating a substring list of said URL beginning with the last directory separator in the URL", "discard any URLs that do not match the substring list", "presenting the matching substring list in said browser", and "updating a status indicator of said matching substring" as recited in claim 1) or any search terms covering these limitations do not appear to have been included in the search. Petitioner should review all claim limitations, especially those asserted as patentable distinctions from the cited references to ensure that the search covers these concepts, and update the search and/or provide any clarifications if deemed necessary.

With respect to the search logic identified, and in particular with respect to the instant claim, the text search appears to be incomplete. It is recommended that the following search terms be

included in an updated search. Such example search terms (shown below) should be searched in singular or in combination:

("URL near backspace" and (URL near delet$3))

("Keystroke near URL" or (keystroke near "question mark") and (directory near listing$1))

(URL and (matching near ($3string$1 or character$1)

The default proximity operator is OR, the other proximity operators used in EAST are: "adj", "near", "with", and "same".

Note that the above list of terms and synonyms are not meant to be an exhaustive list, merely an example of various terms and synonyms that can be used to produce a more comprehensive prior art search. Nor should these examples be limited only to those sets of search terms provided. Each search term used should be evaluated for applicable synonyms.

The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(2) and item **II.6.2** above, the Petitioner should provide an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

It is noted that Petitioner describes the inventions of Shalabi et al. and Kravets by citing the Abstracts of the respective references. However, Petitioner does not provide a claim-by-claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed in each of the references. Specifically, Petitioner does not identify each disclosed claim limitation and corresponding disclosure within the reference, citing to specific relevant portions of each reference.

The Petitioner should provide a claim-by-claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed **in each of the references separately, specifically identifying each claim limitation and corresponding disclosure within the reference, citing to specific relevant portions of each reference**. Any reference which teaches **any portion of the limitation must be so identified even if the reference does not teach the entirety of the limitation**. Correction is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item **II.6.3** above, 37 CFR § 1.111 (b) states "[a] general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section." 37 CFR § 1.111 (c) states in part "the applicant or patent owner must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited."

The Petitioner has not clearly identified how the language of **each claim** distinguishes from the references which does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.111 (b) or 37 CFR § 1.111 (c). Specifically, petitioner only lists a number of features recited in claim 1 as not taught

or suggested in any of the references. However, in view of the lack of clear identification of any specific claim limitations believed to be disclosed in the references in section 6.2 above, the statement of patentability does not clearly point out how the language of the claim is specifically distinguishable and patentable from the references taken singularly or in combination provided in requirement 6.1 above.

The petitioner should compare/contrast the claim with respect to the relevant teachings in the prior art in the identified references, and point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claim presents in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited both singularly and in combination. Clarification is required.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP§ 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(5) and item **II.6.5** above, Petitioner has pointed to paragraphs [0015] – [0018] and FIGS. 1-2 a sproviding support for claim 1. However, Petitioner does not specifically provide a showing of where ***each limitation*** is specifically supported by the specification as required under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. It is advised that Petitioner **specifically identifies each claim limitation and corresponding disclosure within the specification by citing to specific relevant portions of the instant specification by a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification.**

Further, the instant application claims benefit to U.S. Patent Application No. 12/048,808 in the first paragraph of the specification [0001]. However, section 9(E) **does not provide a showing that includes where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in Application No. 12/048,808 in which such support exists.**

For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a).

Thus, the petition does not meet the condition II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2, II.6.3, and II.6.5 above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **dismissed**.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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Docket: AUS920071032US2

Title: BROWSER USE OF DIRECTORY LISTING FOR PREDICTIVE TYPE-AHEAD

::: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the revised petition filed on July 2, 2009, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and the supplemental documents filed July 15, 2009. The original petition filed October 16, 2008 was dismissed in a decision mailed June 2, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
   If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
   If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
   An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
   A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

   For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

   To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
   Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
   To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
   To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

   Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

   On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
   If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
    The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3719.

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In re Application of	:	
Momcilo Djordjic	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/252,878	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 2552.0	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 23, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office will require the practitioner(s) to certify that he, she or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the reply period, which the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40 (c).

The request was signed by Frank Liebenow on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer No. 22497.

All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 22497 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the applicant at the address indicated below.

Currently, there is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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FRIC, THOMAS FRANK et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/252,890	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: Oct. 16, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 230781/25229-0026	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: BLADE PITCH MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 17, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant

will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived. The petition lacks item(s) #1 and #5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 416/001) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 5, petitioner should note that the instant petition includes a statement identifying the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the instant invention (1) materially enhances the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction) as required by sections II and III of the notice. However, as stated in the notice, applicant must also provide a statement pertaining to the materiality standard if the application disclosure is not clear on its face as to the materiality of the basis for the special status of the invention. This petition lacks such a statement and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard. The statement provided fails to explain how the present invention materially contributes to the development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856. The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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THOMAS F. FRIC ET AL.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12252890	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 230781/25229-0026	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 06/11/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth in 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Henry Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Henry Yuen/

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In re Application of	:	
Timothy Orr Knight	:	
Application No. 12/252,920	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 93673	:	

This is a decision on the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 16, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a substitute specification in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed November 7, 2008. This Notice set an extendable period for reply of two (2) months. No substitute specification having been received, the application became abandoned on January 8, 2009. The mailing of this decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, made the proper statement of unintentional delay, and submitted the required reply in the form of a substitute specification.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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12/252,938	10/16/2008	ROBERT G. LABRIE	SJO920080047US1	8353

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In re Application of: Labrie et al.
Serial No.: 12/252,938
Filed: October 16, 2008
Docket: **SJO920080047US1**
Title: **ACCELERATING MUTUAL EXCLUSION LOCKING FUNCTION AND CONDITION SIGNALING WHILE MAINTAINING PRIORITY WAIT QUEUES**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on 10/16/2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), the following conditions must be satisfied:

3. The application, ***at the time of filing, must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination***

The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because of the Notice of Missing Parts on 10/22/2008.

The Notice mailed indicating a missing Oath/Declaration and the submission of the Oath/Declaration on 10/23/2008, is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing dated 10/16/2008.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is denied. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Gail Hayes, Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-3591.

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In re Application of	:	
HOSODA, MASAKAZU	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/252,947	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 8073P498	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed May 21, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
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U.S. Application No.: 12/252,972	:	DECISION ON PETITIONS
Receipt Date: October 16, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 27600-00023-US3	:	
For: METHODS AND KITS FOR DIAGNOSIS OF TUMORIGENICITY	:	

This decision is issued in response to the "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed October 16, 2008.

BACKGROUND

On October 27, 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/US2003/034146 and it designated the United States. The deadline for submission of the basic national fee was thirty months from the priority date, i.e., April 28, 2005.

A request for entry into the U.S. national stage (with payment of the basic national fee) was not submitted on or prior April 28, 2005. Accordingly, international application PCT/US2003/034146 became abandoned with respect to the United States at midnight on April 28, 2005 (see 35 U.S.C. 371(d); 37 CFR 1.495(h)).

On October 16, 2008, applicant filed the present U.S. non-provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). The submission was accompanied by the petition for revival of international application PCT/US2003/034146 considered herein.

DISCUSSION

The present petition was accompanied by the required petition fee, and the petition includes a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional," satisfying the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).[1]

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[1]The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until

In addition, a reference to the prior-filed application (PCT/US2003/034146) has been included in an Application Data Sheet referencing the present application as a continuation of PCT/US2003/034146. The filing of a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) is accepted as the "required reply" under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (see MPEP section 711.03(c)(II)(A)). (It is noted the petition to revive improperly identified the required reply as "a National Stage Application.")

Based on the above, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the international application as to the United States is appropriately granted.

International application PCT/US2003/034146 is being revived for purposes of continuity only, and since continuity has been established by this decision reviving the international application, the international application is again abandoned in favor of the present continuing application number 12/252,972.

CONCLUSION

The petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

International application PCT/US2003/034146 is revived for purposes of continuity only, and since continuity has been established by this decision reviving the international application, the international application is again abandoned in favor of the present continuing application.

This application is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR .137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent and Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

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Application No. 12/252,980	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 01182.0057U2	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 12, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 30, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. A one (1) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 31, 2009.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of the oath/declaration and required fees; (2) the petition fee of $1,620.00; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application of October 30, 2008 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at (571) 272-4231.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

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Application No. 12/253,067	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. **38115/47**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 09, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Kory D. Christensen on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 32642. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

There are no outstanding office actions at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

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In re Application of	:	
Zofia CHCIUK, et al	:	
Application No. 12/253,109	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. P1843	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 1, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request was signed by Ryan P. Trunck, on behalf of the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 24394.

The attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 24394 have been withdrawn.

Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address for future communications from the Office has been changed and the new correspondence address is indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

/DCG/
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Petitions Examiner
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12/253,109	10/16/2008	Zofia Chciuk	P1843

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/01/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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Attorney Docket No. P1844	:	FROM RECORD
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In re Application of
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Application No.: 12/253,124
Filed: October 16, 2008
Attorney Docket No.: P-17300USC1
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 16, 2010, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on February 1, 2010, cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2887 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

/SDB/
Sherry D. Brinkley
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of	:	
Abraham RAVID, et *al.*	:	
Application No. 12/253,160	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No.	:	
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed January 26, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on December 18, 2009 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7253.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2886 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

/Monica A. Graves/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of
Stephen G. Hauser

Application No. 12253295

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 8602/0012PDIV1

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 17-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12/253,295	Confirmation Number	9012	Filing Date	2008-10-17
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	8602/0012PDIV1	Art Unit	3764	Examiner	Roland, Daniel F
First Named Inventor	STEPHEN G. HAUSER				
Title of Invention	PUSH-UP EXERCISE UNIT AND DEVICE				

Attention: Office of Petitions
An application may be made special for advancement of examination upon filing of a petition showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more. No fee is required with such a petition. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION IN THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV) ON THE BASIS OF THE APPLICANT'S AGE.

A grantable petition requires one of the following items:
(1) Statement by one named inventor in the application that he/she is 65 years of age, or more; or
(2) Certification by a registered attorney/agent having evidence such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc. showing one named inventor in the application is 65 years of age, or more.

Name of Inventor who is 65 years of age, or older

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
STEPHEN	G	HAUSER	

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 10.18.
Please see 37 CFR 1.4(d) for the format of the signature.

Select (1) or (2) :

○ (1) I am an inventor in this application and I am 65 years of age, or more.

◉ (2) I am an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, and I certify that I am in possession of evidence, and will retain such in the application file record, showing that the inventor listed above is 65 years of age, or more.

Signature	/Matthew J. Lattig/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2008-10-17
Name	Matthew J. Lattig	Registration Number	45274

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The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

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2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.

3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.

4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).

7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about indivi duals.

8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.

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In re Application of
Stephen G. Hauser

Application No. 12253297

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 8602/0012PCO1

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 17-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12/253,297	Confirmation Number	9024	Filing Date	2008-10-17
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	8602/0012PCO1	Art Unit	3764	Examiner	Roland, Daniel F
First Named Inventor	STEPHEN G. HAUSER				
Title of Invention	PUSH-UP EXERCISE UNIT AND DEVICE				

Attention: Office of Petitions
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Application No. 12/253,317	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Filed: October 17, 2008	:	37 CFR 1.102(C)
Attorney Docket No. 006232.00010	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 17, 2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement from the applicant certifying that he is 65 or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Joan Olszewski at 571-272-7751. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 3767 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Liana Walsh/
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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Attorney Docket No. 101679.0003US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) filed February 2, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Robert D. Fish does not have power of attorney in this patent application. See 37 C.F.R. § 10.40. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is not applicable.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

Diane Goodwyn
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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Application No. 12/253,541	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 17, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 101679.0003US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) filed February 2, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Robert D. Fish does not have power of attorney in this patent application. See 37 C.F.R. § 10.40. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is not applicable.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-identified address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/253,546	10/17/2008	Su Seok Choi	12972-8028	9566

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In re application	:	
Choi, Su Seok, et al.	:	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL
Application No.: 12/253546	:	FROM ISSUE
Filed: 10/17/2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313
Attorney Docket No: 12972-8028	:	
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE OF	:	
IN-PLANE SWITCHING MODE, METHOD OF	:	
FABRICATING SAME, AND METHOD OF	:	
DRIVING SAME	:	

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that the above identified application is being withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 CFR 1.313.

The above identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue. The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and the Notice of Allowability mailed September 21, 2009 are hereby vacated.

The application is being withdrawn to permit reopening of prosecution. The reasons therefor will be communicated to you by the examiner.

If the issue fee has been submitted, the applicant may request a refund, or may request that the fee be credited to a deposit account. However, applicant may wait until the application is either again found allowable or held abandoned. If the application is allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the application is abandoned, applicant may request either a refund or a credit to a Deposit Account.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Supervisory Patent Examiner David Nelms at (571) 272-1787.

The above identified application is being forwared to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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In re Application of	:	
Po Wen CHENG	:	
Application No. 12/253,556	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 17, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 233495 (25229-0032)	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed December 28, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2) and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The application must be directed to a single invention that either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) that materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy

resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The petition lacks item 1, above, as explained below.

This application has been classified in an area (USPC 340/572.100) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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By FAX: (571) 273-8300

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to David Bucci at 571-272-7099.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2612 for action in its regular turn.

David Bucci
Petitions Examiner
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/253,556	10/17/2008	Po Wen Cheng	233495 (25229-0032)	9591

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CHENG, PO WEN	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/253,556	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 10/17/08	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **233495 (25229-0032)**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 06/16/10, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik at 571-272-3068.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2612 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/253,567	:	DECISION ON
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Attorney Docket No. 101679.0004US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 2, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Robert D. Fish: (1) does not have power of attorney in this patent application; and (2) has been employed or otherwise engaged in the proceedings in this patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is not applicable.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/253,662	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 17, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **1994**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 20, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a copy of inventor Richard James Lee's birth certificate, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing at 571-272-4000.

Inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application is being forwarded to the office of Patent Application Processing for processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is complete.

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Application No. 12/253,693
Filed: October 17, 2008
Attorney Docket No: 1035-A4549-US

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed February 4, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.183 seeking waiver of 37 CFR §§ 1.131 where it requires that an affidavit be executed by the named inventors.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.183 is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on October 17, 2008. In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts after the filing of the application, applicant submitted a 37 CFR 1.63 declaration signed by all of the inventors. A non-final Office action was mailed on September 4, 2009. This office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months.

In response, on February 4, 2010, with a two month extension of time, applicant submitted a reply and a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131. The 37 CFR 1.131 declaration stated that all of the inventors were responsible for reduction to practice of the subject matter of the rejected claims prior to the date of the reference on which the September 4, 2009 rejection was based. However, the 37 CFR 1.131 declaration was signed by all joint inventors except joint inventor Olivier Guiselin. Applicant has filed the instant petition to have the 37 CFR 1.131 declaration entered despite the fact that the declaration was not signed by joint inventor Guiselin. According to applicant, Mr. Guiselin could not be located.

37 CFR 1.131 states, in pertinent part:

> When any claim of an application or a patent under reexamination is rejected, the **inventor** of the subject matter of the rejected claim, the owner of the patent under reexamination, or the party qualified under §§ 1.42, 1.43, or 1.47, may submit an appropriate oath or declaration to establish invention of the subject matter of the rejected claim prior to the effective date of the reference or activity on which the rejection is based.[1]

[1] 37 CFR 1.131(a) (emphasis added).

In addition, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states that "an application or declaration by less than all named inventors of an application is accepted where it is shown that less than all named inventors of an application invented the subject matter of the claim or claims under rejection."[2]

Here, there has not been a party qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43, or 1.47. In addition, the instant application is not the subject of a patent under reexamination. Moreover, it has not been shown that less than all of the named inventors of the application invented the subject matter of the claims under rejection. Accordingly, the only party eligible to sign the 37 CFR 1.131 declaration are all of the joint inventors including Guiselin.

The petition bears proof that efforts to locate Mr. Guiselin such as internet searches and searches of the telephone directory, were used to locate him, but to no avail.

In order for a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to be granted, petitioner must demonstrate that this is an extraordinary situation where justice requires waiver of the rules.

The 37 CFR 1.131 declaration was required to be signed by all joint inventors but all except joint inventor Guiselin have executed it. Applicant has demonstrated that a *bona fide* effort was made to locate Guiselin. Accordingly, it is concluded that petitioner has demonstrated that this is an extraordinary situation requiring waiver of the rules.

The 37 CFR 1.131 declaration will be entered, despite the fact that its requirement that all of the inventors sign the declaration has not been satisfied.

The petition fee in the amount of $400 has been charged to deposit account no. 50-3797.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1796 for consideration of the reply and the 37 CFR 1.131 declaration, filed February 4, 2010.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

Patricia Faison-Ball

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Feyzi Celik, et al.
Application No.: 12/253,739
Filed: October 17, 2008
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 2, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on October 9, 2009, cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2617 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

/SDB/

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Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of: SUNG, Wing, L.	:	
U.S. Application No.: 12/253,774	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Receipt Date: October 17, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No.: GOWL-019/01US	:	
For: MODIFICATION OF XYLANASES TO INCREASE THERMOPHILICITY, THERMOSTABILITY AND ALKALOPHILICITY	:	

This decision is issued in response to the "Petition For Revival Of An International Application For Patent Designating The U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed October 17, 2008. Pursuant to petitioner's authorization, Deposit Account No. 50-1283 will be charged the required petition fee.

BACKGROUND

On April 10, 2007, applicant filed international application PCT/CA2007/000590. The application claimed a priority date of April 12, 2006, and it designated the United States. On October 18, 2007, the International Bureau (IB) communicated a copy of the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The deadline for submission of the basic national fee was thirty months from the priority date, i.e., October 12, 2008.

A request for entry into the U.S. national stage (with payment of the basic national fee) was not submitted on or prior October 12, 2008. Accordingly, international application PCT/CA2007/000590 became abandoned with respect to the United States at midnight on October 12, 2008 (see 35 U.S.C. 371(d); 37 CFR 1.495(h)).

On October 17, 2008, applicant filed the present U.S. non-provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), which is identified in the first sentence of the description as "a continuation of international application PCT/CA2007/000590 filed April 10, 2007." The submission was accompanied by the petition for revival of international application PCT/CA2007/000590 considered herein.

DISCUSSION

The present petition was accompanied by the authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1283 the required petition fee, and the petition includes a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional," satisfying the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

In addition, the first sentence of the description filed herein includes a reference identifying the present application as a continuation of PCT/CA2007/000590. The filing of a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) is accepted as the "required reply" under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (see MPEP section 711.03(c)(II)(A)).

Based on the above, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the international application as to the United States is appropriately granted.

International application PCT/CA2007/000590 is being revived for purposes of continuity only, and since continuity has been established by this decision reviving the international application, the international application is again abandoned in favor of the present continuing application number 12/253,774.

CONCLUSION

The petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

International application PCT/CA2007/000590 is revived for purposes of continuity only, and since continuity has been established by this decision reviving the international application, the international application is again abandoned in favor of the present continuing application.

This application is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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In re Application of
Mitchell Wortzman

Application No. 12253845

Filed: October 17,2008

Attorney Docket No. 0004553USXQ/4195

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 17-APR-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Filed: October 17, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. JP920050170US2	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed November 13, 2008, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Kenneth Wieder at 571-272-2986.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of
Marvin A. Ornstein

Application No. 12253902

Filed: October 17,2008

Attorney Docket No. ORNS.01CP

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 03-FEB-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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James, Michael Bruce	:	
Application No. 12/253,928	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 17, 2008	:	
Title: Garment with Interchangeable Indicia Used to Count	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed February 23, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.8(b), requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of November 3, 2008, which set a two (2) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, a reply was due on or before January 3, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 13, 2009.

Petitioner states that a timely reply was mailed via Certificate of Mailing on January 2, 2009. Petitioner has enclosed a copy of the certificate of mailing used by the United States Postal Service with the instant petition. Although this is not the standard format of a Certificate of Mailing and the inventor is a pro-se, it is hereby accepted by the Office. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Office action of November 2008 is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

For future reference, the following are suggested formats for a Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8(a). The certification may be included with all correspondence concerning this application or proceeding to establish a date of mailing or transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a). Proper use of this procedure will result in such communication being considered as timely if the established date is within the required period for reply. The Certificate should be signed by the individual actually depositing or transmitting the correspondence or by an

individual who, upon information and belief, expects the correspondence to be mailed or transmitted in the normal course of business by another no later than the date indicated.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Liana Walsh
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Chin Kang Sha, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/253,993	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 19, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 4929/0115PUS1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 30, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed November 10, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 11, 2009. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 20, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of the basic filing fee-$65, the late submission filing fee-$65, the application search fee-$270 and the examination fee-$110, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for appropriate action on the reply received.

Terri Johnson

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Yeonjoon Park et al	:	
Application No. 12/254,017	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. LAR-17185-1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 4, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed December 1, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 2, 2010.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the $1110 extension of time submitted with the petition on June 4, 2010 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2895 for further processing.

Irvin Dingle
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In re Application of	:	
Ming-Chang WU, et al	:	
Application No. 12/254,049	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. FACH 08-9		FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 28, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request cannot be approved because the attorneys of record were not appointed through use of Customer Number 31764, as indicated. In this regard, since the attorneys of record were appointed by naming each attorney individually, any future request should indicate the same designation for withdrawing the attorneys.

Further, the Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. Accordingly, since the change of address is not that of an assignee who has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or the inventor, the request to withdraw as attorney /agent cannot be approved.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary

evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the address indicated below until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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Application No. 12/254,065	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 28, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. The Office requires the practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal to certify that he, she, or they have: (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment; (2) delivered to the client or a duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond, pursuant 37 CFR 10.40(c).

The request cannot be approved because the attorneys of record were not appointed through use of Customer Number 31764, as indicated. In this regard, since the attorneys of record were appointed by naming each attorney individually, any future request should indicate the same designation for withdrawing the attorneys.

Further, the Office will either change the correspondence address of record to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or, if no assignee, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. Accordingly, since the change of address is not that of an assignee who has properly been made of record under 37 CFR 3.71 or the inventor, the request to withdraw as attorney /agent cannot be approved.

In order to request or take action in a patent matter, the assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (*e.g.*, copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary

evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (*e.g.*, reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the address indicated below until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-6735.

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In re Application of
Gaetano Bonasia et al.
Application No. 12/254,105
Filed: October 20, 2008
Attorney Docket No. BONASIA ET AL 1 CIP

: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the petition filed March 6, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED**.

The above-identified application was filed on October 20, 2008 without a signed declaration. Accordingly, on November 4, 2008, a "Notice To File Missing Parts of Application" was mailed, requiring *inter alia* a properly executed oath or declaration.

In response, on March 6, 2009, an oath or declaration executed by all joint inventors except Gaetano Bonasia, the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and a two month extension of time was filed. The petition argues that joint inventor Bonasia refuses to sign the oath or declaration and thus by his actions, to cooperate with the filing of the instant application.

The fee for a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is set at $200.00, not $130.00. As a check in the amount of $130 has been submitted with the instant petition and no deposit account has been authorized for additional fees as needed, this petition cannot be treated on the merits and will not receive any consideration until such time as the balance of the petition fee has been submitted.

The application will be retained in the Office of Petitions for two months after which time if the fees have not been submitted, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing and the proceedings terminated. A request for reconsideration with the appropriate fees should be addressed as follows:

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By FAX: (571) 273-8300
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Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

Patricia Faison-Ball

Patricia Faison-Ball
Senior Petitions Attorney
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Gaetano Bonasia et al. :
Application No. 12/254,105 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: October 20, 2008 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. BONASIA ET AL 1 CIP :

This decision is in response to the request for reconsideration filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on April 8, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on October 20, 2008 without a signed declaration. Accordingly, on November 4, 2008, a "Notice To File Missing Parts of Application" was mailed, requiring *inter alia* a properly executed oath or declaration. In response, on March 6, 2009, an oath or declaration executed by all joint inventors except Gaetao Bonasia, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and a two month extension of time was filed. The petition argued that joint inventor Bonasia refused to sign the oath or declaration and thus by his actions, to cooperate with the filing of the instant application. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed April 6, 2009 because the fees submitted with the petition were insufficient for the petition fee, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition bears proof that the application papers were sent to Mr. Bonasia and that he has expressly, in writing, refused to sign the oath or declaration or to cooperate with the filing of the instant application. As well, with the instant request for reconsideration, petitioners have supplied an authorization to charge the $200 petition fee to deposit

account 032468. In view thereof, the fee paid with the March 6, 2009 petition in the amount of $130 will be refunded in due course.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). In view thereof, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Thus, as provided in Rule 1.47c, this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of :
Philip J. COSTANZO, et al :
Application No. 12/254,214 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2008 :
Attorney Docket No. ARL 07-10 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 22, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice), mailed November 3, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 4, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings; (2) the petition fee of $1620; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay.

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Diane Goodwyn at (571)272-6735.

This application is being referred back to the Office of Data Management for further processing.

Thurman K. Page
Petitions Examiner
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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

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Applicant	: Joanne Price	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7668363	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 02/23/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/254,247	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/20/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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Application No. 12/254,257	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 70465.00090	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed on November 5, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent and Change of Correspondence Address submitted herein cannot be approved at this time since the Office no longer accepts address changes to a new practitioner or law firm filed with requests under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b).

The Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest *who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71*, or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

> *An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.*

All future communications from the Office will be directed to above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant or a proper change of correspondence address have been submitted.

There are no outstanding Office actions that require a reply from the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6059. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Alicia Kelley
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Gerald N. SMERNOFF
Application No. 12/254,353
Filed: October 20, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **130170.0101**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed May 19, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes the certification of attorney David J. Edmondson attesting to the age of inventor Gerald N. Smernoff. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center at 571-272-3700.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3732 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Monica A. Graves/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

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Application No. 12/254,428	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. SUP-001-1D	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed February 23, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.8(b), requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A non-final Office action was mailed August 31, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Three month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained, given the applicant until February 28, 2010 to reply.

Petitioner states "The above-identified patent application has been prematurely abandoned. A first response to an Office Action dated August 31, 2009 is due. Applicant files herewith a response to the First Office Action along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby allowing Applicant to respond by February 28, 2010."

Office records show the reply to the August 31, 2009 Office action was received on February 23, 2010, which consist of the following: amendment transmittal; amendment; claims; remarks and three (3) month extension of time. The Office has accepted the reply as being timely filed.

The holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice of August 31, 2009 is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2182 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received February 23, 2010.

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Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of: Hiroyuki **CHAKI**
Application No. 12/254,466
Filed: October 20, 2008

For: **BROADCAST RECEIVING APPARATUS, BROADCAST RECEIVING METHOD AND BROADCAST RECEIVING SYSTEM**

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 19, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest office actions (other than "Decision to Grant a Patent") from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are found to comply with the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ricky Ngo 571-272-3139.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Ricky Ngo/

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571-272-3139

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In re Application of	:	
Franz Gerl, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/254,488	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 11336/1947 (P08011US)	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed June 15, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by John F. Nethery on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed to the assignee of the entire interest at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 06/15/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

/tswilliams/

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12/254,633	10/20/2008	Pedro L. Benito	232935 (22402-131)	1829

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In re Application of	:	
BENITO, PEDRO L. et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/254,633	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: Oct. 20, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 232935 (22402-131)	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPERATING A WIND TURBINE GENERATOR		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 21, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration must be filed within ONE (1) MONTH OR THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mail date of this decision, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). The petition for reconsideration should include an exhaustive attempt to provide the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice

before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived. The petition lacks item(s) #1 and #5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 416/036) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 5, petitioner should note that the instant petition includes a statement identifying the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the instant invention (1) materially enhances the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction) as required by sections II and III of the notice. However, as stated in the notice, applicant must also provide a statement pertaining to the materiality standard if the application disclosure is not clear on its face as to the materiality of the basis for the special status of the invention. This petition lacks such a statement and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard. The statement provided fails to explain how the present invention materially contributes to the development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation.

Any reconsideration of this decision should be submitted through the USPTO electronic filing system, EFS-Web, and selecting the document description of "Petition for Green Tech Pilot" on the EFS-Web screen.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856. The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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Benito, Pedro L. et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/254633	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: Oct. 20, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 232935 (22402-131)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 17, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth in 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 2) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 3) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 4) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a

request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3745 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Bhagwan, et al.
Application No. 12/254,647
Filed: 10 October, 2008
Attorney Docket No. ARC9-2008-0012-US1

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 20 October, 2008, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition as considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO (2) MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. §704.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires: (1) petition and fee; (2) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification: description, claims and drawings); (3) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor(s)—with diligence in the effort to ascertain the validity of the address set forth as the reasonably believed to be last known/current/valid address.

Petitioner does not seem to have worked through the requirements of the petition, as set forth above, in satisfaction of those requirements. And, in particular, Petitioner, *inter alia*, has not as of this writing satisfied the showing of transmittal to the non-signing inventor a copy of the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) and to a valid/current/reasonably believed to

be last know address as required—this is raised because there is only delivery at the door (see the DHL courier delivery code) and there is no showing of a diligent effort to ascertain a valid/current/reasonably believed to be last know address as required. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq. Petitioners always are reminded that, as to proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification: description, claims and drawings)—also, generally, the applicable statute (35 U.S.C.§ 116) requires that a "diligent effort" have been expended in attempting to find or reach the non-signing inventor. *See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a) and (e): "a *bona fide* attempt.")

These matters must be clarified on any renewed petition.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

The instant application was filed on 20 October, 2008, without, inter alia, a fully executed oath/declaration.

The Office mailed no Notice of Missing Parts indicating, *inter alia*, that a fully executed oath/declaration (signed and dated) was required because it appears the petition was filed on deposit of the application.

On 20 October, 2008, Petitioner Rochelle Lieberman (Reg. No. 39,276) filed a petition with, *inter alia*, an oath/declaration signed by Mr. Bhagwan and Mr. Desai (for themselves and on behalf of) but not the non-signing co-inventor Piyoosh Jalan (Mr. Jalan)—the statement of Brian Lambert (Reg. No. 60,708) provides no support to overcome the concern that the transmittal of the application was left at the door of a residence and there is no indication that a diligent effort was made to ascertain the location was the current/valid/last known address of Mr. Jalan. Moreover, there is no indication of acknowledgment of receipt/readability of attachments sent *via* Email.

Thus, Petitioner's showing then similarly must and does fail as to the requirement of proof that the non-signing inventors cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the entire application papers (specification: description, claims and drawings) as to all averred non-signing inventors.

Thus, Petitioner does not seemed to have worked through the requirements of the petition, as set forth above, in satisfaction of those requirements. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq. Petitioners always are reminded that, as to proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification: description, claims and drawings): the applicable statute (35 U.S.C.§ 116) requires

that a "diligent effort" have been expended in attempting to find or reach the non-signing inventor. *See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a) and (e): "a *bona fide* attempt.")

Further, Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment of receipt and readability will be required.

As set forth above, any renewed petition **must** clarify these items.

The availability of applications and application papers online to applicants/practitioners who diligently associate their Customer Number with the respective application(s) now provides an applicant/practitioner on-demand information as to events/transactions in an application. Thus, now if one wishes to know the progress in and/or status of an application or the accuracy of the data therein, one need only look at the file online.

Out of an abundance of caution, Petitioners always are reminded that those registered to practice *and* all others who make representations before the Office must inquire into the underlying facts of representations made to the Office and support averments with the appropriate documentation–since all owe to the Office the continuing duty to disclose.[1]

The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is **dismissed**.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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[1] See supplement of 17 June, 1999. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting a statement made by Petitioner. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 C.F.R. §10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing statements to the Patent and Trademark Office). See specifically, the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §10.18.

While telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214, it is noted that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2[2]) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).

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[2] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:

§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 29 January, 2009, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition as considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is **DISMISSED**.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires: (1) petition and fee; (2) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification: description, claims and drawings); (3) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor(s)—with diligence in the effort to ascertain the validity of the address set forth as the reasonably believed to be last known/current/valid address.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

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On 29 January, 2009, Petitioner filed a petition, averred the joinder of Mr. Jalan and submitted a copy of the executed oath/declaration in support thereof and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63—and so evidencing his joinder.

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Out of an abundance of caution, Petitioners always are reminded that those registered to practice *and* all others who make representations before the Office must inquire into the underlying facts of representations made to the Office and support averments with the appropriate documentation–since all owe to the Office the continuing duty to disclose.[1]

CONCLUSION

The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 is **dismissed as moot for joinder**.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 is not necessary. This application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the record for this file. This application should not be returned to this Office for any further consideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

[1] See supplement of 17 June, 1999. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting a statement made by Petitioner. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 C.F.R. §10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing statements to the Patent and Trademark Office). See specifically, the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §10.18.

The instant application is released to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing in due course.

While telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214—it is noted, however, that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2[2]) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).

/John J. Gillon, Jr./
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[2] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:
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In re Application of:
KLARIC, Matthew et al.
Application No. 12/254,654
Filed: October 20, 2008
For: VISUALIZING GEOGRAPHIC-AREA CHANGE DETECTED FROM HIGH-RESOLUTION, REMOTELY SENSED IMAGERY

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), filed on November 24, 2008, requesting acceptance of color drawings.

The petition requests that the color drawing of Figure 17B be accepted in lieu of black and white drawings.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) must be accompanied by a fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), explanation why the color drawings are necessary, 3 (three) sets of the color drawings in question, and the specification must contain, or be amended to contain, the following language as the first paragraph in that portion of the specification relating to the brief description of the drawings:

"the file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee."

The petition was filed with the required fee and was filed with three (3) copies of color drawing of Figure 17B. However, the specification lacks the required notification described above. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 714(II), the amendment to the specification "must begin on a separate sheet entitled 'Amendments to the Specification.'" Accordingly, the amendment to "the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawing" has not been entered.

Accordingly, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Eddie C. Lee at (571) 272-1732.

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DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration of petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), filed on May 18, 2010 requesting acceptance of color drawings.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) must be accompanied by a fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), 3 (three) sets of the color drawings in question, and the specification must contain, or be amended to contain, the following language as the first paragraph in that portion of the specification relating to the brief description of the drawings:

"the file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee."

The petition was filed with the required fee and was filed with three (3) copies of color drawings. Additionally, the amendment filed May 18, 2010 contains the required notification described above.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Eddie C. Lee at (571) 272-1732.

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Application No. 12/254,676	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 18354-0003001	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed April 1, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request cannot be approved because the practitioner(s) requesting the withdrawal have not certified that they have (1) given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period, that the practitioner(s) intend to withdraw from employment; (2) deliver to the client or duly authorized representative of the client papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and (3) notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond. The failure to do so may subject the practitioner to discipline.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

/AMW/
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This is a decision on the renewed Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 5, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Brian J. Gustafson on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 26181. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 26181 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 05/05/2009.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of: Hoi Y. Chan, et al.
Serial No.: 12/254,698
Filed: October 20, 2008
Docket: YOR920070488US2 (21558Z)
Title: **ADAPTIVE DYNAMIC BUFFERING SYSTEM FOR POWER MANAGEMENT IN SERVER CLUSTERS**

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 20, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;
2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a pre-examination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The pre-examination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I. 1-4 & II. 1-4, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II. 6.5 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

This applicant 12/254,698 in accord to the Bib Data Sheet, indicates that it is a continuation of parent application 12/013,952, now US Patent 7,441,135.

In accord to the requirement of 6.5, since applicant claims the benefit of 12/013,952 application under title 35, United States Code 120, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, **in each such application in which such supports exists.**

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists.

Thus, the petition does not meet the conditions II. 6.5, above.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Brian Johnson, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3595. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kakali Chaki, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-3719.

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Application No. 12/254715	:	DECISION
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Attorney Docket Number: SPU.P0108	:	

This is a decision on the "Petition to Revive Patent Application Unintentionally Abandoned Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 3, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed November 5, 2008. The Notice set a two (2) month period for reply. Extensions of time were available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No timely and proper reply having been received, the application became abandoned on January 6, 2009. The mailing of this decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment.

Applicant files the present petition and response to the Notice. The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that the petition includes (1) the reply; (2) the petition fee, and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing ("OPAP") for processing of the response to the Notice in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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Application No. 12/254,755	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **115.0081USC2/ 03-047APM-C**	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 26, 2009.

The request is **moot** because a revocation of power of attorney has been previously filed.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to CASCADIA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on February 16, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at 571-272-2783.

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Earl G. Powell et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/254,780	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: October 20, 2008	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 108144-200201/US (TGY002)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed January 20, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102 and the pilot program as set forth in 74 FR 64666 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must be classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. 2) The application must have no more than 3 independent claims and no more than 20 total claims. 3) The application must not contain any multiple dependent claims. 4) The petition must state the basis for seeking special status, i.e., the claimed invention either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. 5) If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 6) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 7) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 8) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 9) The petition

must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Green Technologies has been waived.

The instant petition complies with items 1 – 9 above. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Blaine Copenheaver at 571-272-1156.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Blaine Copenheaver/

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Application No. 12/254,828	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
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Attorney Docket No. FSP0411	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed February 3, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

On petition, petitioner has established that inventors Annambhotla and Cruickshank have refused to sign the application papers. Specifically, petitioner has attested that a copy of the application papers was forwarded to the last known address of each inventor January 9, 2009 and January 12, 2009, but as of the date of the petition, no executed declaration from either inventor has been received.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). Accordingly, the above-identified application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the last known address provided on the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The $200 petition fee has been charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1691, as authorized.

The matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/254,828
Filed: October 20,, 2008
Title: Fair Bandwidth Redistricution Algorithm

LETTER

Dear Ms. Annambhotla:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 USC 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a joint inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, agent of record would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (571)272-3207. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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Art Unit 3769

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In re Application of WILMINK et al. Serial No.12/254,832 Filed: October 20, 2008 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING ANIMAL TISSUE USING LASER LIGHT	DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision to petitioner's request to permit color photographs filed October 20, ~~2009.~~ 2008

Under 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2), the petitioner must file (i) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h), (ii) three (3) sets of color photographs and (iii) an amendment to the specification, if necessary. Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of (i) through (iii) above.

The use of color photographs is provided in MPEP 608.02 with reference to color drawings as part of 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2), the rule states "on rare occasions, color drawings may be necessary as the **only** practical medium by which to disclose the subject matter to be sought to be patented in a utility ...application."

The Office believes that color photographs are not the only medium by which the subject matter to be patented can be disclosed.

The petition is denied.

/Henry M. Johnson, III/
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In re Application of
Chien-Sen Weng e tal.
Application No. 12/254,841
Filed: October 21, 2008
Attorney Docket No. AUOP0159USA

: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition filed October 21, 2008 under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on October 21, 2008, with an oath or declaration signed by only one of the joint inventors and with the instant petition seeking status under 37 CFR 1.47(a), claiming that two of the joint inventors refuse to sign the oath or declaration.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition bears proof that the application papers were forwarded to and received by both joint inventors King and Ling, that King has expressly declined to sign the declaration and Ling has not replied to the communications, and to date, neither has returned an executed copy of the oath or declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). In view thereof, this application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Thus, as provided in Rule 1.47c, this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of	:	
Christopher K. Sortore, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/254,887	:	NOTICE
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 1024-019		

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This application no longer qualifies for small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees must be paid at the large entity rate.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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Applicant	: Tetsuro HARADA	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7586388	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 09/08/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/254,895	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 10/21/2008	: ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

The patent term adjustment has been determined to be **0** days. The USPTO will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction reflecting the amount of PTA days determined by the recalculation.

Prior to the issuance of the certificate of correction, the USPTO will afford patentee an opportunity to be heard and request reconsideration. Accordingly, patentee has **one month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, to file a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.322(a)(4). No extensions of time will be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Patentee should use document code PET.OP if electronically filing a request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation. The patentee must also include the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e). If patentee does not file a timely request for reconsideration of this patent term adjustment calculation including the information required by 37 CFR 1.705(b)(2) and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.18(e), the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction reflecting the PTA determination noted above.

Patentee should be aware that in order to preserve the right to review in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of the USPTO patent term adjustment determination, patentee must ensure that he or she also take the steps required under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A) in a timely manner. Nothing in the request for recalculation should be construed as providing an alternative time frame for commencing a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4)(A).

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7702.

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In re Application of: QUINN, MICHAEL
Serial No.: 12/254,919
Filed: October 21, 2008
Title: WATER-SAVING SHOWER HEAD

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 21, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DENIED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

To be eligible for accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), applications and petitions must be filed pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006, (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), effective August 25, 2006. The filing is missing, *inter alia*, a pre-examination search document, an Accelerated Examination Support Document, and form PTO/SB/28.

The petition appears on its face to have been filed without recognition of the August 25, 2006 policy change to the petition to make special program. The changes to the program are substantial. A copy of Federal Register of June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) is being attached to the mailed decision for petitioner's review. Notably, special status based upon categories such as manufacture, infringement, environmental quality, conservation of energy resources, recombinant DNA, superconductivity materials, HIV/AIDS and cancer, countering terrorism, and biotechnology applications filed by small entities are no longer available (see in above cited notice, p. 36324, col. 1, l. 47 to col. 2, l. 5). Further guidance may be found at www.USPTO.gov under the accelerated examination link.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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Encl. "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

(2) Activities will be initiated before dusk;

(3) Construction noises must be kept constant (i.e., not interrupted by periods of quiet in excess of 30 minutes) while pinnipeds are present;

(4) If activities cease for longer than 30 minutes and pinnipeds are in the area, start-up of activities will include a gradual increase in noise levels;

(5) A NMFS-approved marine mammal observer will visually monitor the pinnipeds on the beach adjacent to the harbor and on rocks for any flushing or other behaviors as a result of Boeing's activities (see Monitoring); and

(6) To the extent possible, the *Delta Mariner* and accompanying vessels will enter the harbor only when the tide is too high for harbor seals to haul-out on the rocks. The vessel will reduce speed 1.5 to 2 knots (2.8–3.7 km/hr) once the vessel is within 3 mi (4.83 km) of the harbor. The vessel will enter the harbor stern first, approaching the wharf and mooring dolphins at less than 0.75 knot (1.4 km/hr).

Monitoring

As part of its 2002 application, Boeing provided a proposed monitoring plan for assessing impacts to harbor seals from the activities at south VAFB harbor and for determining when mitigation measures should be employed. NMFS proposes the same plan for this IHA.

A NMFS-approved and VAFB-designated biologically trained observer will monitor the area for pinnipeds during all harbor activities. During nighttime activities, the harbor area will be illuminated, and the monitor will use a night vision scope. Monitoring activities will consist of:

(1) Conducting baseline observation of pinnipeds in the project area prior to initiating project activities;

(2) Conducting and recording observations on pinnipeds in the vicinity of the harbor for the duration of the activity occurring when tides are low enough for pinnipeds to haul out (2 ft, 0.61 m, or less); and

(3) Conducting post-construction observations of pinniped haul-outs in the project area to determine whether animals disturbed by the project activities return to the haul-out.

Monitoring results from previous years of these activities have been reviewed and incorporated into the analysis of potential effects in this document, as well as the take estimates.

Reporting

Boeing will notify NMFS 2 weeks prior to initiation of each activity. After each activity is completed, Boeing will provide a report to NMFS within 90 days. This report will provide dates and locations of specific activities, details of seal behavioral observations, and estimates of the amount and nature of all takes of seals by harassment or in other ways. In addition, the report will include information on the weather, the tidal state, the horizontal visibility, and the composition (species, gender, and age class) and locations of haul-out group(s). In the unanticipated event that any marine mammal is injured or killed as a result of these activities, Boeing or its designee shall report the incident to NMFS immediately.

Endangered Species Act

This action will not affect species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that are under the jurisdiction of NMFS. VAFB formally consulted with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in 1998 on the possible take of southern sea otters during Boeing's harbor activities at south VAFB. A Biological Opinion was issued in August 2001, which concluded that the proposed activities were not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the southern sea otter. The activities covered by this IHA are analyzed in that Biological Opinion, and this IHA does not modify the action in a manner that was not previously analyzed.

National Environmental Policy Act

In 2001, the USAF prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Harbor Activities Associated with the Delta IV Program at Vandenberg Air Force Base. In 2005, NMFS prepared an EA supplementing the information contained in the USAF EA and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the issuance of an IHA for Boeing's harbor activities in accordance with section 6.01 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6 (Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, May 20, 1999). The proposed activity is within the scope of NMFS'2005 EA and FONSI.

Conclusions

NMFS has issued an IHA to Boeing for harbor activities related to the Delta IV/EELV to take place at south VAFB over a 1-year period, contingent upon adherence to the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements. NMFS has determined that the impact of harbor activities related to the Delta IV/EELV at VAFB (transport vessel operations, cargo movement activities, harbor maintenance dredging, and kelp habitat mitigation) will result in the Level B Harassment of small numbers of Pacific harbor seals, California sea lions, and northern elephant seals. The effects of Boeing's harbor activities are expected to be in the form of short-term and localized behavioral changes and no take by injury or death is anticipated or authorized. NMFS has further determined that these takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species and stocks and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such marine mammal species and stocks for subsistence uses.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to take marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to conducting harbor activities at VAFB to Boeing for a 1-year period, provided the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are undertaken.

Dated: June 19, 2006.

James H. Lecky,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2006–0014]

Changes to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications To Make Special and for Accelerated Examination

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has established procedures under which the examination of a patent application may be accelerated. Under one of these procedures, the USPTO will advance an application out of turn for examination if the applicant files a grantable petition to make special under the accelerated examination program. The USPTO is revising its procedures for applications made special under the accelerated examination program with the goal of completing examination within twelve months of the filing date of the application. The USPTO is similarly revising the procedures for other petitions to make special, except those based on applicant's health or age or the recently announced Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program between the USPTO and the Japan Patent Office.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The change in practice in this notice applies to

petitions to make special filed on or after August 25, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pinchus Laufer, Detailee, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, by telephone at (571) 272–7726, or by facsimile at (571) 273–7726. Comments concerning petition to make special practice may be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet addressed to *MPEPFeedback@uspto.gov*, or submitted by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments—Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313–1450.

Any inquiries concerning electronic filing of the application should be directed to the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at (866) 217–9197. Any inquiries concerning a specific petition to make special should be directed to the appropriate Technology Center Special Program Examiner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: New patent applications are normally taken up for examination in the order of their United States filing date. The USPTO has a procedure for requesting accelerated examination under which an application will be advanced out of turn for examination if the applicant files a petition to make special with the appropriate showing. *See* 37 CFR 1.102 and *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* § 708.02 (VIII) (8th ed. 2001) (Rev. 3, August 2005) (MPEP). The USPTO is revising its procedures for applications made special under the accelerated examination program with the goal of completing examination within twelve months of the filing date of the application. *See* Part VIII (subsection The Twelve-Month Goal) for more information.

The USPTO is similarly revising the procedures for other petitions to make special, except those based on applicant's health or age or the PPH pilot program. Specifically, other petitions to make special (*i.e.*, petitions based on: manufacture, infringement, environmental quality, energy, recombinant DNA, superconductivity materials, HIV/AIDS and cancer, countering terrorism, and biotechnology applications filed by small entities (*see* MPEP § 708.02)) will be processed and examined using the revised procedure for accelerated examination. Thus, all petitions to make special, except those based on applicant's health or age or the PPH pilot program, will be required to comply with the requirements of petitions to make special under the accelerated examination program that are set forth in this notice.

Any petition to make special, other than those based on applicant's health or age or the PPH pilot program, filed on or after the effective date must meet the requirements set forth in this notice. Applications filed before the effective date will not be eligible for the revised accelerated examination program. Until the effective date, applicant may file a petition to make special in an application filed before the effective date by complying with the previous guidelines and requirements in MPEP § 708.02 (I–II, and V–XII). A petition to make special filed after the effective date will only be granted if it is based upon applicant's health or age or is under the PPH pilot program, or if it complies with the requirements set forth in this notice. See Part VIII, for more information on eligibility.

Part I. Requirements for Petitions to Make Special under Accelerated Examination: A new application may be granted accelerated examination status under the following conditions:

(1) The application must be filed with a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program accompanied by either the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) or a statement that the claimed subject matter is directed to environmental quality, energy, or countering terrorism. *See* 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2). Applicant should use form PTO/SB/28 for filing the petition.

(2) The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

(3) The application, petition, and required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-Web. If the USPTO's EFS and EFS-Web are not available to the public during the normal business hours for these systems at the time of filing the application, applicant may file the application, other papers and fees by mail accompanied by a statement that EFS and EFS-Web were not available during the normal business hours, but the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application. *See* Part VIII (subsection The Twelve-Month Goal) for more information.

(4) At the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination. For example, the application must be filed together with the basic filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and application size fee (if applicable), and an executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63. *See* Part VIII (subsection Conditions for Examination) for more information.

(5) The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims. The application must also not contain any multiple dependent claims. By filing a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program the applicant is agreeing not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. Specifically, the applicant is agreeing that the dependent claims will be grouped together with and not argued separately from the independent claim from which they depend in any appeal brief filed in the application (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)). The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. See form PTO/SB/28.

(6) The claims must be directed to a single invention. If the USPTO determines that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, applicant must make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. See form PTO/SB/28.

(7) The applicant must be willing to have an interview (including an interview before a first Office action) to discuss the prior art and any potential rejections or objections with the intention of clarifying and possibly resolving all issues with respect to patentability at that time. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to have such an interview when requested by the examiner. See form PTO/SB/28.

(8) At the time of filing, applicant must provide a statement that a preexamination search was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file or files searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

(A) This preexamination search must involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated source and includes such a justification with this statement.

(B) This preexamination search must be directed to the claimed invention and

encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

(C) The preexamination search must also encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed. An amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the preexamination search or an updated accelerated examination support document (*see* item 9) will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered. *See* Part IV (Reply by Applicant) for more information.

(D) A search report from a foreign patent office will not satisfy this preexamination search requirement unless the search report satisfies the requirements set forth in this notice for a preexamination search.

(E) Any statement in support of a petition to make special must be based on a good faith belief that the preexamination search was conducted in compliance with these requirements. *See* 37 CFR 1.56 and 10.18.

(9) At the time of filing, applicant must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

(A) An accelerated examination support document must include an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims.

(B) For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

(C) The accelerated examination support document must include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

(D) The accelerated examination support document must include a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application).

(E) The accelerated examination support document must include a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) Each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 6; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that correspond to each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶ 6. If the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in each such application in which such support exists.

(F) The accelerated examination support document must identify any cited references that may be disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) as amended by the Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act (Pub. L. 108–453, 118 Stat. 3596 (2004)).

Part II. Decision on Petition To Make Special: Applicant will be notified of the decision by the deciding official. If the application and/or petition does not meet all the prerequisites set forth in this notice for the application to be granted special status (including a determination that the search is deemed to be insufficient), the applicant will be notified of the defects and the application will remain in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. In those instances in which the petition or accelerated examination support document is defective in one or more requirements, applicant will be given a single opportunity to perfect the petition or accelerated examination support document within a time period of one month (no extensions under 37 CFR 1.136(a)). This opportunity to perfect a petition does not apply to applications that are not in condition for examination on filing. *See* Part VIII (subsection Condition for Examination). If the document is satisfactorily corrected in a timely manner, the petition will then be granted, but the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing date of the application. Once a petition has been granted, prosecution will proceed according to the procedure set forth below.

Part III. The Initial Action on the Application by the Examiner: Once the application is granted special status, the application will be docketed and taken up for action expeditiously (*e.g.*, within two weeks of the granting of special status). If it is determined that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, the telephone restriction practice set forth in MPEP § 812.01 will be followed. Applicant must make an election without traverse during the telephonic interview. If applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (the invention of claim 1) as constructively elected without traverse for examination. Continuing applications (*e.g.*, a divisional application directed to the non-elected inventions) will not automatically be given special status based on papers filed with the petition in the parent application. Each continuing application must on its own meet all requirements for special status.

If the USPTO determines that a possible rejection or other issue must be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant to discuss the issue and any possible amendment or submission to resolve such issue. The USPTO will not issue an Office action (other than a notice of allowance) unless either: (1) An interview was conducted but did not result in the application being placed in condition for allowance; or (2) there is a determination that an interview is unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance. Furthermore, prior to the mailing of any Office action rejecting the claims, the USPTO will conduct a conference to review the rejections set forth in the Office action.

If an Office action other than a notice of allowance or a final Office action is mailed, the Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one-month or thirty-days, whichever is longer. No extensions of this shortened statutory period under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted. Failure to timely file a reply will result in abandonment of the application. *See* Parts V and VI for more information on post-allowance and after-final procedures.

Part IV. Reply by Applicant: A reply to an Office action must be limited to the rejections, objections, and requirements made. Any amendment that attempts to: (1) Add claims which would result in more than three independent claims, or more than twenty total claims, pending in the application; (2) present claims not encompassed by the preexamination search (*see* item 8 of Part I) or an updated accelerated examination support document (*see* next paragraph); or (3) present claims that are directed to a nonelected invention or an invention other than previously claimed in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered. *See* Part VIII (subsection Reply Not Fully responsive) for more information.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document in Part I, item 9, applicant is required to provide an updated accelerated examination

support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing the amendment. Failure to provide such updated accelerated examination support document at the time of filing the amendment will cause the amendment to be treated as not fully responsive and not to be entered. *See* Part VIII (subsection Reply Not Fully Responsive) for more information. Any IDS filed with an updated accelerated examination support document must also comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

Any reply or other papers must be filed electronically via EFS-Web so that the papers will be expeditiously processed and considered. If the papers are not filed electronically via EFS-Web, or the reply is not fully responsive, the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Part V. Post-Allowance Processing: The mailing of a notice of allowance is the final disposition for purposes of the twelve-month goal for the program. In response to a notice of allowance, applicant must pay the issue fee within three months from the date of mailing of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (form PTOL–85) to avoid abandonment of the application. In order for the application to be expeditiously issued as a patent, the applicant must also: (1) Pay the issue fee (and any outstanding fees due) within one month from the mailing date of the form PTOL–85; and (2) not file any post-allowance papers that are not required by the USPTO (*e.g.*, an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 that was not requested by the USPTO).

Part VI. After-Final and Appeal Procedures: The mailing of a final Office action or the filing of a notice of appeal, whichever is earlier, is the final disposition for purposes of the twelve-month goal for the program. Prior to the mailing of a final Office action, the USPTO will conduct a conference to review the rejections set forth in the final Office action (*i.e.*, the type of conference conducted in an application on appeal when the applicant requests a pre-appeal brief conference). In order for the application to be expeditiously forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) for a decision, applicant must: (1) Promptly file the notice of appeal, appeal brief, and appeal fees; and (2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference. A pre-appeal brief conference would not be of value in an application under a final Office action because the examiner will have already conducted such a conference prior to mailing the final Office action. During the appeal process, the application will be treated in accordance with the normal appeal procedures. The USPTO will continue to treat the application special under the accelerated examination program after the decision by the BPAI.

Any after-final amendment, affidavit, or other evidence filed under 37 CFR 1.116 or 41.33 must also meet the requirements set forth in Part IV (Reply by Applicant). If applicant files a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 with a submission and fee, the submission must meet the reply requirements under 37 CFR 1.111 (*see* 37 CFR 1.114(c)) and the requirements set forth in Part IV (Reply by Applicant). The filing of the RCE is a final disposition for purposes of the twelve-month goal for the program. The application will retain its special status and remain in the accelerated examination program. Thus, the examiner will continue to examine the application in accordance with the procedures set forth in Part III and any subsequent replies filed by applicant must meet the requirements of Part IV. The goal of the program will then be to reach a final disposition of the application within twelve months from the filing of the RCE.

Part VII. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process: If an application becomes involved in proceedings outside the normal examination process (*e.g.*, a secrecy order, national security review, interference, or petitions under 37 CFR 1.181–1.183), the USPTO will treat the application special under the accelerated examination program before and after such proceedings. During those proceedings, however, the application will not be accelerated. For example, during an interference proceeding, the application will be treated in accordance with the normal interference procedures and will not be treated under the accelerated examination program. Once any one of these proceedings is completed, the USPTO will process the application expeditiously under the accelerated examination program until it reaches final disposition, but that may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Part VIII. More Information: Eligibility: Any non-reissue utility or design application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) on or after the effective date of this program is eligible for the revised accelerated examination program. The following types of filings are not eligible for this revised accelerated examination program: Plant applications, reissue applications, applications entering the national stage from an international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371, reexamination proceedings, RCEs under 37 CFR 1.114 (unless the application was previously granted special status under the program), and petitions to make special based on applicant's health or age or under the PPH pilot program. Rather than participating in this revised accelerated examination program, applicants for a design patent may participate in the expedited examination program by filing a request in compliance with the guidelines set forth in MPEP § 1504.30. *See* 37 CFR 1.155.

Form: Applicant should use form PTO/SB/28 for filing a petition to make special, other than those based on applicant's health or age or the PPH pilot program. The form is available on EFS-Web and on the USPTO's Internet Web site at *http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/index.html.*

Conditions for Examination: The application must be in condition for examination at the time of filing. This means the application must include the following:

(A) Basic filing fee, search fee, and examination fee, under 37 CFR 1.16 (*see* MPEP section 607(I)),

(B) Application size fee under 37 CFR 1.16(s) (if the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper) (*see* MPEP section 607(II));

(C) An executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;

(D) A specification (in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52) containing a description (37 CFR 1.71) and claims in compliance with 37 CFR 1.75;

(E) A title and an abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72;

(F) Drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;

(G) Electronic submissions of sequence listings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e), large tables, or computer listings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.96, submitted via the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS) in ASCII text as part of an associated file (if applicable);

(H) Foreign priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)–(d) identified in the executed oath or declaration or an application data sheet (if applicable);

(I) Domestic benefit claims under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, 121, or 365(c) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78 (*e.g.*, the specific reference to the prior application must be submitted in the first sentence(s) of the specification or in an application data sheet, and for any benefit claim to a non-English language provisional application, the application must include a statement that: (a) An English language translation, and (b) a statement that the translation is

accurate, have been filed in the provisional application) (if applicable);

(J) English language translation under 37 CFR 1.52(d), a statement that the translation is accurate, and the processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (if the specification is in a non-English language);

(K) No preliminary amendments present on the filing date of the application; and

(L) No petition under 37 CFR 1.47 for a non-signing inventor.

Furthermore, if the application is a design application, the application must also comply with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.151–1.154.

Applicant should also provide a suggested classification, by class and subclass, for the application on the transmittal letter, petition, or an application data sheet as set forth in 37 CFR 1.76(b)(3) so that the application can be expeditiously processed.

The petition to make special will be dismissed if the application omits an item or includes a paper that causes the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) to mail a notice during the formality review (*e.g.*, a notice of incomplete application, notice to file missing parts, notice to file corrected application papers, notice of omitted items, or notice of informal application). The opportunity to perfect a petition (Part II) does not apply to applications that are not in condition for examination on filing.

Reply Not Fully Responsive: If a reply to a non-final Office action is not fully responsive, but a *bona fide* attempt to advance the application to final action, the examiner may provide one month or thirty-days, whichever is longer, for applicant to supply the omission or a fully responsive reply. No extensions of this time period under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted. Failure to timely file the omission or a fully responsive reply will result in abandonment of the application. If the reply is not a *bona fide* attempt or it is a reply to a final Office action, no additional time period will be given. The time period set forth in the previous Office action will continue to run.

Withdrawal From Accelerated Examination: There is no provision for "withdrawal" from special status under the accelerated examination program. An applicant may abandon the application that has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program in favor of a continuing application, and the continuing application will not be given special status under the accelerated examination program unless the continuing application is filed with a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program. The filing of an RCE under 37 CFR 1.114, however, will not result in an application being withdrawn from special status under the accelerated examination program.

The Twelve-Month Goal: The objective of the accelerated examination program is to complete the examination of an application within twelve months from the filing date of the application. The twelve-month goal is successfully achieved when one of the following final dispositions occurs: (1) The mailing of a notice of allowance; (2) the mailing of a final Office action; (3) the filing of an RCE; or (4) the abandonment of the application. The final disposition of an application, however, may occur later than the twelve-month timeframe in certain situations (*e.g.*, an IDS citing new prior art after the mailing of a first Office action). *See* Part VII for more information on other events that may cause examination to extend beyond this twelve-month time frame. In any event, however, this twelve-month timeframe is simply a goal. Any failure to meet the twelve-month goal or other issues relating to this twelve-month goal are neither petitionable nor appealable matters.

Paperwork Reduction Act: This notice involves information collection requirements which are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The collection of information involved in this notice has been reviewed and previously approved by OMB under OMB control number 0651–0031. The Office has submitted a Change Worksheet to OMB for review of form PTO/SB/28 Petition to Make Special Under the Accelerated Examination.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Section 708.02 of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* will be revised in due course to reflect this change in practice.

Dated: June 20, 2006.

Jon W. Dudas,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Designation under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provisions of the United States Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

June 21, 2006.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA)

ACTION: Designation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 26, 2006.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain 100 percent cotton, yarn-dyed, 3- or 4-thread twill weave, flannel fabrics, of combed, ring spun single yarns, of the specifications detailed below, classified in subheading 5208.43.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in products in Categories 340, 341, and 350, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The CITA hereby designates products in Categories 340, 341, and 350 that are both cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more eligible CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics, as eligible for quota free and duty free treatment under the textile and apparel commercial availability provisions of the CBTPA and eligible under HTSUS subheading 9820.11.27 to enter free of quota and duties, provided that all other fabrics in the referenced apparel articles are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria K. Dybczak, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482 3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of CBERA, as added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA; Presidential Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000; Section 6 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The commercial availability provision of the CBTPA provides for duty free and quota free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit to shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary CBTPA country from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States if it has been determined that such yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely

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In re Application of	:	
Wieckhusen, Dierk	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/254,925	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No.	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
VAND 0022-US-CON(090860-0104)	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed May 29, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the EPO;
(2) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the EPO application(s);
(3) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(4) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the EPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) that are the basis for the request.
(5) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the EPO examiner in the EPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(6) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. It is noted that two EPO office actions were listed in the IDS filed on 5/27/2009 and the copies of the office actions have been provided. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ram R. Shukla at 571-272-0735.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Daniel W. KRANTZ, et al	:	
Application No. 12/254,952	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No.	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 8, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed November 6, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. A one (1) month extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 7, 2009.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) 3.

The statement of delay is not acceptable. In this regard, petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.33(b), which states.

(b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

(1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);

(2) A registered patent attorney or patent agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;

(3) An assignee as provided for under §3.71(b) of this chapter; or

(4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

An unsigned amendment (or other paper) or one not properly signed by a person having authority to prosecute the application is not entered. This applies, for instance, where the amendment (or other paper) is signed by only one of two applicants and the one signing has not been given a power of attorney by the other applicant.

Therefore, as the petition is not signed by all the inventors and the record herein fails to disclose that petitioner herein (Daniel W. Krantz) was ever given a power of attorney to act on behalf of inventors Shawn Wood, Tim Surface, Gerri Papillon and Brian Roberds, or that he is an assignee of the entire interest and has complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.73(b), the petition is considered to not contain a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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The centralized facsimile number is **(571) 273-8300.**

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

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Daniel W. KRANTZ, et al	:	
Application No. 12/254,952	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No.	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 4, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed November 6, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. A one (1) month extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 7, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form a properly signed declaration, a substitute specification and the required fee; (2) the petition fee of $810; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6735.

All other inquires should be directed to the Office of Data Management at 571-272-4000.

This application is being referred to the Office of Data Management for further processing in the normal course of business.

/Diane C. Goodwyn/
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Applicant: Joseph Francis, et al.
Appl. No.: 12/255,033
Filing Date: October 21, 2008
Title: METHODS OF TREATING CHRONIC NEUROGENIC INFLAMMATION USING MODIFIED CLOSTRIDIAL
Attorney Docket: 18447 (BOT)
Pub. No.: 2009/0104234 A1
Pub. Date: April 23, 2009

This is a decision on the request to correct the patent publication for errors caused by the Office and errors caused by the applicant, which is being treated as a request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on May 28, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains numerous material errors within the specification.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. [1]

The errors labeled as applicant errors are not Office errors, thus they will not be corrected by a corrected publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

The errors in the specification of the publication labeled as Office errors may be Office errors, but they are not material Office errors under 37 CFR 1.221(b). The errors are due to the quality and size of the text, as the text is small which makes it difficult to electronically reproduce by

[1] Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

digital imaging and optical character recognition. See 37 CFR 1.52(a)(1)(v), which states that all papers that are to become a permanent part of Office records must be presented "in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing to permit . . . electronic capture by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition." As set forth at MPEP 1121, "applications with poor quality text, which may be acceptable for scanning and examination purposes, may lead to errors in the patent application publication.

Applicant is advised that he may want to file application papers with larger and clearer, as the error is due to the quality of the text. Applicants have been advised to file applications having cleaner and larger text with sufficient clarity and contrast to permit reproduction, such as electronic reproduction by digital imaging and optical character recognition, which will avoid errors in the patent application publication process. See 37 CFR 1.52.

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221(a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

A guide for filing a request for a Pre-Grant Publication, such as a request for republication, may be found on the link below:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/tutorials.htm

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication" and questions or request for reconsideration of the decision, should be addressed as follows:

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Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Mark Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(d), requesting for a refund of any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee in the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The express abandonment is recognized. Any previously paid search fee and excess claims fee are hereby refunded.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the Office of Data Management at (571) 272-4200.

Tom Farmer

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In re Application of
GEORGE MILEOS ET AL.
Application No. 12/255,228
Filed: October 21, 2008
Attorney Docket No. **22630/112022-09**

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 22, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by a registered attorney. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3632 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of Keisuke Miyagawa, et al. Application No. 12/255,235 Filed: October 21, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 12732-0172003/ US6703D1-D1	DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed October 16, 2009, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on September 28, 2009 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642. All other inquiries regarding the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2629 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

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In re Application of Keisuke Miyagawa, et al. Application No. 12/255,235 Filed: October 21, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 12732-0172003/ US6703D1-D1	: : : : :	DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed March 22, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on February 12, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642. All other inquiries regarding the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of: Robert J. Kamper
Serial No: 12/255,254
Filed: October 12, 2008
Docket: 1041.012
Title: Intelligent Shared Virtual Whiteboard for use with Representational Modeling Languages

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 12, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

MPEP 708.02(a) sets forth the requirements that a petition to make special 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy in order to be grantable:

> 708.02(a) [R-5] Accelerated Examination
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> All petitions to make special, except those based on applicants health or age or the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program, filed on or after August 25, 2006 must meet the requirements set forth in subsection I below. See MPEP § 708.02 subsection III or IV (where appropriate) for the requirements for filing a petition to make special based on applicants health or age.
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> Applications filed prior to August 25, 2006 are not eligible for the accelerated examination program set forth below. A petition to make special filed on or after August 25, 2006 will only be granted if it is based upon applicants health or age or is under the PPH pilot program, or if it complies with the requirements set forth below.
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> I. REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER ACCELERATED EXAMINATION
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> A new application may be granted accelerated examination status under the following conditions:
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> (A) The application must be filed with a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program accompanied by either the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) or a statement that the claimed subject matter is

directed to environmental quality, the development or conservation of energy resources, or countering terrorism. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2). Applicant should use form PTO/SB/28 for filing the petition.

(B) The application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

(C) The application, petition, and required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTOs electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-Web. If the USPTOs EFS and EFS-Web are not available to the public during the normal business hours for these systems at the time of filing the application, applicant may file the application, other papers and fees by mail accompanied by a statement that EFS and EFS-Web were not available during the normal business hours, but the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application. See subsection VIII.F. below for more information.

(D) At the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination. For example, the application must be filed together with the basic filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and application size fee (if applicable), and an executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63. See subsection VIII.C. below for more information.

(E) The application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims. The application must also not contain any multiple dependent claims. By filing a petition to make special under the accelerated examination program the applicant is agreeing not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. Specifically, the applicant is agreeing that the dependent claims will be grouped together with and not argued separately from the independent claim from which they depend in any appeal brief filed in the application (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)). The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application. See form PTO/SB/28.

(F) The claims must be directed to a single invention. If the USPTO determines that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, applicant must make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview. See form PTO/SB/28.

(G) The applicant must be willing to have an interview (including an interview before a first Office action) to discuss the prior art and any potential rejections or objections with the intention of clarifying and possibly resolving all issues with respect to patentability at that time. The petition must include a statement that applicant will agree to have such an interview when requested by the examiner. See form PTO/SB/28.

(H) At the time of filing, applicant must provide a statement that a preexamination search was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass and the date of the search, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file or files searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

(1) This preexamination search must involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated source and includes such a justification with this statement.

(2) This preexamination search must be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation.

(3) The preexamination search must also encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed. An amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the preexamination search or an updated accelerated examination support document (see item I) will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered. See subsection IV below for more information.

(4) A search report from a foreign patent office will not satisfy this preexamination search requirement unless the search report satisfies the requirements for a preexamination search.

(5) Any statement in support of a petition to make special must be based on a good faith belief that the preexamination search was conducted in compliance with these requirements. See 37 CFR 1.56 and 10.18.

(I) At the time of filing, applicant must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

(1) An accelerated examination support document must include an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims.

(2) For each reference cited, the accelerated examination support document must include an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

(3) The accelerated examination support document must include a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c).

(4) The accelerated examination support document must include a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application).

(5) The accelerated examination support document must include a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

   (i) each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6; and

   (ii) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that correspond to each means- (or step-) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6. If the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in each such application in which such support exists.

(6) The accelerated examination support document must identify any cited references that may be disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions of MPEP 708.02(a)(I) (A-G and I) above are met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions of MPEP 708.02(a)(I) (H) above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

As to MPEP 708.02(a)(I) (H) the petition complies with sub-conditions (1 and 3-5) but fails to fully comply with sub-condition (2). Specifically the searches performed by petitioner are deficient for omitting valid search areas, omitting claimed features, and omitting various synonym terms such that the claims were not given "the broadest reasonable interpretation".

Initially, the claimed system is directed in general to a shared virtual whiteboard used for modeling. Petitioner in section 8(A) of the pre-examination search document ("PESD") searched eleven classification areas. However, petitioner omitted searching at least two classification areas that are highly relevant to the claimed invention. Petitioner omitted searching 707/105 for visual modeling and omitted searching 715/733 for plural user operator interface to a single computer/application (i.e., a collaborative networked whiteboard). These two additional search areas are both highly relevant to the claimed subject matter and as such should be searched and the documents classified therein reviewed for pertinence to the claimed invention. Correction is required.

Note that the above two classification search areas are not meant to be an exhaustive listing. It is incumbent upon petitioner to evaluate the claimed invention and select **all** relevant classification search areas for search.

Second, petitioner identified several claimed aspects that are believed to show patentability of the claim in section 9(C) of the PESD. However a review of petitioner's searches shows that petitioners searches are primarily directed to forms of handwriting or drawing recognition but that no searches are present that are directed at the identified asserted patentable features. In order to assert patentability, the claimed features identified as supporting patentability should be searched to verify that no relevant references are located that would call such asserted patentability into question. Accordingly petitioner should perform additional searches that are directed to the asserted patentable features detailed in section 9(C) of the PESD.

Finally, as a result of failing to specifically search for the claimed features for which petitioner asserts support patentability, the searches are deficient for omitting common synonyms of some of the asserted patentable features. For example, the claim term "whiteboard" may also be written as "**white-board**" or "**white board**". Additionally, some inventors may create an electronic or collaborative "**blackboard**" which could also potentially be written "**black-board**" or "**black board**". Further, petitioner asserts that the claimed "shared virtual whiteboard" is one of the patentable features. A "shared" whiteboard (or blackboard) could be termed "**collaborative**", "**interactive**" or simply "**network**". The searches should also include and omit the term "virtual" because some inventors may refer to an electronic whiteboard (or blackboard) as "virtual" while others may simply refer to it as a "whiteboard" (or blackboard). Accordingly, when performing searches for the claimed "intelligent shared virtual whiteboard" petitioner should include at least the above synonym terms shown in bold type and should be careful with use of the term "virtual" as detailed above. Correction is required.

It is noted that the above list of synonyms is not meant to be exhaustive and that it is incumbent upon petitioner to evaluate each search term for relevant synonym terms and to include all such relevant synonym terms in the search logic statements.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **Dismissed**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a **single** opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address **all of** the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed Gail Hayes, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3591.

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In re Application of: Kamper, Robert et. al.
Serial No.: **12/255,254**
Filed: October 21, 2008
Atty. Docket No: 1041.012
For: INTELLIGENT SHARED VIRTUAL WHITEBOARD FOR USE WITH REPRESENTATIONAL MODELING LANGUAGES

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on May 01, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 21, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on April 01, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Pre-Examination Search Document filed April 30, 2009 meet the requirements of conditions II 5.2.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing all of the features of the claims, and giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation, when performing a complete search have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant

after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12255263	Confirmation Number	3027	Filing Date	2008-10-21
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	8897-185U1	Art Unit		Examiner	
First Named Inventor	Eugene D. Gagliardi, Jr.				
Title of Invention	METHOD OF CUTTING BEEF CHUCK ROLL AND BEEF PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY THE METHOD				

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An application may be made special for advancement of examination upon filing of a petition showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more. No fee is required with such a petition. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION IN THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV) ON THE BASIS OF THE APPLICANT'S AGE.

A grantable petition requires one of the following items:
(1) Statement by one named inventor in the application that he/she is 65 years of age, or more; or
(2) Certification by a registered attorney/agent having evidence such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc. showing one named inventor in the application is 65 years of age, or more.

Name of Inventor who is 65 years of age, or older

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
Eugene	D.	Gagliardi	Jr.

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 10.18.
Please see 37 CFR 1.4(d) for the format of the signature.

Select (1) or (2) :

○ (1) I am an inventor in this application and I am 65 years of age, or more.

◉ (2) I am an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, and I certify that I am in possession of evidence, and will retain such in the application file record, showing that the inventor listed above is 65 years of age, or more.

Signature	/Leslie L. Kasten, Jr./	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2008-10-29
Name	Leslie L. Kasten, Jr.	Registration Number	28959

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4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).

7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about indivi duals.

8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.

9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

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Application No. 12255263

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 8897-185U1

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 29-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/255,264	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 1279-202	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 31, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED** because it is not signed. It appears that the petition was intended to be signed by Rochelle Lieberman, an attorney registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

37 CFR 1.33(b), which states:

Amendments and other papers filed in the application must be signed by:

> (1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);
> (2) A registered patent attorney or patent agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;
> (3) An assignee as provided for under §3.71(b) of this chapter; or
> (4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D).

The instant petition lacks item (3). The S-signature of Rochelle Lieberman is not inserted between single forward slash marks, thus leaving the petition unsigned. See 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2)(i). Therefore, the petition is considered as not containing a proper statement of unintentional delay and cannot be accepted.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059.

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Attorney Docket No. 1279-202	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 18, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice), mailed November 6, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) timely were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 7, 2009. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 15, 2009. On July 31, 2009, a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed; however, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed September 11, 2009. In response the present petition was filed.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121(d), (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

This application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Alicia Kelley at (571) 272-6059. Telephone inquiries related to OPAP processing should be directed to their hotline at (271) 272-4000.

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BASED ON AGE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

Application Information

Application Number	12/255,283	Confirmation Number	3074	Filing Date	2008-10-21
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	8897-168U2	Art Unit		Examiner	
First Named Inventor	Eugene D. Gagliardi, Jr.				
Title of Invention	Disk-Like Steak Product Having a Plurality of Truncated Pie Wedge Shaped Portions				

Attention: Office of Petitions

An application may be made special for advancement of examination upon filing of a petition showing that the applicant is 65 years of age, or more. No fee is required with such a petition. See 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION IN THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP 708.02 (IV) ON THE BASIS OF THE APPLICANT'S AGE.

A grantable petition requires one of the following items:
(1) Statement by one named inventor in the application that he/she is 65 years of age, or more; or
(2) Certification by a registered attorney/agent having evidence such as a birth certificate, passport, driver's license, etc. showing one named inventor in the application is 65 years of age, or more.

Name of Inventor who is 65 years of age, or older

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
Eugene	D.	Gagliardi	Jr.

A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 10.18.
Please see 37 CFR 1.4(d) for the format of the signature.

Select (1) or (2) :

○ (1) I am an inventor in this application and I am 65 years of age, or more.

◉ (2) I am an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, and I certify that I am in possession of evidence, and will retain such in the application file record, showing that the inventor listed above is 65 years of age, or more.

Signature	/Leslie L. Kasten, Jr./	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2008-10-29
Name	Leslie L. Kasten, Jr.	Registration Number	28959

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3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.

4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Eugene D. GAGLIARDI

Application No. 12255283

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 8897-168U2

:DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 29-OCT-2008 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must include a statement by applicant or a registered practitioner having evidence that applicant is at least 65 years of age. No fee is required.

Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status and will be taken up for action by the examiner upon the completion of all pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this electronic decision should be directed to the Electronic Business Center at 866-217-9197.

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In re Application of	:	
Philip C. **CARLING**	:	
Application No. 12/255,304	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **2952/103**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 12, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement by Philip C. Carling attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michelle R. Eason at 571-272-4231.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1796 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: RICHARDSON, John H et al
Serial No.: **12/255,319**
Filed: October 21, 2008
Docket: GIA-08-028CP
Title: REMOTE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD IMPLEMENTING A SESSION SERVER AND ONE OR MORE OBJECT SERVERS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 21, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED**.

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);
2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours.
3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;
4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any dependent claim during any appeal in the application;
3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview.
4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner.
5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document. An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims is patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify:

(1) each means-(or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; and

(2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support

under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions [I. 1-4, II. 1-5, II. 5.1-5.3, and II 6.2 - 6.4, 6.6] above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the conditions [III. 6.1 and 6.5]. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) I (1), and item III. 6.1 above, the Pre-examination Search Document (PESD) must include: an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in **compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98**.

A first IDS filed with petition is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (b) (1) which states "each U.S. patent listed in an information disclosure statement must be identified by inventor, patent number, and issue date." Petitioner has correctly supplied the patent number and date but has failed to properly identify the name of the inventor. Instead, applicant has supplied the assignee's name.

A second IDS filed on the filing date of instant application is accepted as citing references not most closely related by still pertinent references to the invention as claimed.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP 708.02(a) I (5), and item III. 6.5 above, the Pre-examination Search Document (PESD) must include: an indication showing of where ***each limitation of the claims*** finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification. Additionally, MPEP 708.02(a) I (5) (ii) states "If the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in each such application in which such support exists."

The PESD indication that "[s]upport in the disclosure under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is found at least in fig. 16 and 17, and the accompanying descriptions in the specification" fails showing of where <u>each</u> limitation of the claims finds support under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in the written description of the specification. This requirement can easily be met by *coping and pasting* the claims, as filed and inserting after each limitation where ***each limitation of each claim*** finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification of instant application for ***all*** limitations of all claims.

Additionally, given that instant application seems to claim the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code (e.g. *10/905,102* filed 12/15/04), the PESD fails to show also where each limitation of the claims finds support under the first

paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 in each such application to which benefit is claimed and in which such support exists.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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Filed: October 21, 2008 :
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Title: REMOTE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD IMPLEMENTING A SESSION SERVER AND ONE OR MORE OBJECT SERVERS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on April 20, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 21, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on March 19, 2009.

The renew petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Search Document meets the requirements of conditions III 6.1 and 6.5 that were deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing a proper Information Disclosure Statement identifying the references by inventor name and showing proper 112 support to the instant case's specification and the parent reference relied upon for partial support, when performing a complete search have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
If it is determined that, after appropriate consultation, there is a potential rejection or any other issue to be addressed, the examiner will telephone the applicant and arrange an interview to discuss and resolve the issue. An Office action, other than a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice of Allowance), will not be issued unless either: 1) an interview was conducted but did not result in agreed to action that places the application in condition for allowance, or, 2) a determination is made that an interview would be unlikely to result in the application being placed in condition for allowance, and 3) an internal conference has been held to review any rejection of any claim.

4. Time for Reply:
An Office action other than a Notice of Allowance or a final Office action will set a shortened statutory period of one month or thirty days, whichever is longer, for reply with no extension of time available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely file a reply within this non-extendible period for reply will result in the abandonment of the application.

5. Reply by Applicant:
A timely reply to an Office action other than the Notice of Allowance must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web and limited to addressing the rejections, objections and requirement made. Any amendment that attempts to: 1) add claims which would result in more than three pending independent claims or more than twenty pending total claims; 2) present claims not encompassed by the pre-examination search or an updated accelerated examination support document; or 3) present claims that are directed a non-elected invention or an invention other than that previously claimed and examined in the application, will be treated as not fully responsive and will not be entered.

For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must

provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

6. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS):
Any IDS filed during prosecution must be submitted electronically via EFS or EFS-web, accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document, and be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

7. Post-Allowance Processing:
To expedite processing of the allowed application into a patent, the applicant must: 1) pay the required fees within one month of the date of the Notice of Allowance, and 2) not file any post allowance papers not required by the Office. In no event may the issue fee be paid and accepted later than three months from the date of the Notice of Allowance.

8. After-Final and Appeal Procedures:
To expedite prosecution, after receiving the final Office action, applicant must: 1) promptly file a notice of appeal, an appeal brief and appeal fees; and 2) not request a pre-appeal brief conference.

Any amendment, affidavit or other evidence filed after final Office action must comply with applicable rules and the requirements outlined in numbered paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

On appeal, the application will proceed according to normal appeal procedures. After appeal, the application will again be treated special.

9. Proceedings Outside the Normal Examination Process:
If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

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In re Application of: RICHARDSON, John H. et al ::
Serial No.: **12/255,319** ::
Filed: October 21, 2008 ::
Docket: GIA-08-028CP ::
Title: REMOTE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD IMPLEMENTING A SESSION SERVER AND ONE OR MORE OBJECT SERVERS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on April 20, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The original petition, submitted on October 21, 2008 was dismissed in the decision mailed on March 19, 2009.

The renew petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Search Document meets the requirements of conditions III 6.1 and 6.5 that were deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) as the original identified deficiencies for failing to comply with the requirements for the pre-examination search encompassing a proper Information Disclosure Statement identifying the references by inventor name and showing proper 112 support to the instant case's specification and the parent reference relied upon for partial support, when performing a complete search have been corrected.

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
If the examiner determines that the claims are not directed to a single invention, a telephone request to elect one single invention will be made pursuant to MPEP 812.01. As a prerequisite to the grant of this petition, the applicant has agreed to make an oral election, by telephone, without traverse. If the applicant refuses to make an election without traverse, or the examiner cannot reach the applicant after a reasonable effort, the examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
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4. Time for Reply:
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5. Reply by Applicant:
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For any amendment to the claims (including any new claim) that is not encompassed by the accelerated examination support document, applicant must

provide an updated accelerated examination support document that encompasses the amended or new claims at the time of filing of the amendment.

To proceed expeditiously with the examination, it is recommended that a reply with amendments made to any claim or with any new claim being added be accompanied by an updated accelerated examination support document or a statement explaining how the amended or new claim is supported by the original accelerated examination support document.

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If the application becomes involved in a proceeding that is outside the normal examination process (e.g., a secrecy order, national security review, interference proceeding, petitions under 37 CFR 1.181, 182 or 183), the application will be treated special before and after such proceeding.

10. Final Disposition:
The twelve month goal of this accelerated examination procedure ends with a final disposition. The mailing of a final Office action, a Notice of Allowance, the filing of a Notice of Appeal, or the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is the final disposition.

If, during prosecution, a paper is not filed electronically using EFS-web, a reply is filed but is not fully responsive, the application is involved in an appeal, or a proceeding outside normal examination process, the application will still be examined expeditiously, however, the final disposition may occur more than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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In re Application of HARALD et al. Application No. 12/255,335 Filed: October 21, 2008 Attorney Docket No. 3050.051US1	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 RE FILING DATE

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 30, 2009, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 21, 2009. The petition has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 for which no fee is required. A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and requisite $400.00 fee requesting that the December 30, 2009 petition be expedited was subsequently filed on February 4, 2010.

The petition requesting a filing date of October 21, 2008 is **GRANTED**.

The petition requesting expedited processing is **GRANTED**.

DISCUSSION

On October 21, 2008, the above-identified application was originally filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The original application papers included, inter alia, six (6) sheets of drawings, i.e., Figures 1a-9. The original application papers did not, however, include a declaration of the inventors.

On October 22, 2008, applicants filed an executed declaration of the inventors.

On November 03, 2008, the USPTO contemporaneously mailed:

> (1) a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted*" (Notice to File Missing Part) giving applicants two (2) months for response;

(2) a "Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) *Filing Date Granted*" informing applicants that their "reply on 10/22/2008 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 11/03/2008 has been entered...[t]he reply, however, does not include the following items required by the Notice" in that the drawings submitted on October 21, 2008 were not acceptable and thus giving applicants the time remaining of the two (2) months set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts (Item (1) above) mailed therewith;

(3) a Filing Receipt correctly identifying a filing date of October 21, 2008.

On November 28, 2008, applicants filed six (6) sheets of replacement drawings, i.e., Figures 1a-9.

On December 5, 2008, the USPTO mailed an Updated Filing Receipt identifying a filing date of November 28, 2008. The mailing of the Updated Fling Receipt represented a change in the application filing date from the originally accorded filing date of October 21, 2008 to a later filing date of November 11, 2008. It is this change in filing date that prompted applicants to file the present petition requesting that the present application be accorded, or more specifically be re-accorded, the original October 21, 2008 filing date.

A review of the application file record reveals that the application papers as originally filed on October 21, 2008, satisfied all of the filing date requirements under 37 CFR 1.53(b). On this basis, the application papers were properly accorded the October 21, 2008 filing date identified in the Filing Receipt mailed November 3, 2008.

The filing of the above declaration of the inventors on October 22, 2008 satisfied the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 115. On this basis, it was error for the USPTO to indicate that an oath or declaration was missing in the Notice to File Missing Parts subsequently mailed on November 3, 2008. The Notice of Incomplete Reply, mailed contemporaneously with the Notice to File Missing Parts on November 3, 2008, only required submission of replacement drawings, an issue that applicants timely satisfy on November 28, 2008. Notwithstanding the correctly and originally accorded filing date of October 21, 2008, the USPTO further erred when it subsequently changed the filing date to the November 28, 2008 date the replacement drawings were timely submitted.

CONCLUSION

Since all of the filing date requirements under 37 CFR 1.53(b) were properly and timely satisfied on October 21, 2008, it is appropriate to re-accord the application the correct the filing date of October 21, 2008.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Brian W. Brown at (571) 272-5338.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing that includes **re-according the application the correct filing date of October 21, 2008 and mailing a new and corrected Updated Filing Receipt identifying a filing date of October 21, 2008**.

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Applicant: Brin et al.
Appl. No.: 12/255,369
Filing Date: October 21, 2008
Title: Methods of Treating Urogenital-Neurological Disorders Using Modified Clostridial Toxins
Attorney Docket: 18323 (BOT)
Pub. No.: US 2009/0117157 A1
Pub. Date: May 7, 2009

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on June 9, 2009, for the above-identified application. not including applicants amendments to the specification and to correct Applicant's errors

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the publication contains minor PTO errors, such as omission of a paragraph break, "20 ed." rather than "20th ed.," and the like.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable:

> "only when the Office makes a **material mistake** which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable" (*emphasis added*).

A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. [1]

In accordance with the 37 CFR 1.221(b), Corrected Publication is not applicable to correct Applicant's errors.

[1] Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

The errors noted by requestor as caused by the Office such as an omission of a paragraph break, "20 ed." rather than "20th ed.," and the like are not material Office errors under 37 CFR 1.221(b). The misprinting does not affect the understanding of the application. The mistake does not affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, or determine the scope of the patent application publication or determine the scope to the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221(a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

A guide for filing a request for a Pre-Grant Publication, such as a request for republication, may be found on the link below:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/tutorials.htm

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication" and questions or request for reconsideration of the decision, should be addressed as follows:

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Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Michael Cygan at (571) 272-7700, or to the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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In re Application of	:	
Robert N. Jacques	:	
Application No. 12/255,385	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. cymer.1003	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed March 3, 2010, to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). *See* 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on February 24, 2010 cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

The petition is not signed by an attorney of record. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, the signature of Mr. V. Randall Gard appearing on the correspondence shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. If Mr. Gard desires to receive future correspondence regarding this file, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner herein. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the above-noted correspondence address of record.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642. All other inquiries regarding the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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[1] *The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment of the application.*

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2828 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

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Applicant: Titus Lo, et al.
Appl. No.: 12/255,404
Filing Date: October 21, 2008
Title: Turbo Channel Estimation for Ofdm Systems
Attorney Docket: 037-0077-2
Pub. No.: US 2009/0052565 A1
Pub. Date: February 26, 2009

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on April 1, 2009 for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the application wherein the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" paragraph was omitted from the first page of the specification.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. [1]

The error noted by requestor with respect to failure to include the preliminary amendment in the publication is <u>not</u> an Office error. See 37 CFR 1.215(a). Applicant's attention is further directed to MPEP 1130(B), which clearly states "failure to include an amendment is not an Office error . . . [a] request for corrected publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b) may result in a patent term adjustment reduction where the Office made only non-material errors."

The requirements for inclusion of an amendment in a patent application publication are set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.215. § 1.215(a) states that the publication may be based upon amendments to

[1] <u>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications</u>, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, <u>Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices</u> 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

the specification that are reflected in a substitute specification, provided that such substitute specification is submitted before technical preparations for publication have begun, generally four months before the projected date of publication. § 1.215(c) states that applicant may file an amended copy of the application for publication purposes, but such amendments, including a substitute specification, must be submitted in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements, and within one month of the mailing date of the first Office communication that includes a confirmation number for the application, or fourteen months of the earliest filing date for which a benefit is sought under title 35, United States Code, whichever is later.

Applicant did not file a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing systems requirements, and did not file the copy within one month of the filing receipt or within 14 months of the date, in accordance with § 1.215(a).

Applicant is reminded of his duty to conduct a reasonable inquiry before filing a paper before the Office. See MPEP 410.

Applicants' request for a corrected patent application publication on April 1, 2009, may constitute a "failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the application." See 1.704(c). This determination will be made on or after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance.

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221 (a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17 (i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18 (d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

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Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a "Pre-Grant Publication".

Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Mark Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

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In re Application of	:	
Jung-Chou Yang	:	
Application No. 12/255,434	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. T-001.P045/6356-001AUSCIP	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 20, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed November 7, 2008. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 8, 2009. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 16, 2009.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of the statutory basic filing fee, the surcharge, the search fee and the application examination fee, (2) the petition fee of $810, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing.

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/255,471
Filed: October 21, 2008
For: METHOD OF DENTAL IMPLANT RESTORATION

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 28, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an executed declaration and surcharge fee; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice mailed November 5, 2008, is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for pre-examination processing.

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Date : July 16, 2010

Patent No. :7700351
Ser. No. :12/255481
Inventor(s) : Eric Rolland et al.
Issued :April 20, 2010
Title :METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TISSUE REGENERATION

Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule(s) 1.322 and/or 1.323.

Assignees' names and addresses (assignment data) printed in a patent, are based *solely* on information supplied in the appropriate space for identifying the assignment data, i.e., item 3 of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85B. Granting of a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is required to correct applicant's error providing ***incorrect or erroneous*** assignment data, *before* issuance of a Certificate of Correction, under 37 CFR 1.323 *(see Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (M.P.E.P) Chp.1400, sect. 1481).* This procedure is required *at any time after the issue fee is paid*, including after issuance of the patent.

In view of the foregoing, your request, in this matter, is hereby denied.

A request to correct the Assignee under 37 CFR 3.81(b) should include:

A. the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1. 17(i) (currently $130);
B. **a statement that the failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent; and**
C. a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, reflecting the reel and frame number where the assignment(s) is recorded and/or reflecting proof of *the date* the assignment was submitted for recordation.

In the Request, Applicant(s) may request that the file be forwarded to Certificates of Correction Branch, for issuance of a Certificate of Correction, if the Request is granted.

Any request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) should be directed to the following address or facsimile number:

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If a fee (currently $100) was previously submitted for consideration of a Request for Certificate of Correction, under CFR 1.323, to correct assignment data, no additional fee is required.

For Mary Diggs
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Date : July 6, 2010

Patent No. :7700351
Ser. No. :12/255481
Inventor(s) : Eric Rolland et al.
Issued :April 20, 2010
Title :METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TISSUE REGENERATION

Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule(s) 1.322 and/or 1.323.

Assignees' names and addresses (assignment data) printed in a patent, are based *solely* on information supplied in the appropriate space for identifying the assignment data, i.e., item 3 of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85B. Granting of a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) is required to correct applicant's error providing ***incorrect or erroneous*** assignment data, *before* issuance of a Certificate of Correction, under 37 CFR 1.323 *(see Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (M.P.E.P) Chp.1400, sect. 1481).* This procedure is required *at any time after the issue fee is paid*, including after issuance of the patent.

In view of the foregoing, your request, in this matter, is hereby denied.

A request to correct the Assignee under 37 CFR 3.81(b) should include:

A. the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1. 17(i) (currently $130);
B. **a statement that the failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent; and**
C. a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, reflecting the reel and frame number where the assignment(s) is recorded and/or reflecting proof of *the date* the assignment was submitted for recordation.

In the Request, Applicant(s) may request that the file be forwarded to Certificates of Correction Branch, for issuance of a Certificate of Correction, if the Request is granted.

Any request under 37 CFR 3.81(b) should be directed to the following address or facsimile number:

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By hand:	Customer Service Window Mail Stop Petitions Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314
By fax:	(703) 872-9306 ATTN: Office of Petitions
Electronic Filing	uspto.gov/ebc/index.html (must be registered as an e-filer to submit responses) Support 1-866-217-9197 571-272-4100

If a fee (currently $100) was previously submitted for consideration of a Request for Certificate of Correction, under CFR 1.323, to correct assignment data, no additional fee is required.

For Mary Diggs
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In re Application of	:	
Kamilo Feher	:	
Application No. 12/255,515	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. TOUCHMIM05	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 21, 2008, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age, must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The instant petition includes a statement from the applicant declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2629 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Terri Williams

Terri Williams
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

SPE RESPONSE FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Paper No.: _____

DATE : 10/7/09

TO SPE OF : ART UNIT 2873

SUBJECT : Request for Certificate of Correction for Appl. No.: 12/255526 Patent No.: 7576906 B2

Please respond to this request for a certificate of correction within 7 days.

FOR IFW FILES:

Please review the requested changes/corrections as shown in the **COCIN** document(s) in the IFW application image. No new matter should be introduced, nor should the scope or meaning of the claims be changed.

Please complete the response (see below) and forward the completed response to scanning using document code **COCX**.

FOR PAPER FILES:

Please review the requested changes/corrections as shown in the attached certificate of correction. Please complete this form (see below) and forward it with the file to:

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Thank You For Your Assistance

The request for issuing the above-identified correction(s) is hereby:
Note your decision on the appropriate box.

- ☒ **Approved** — **All** changes apply.
- ☐ **Approved in Part** — Specify below which changes **do not** apply.
- ☐ **Denied** — State the reasons for denial below.

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In re Application of	:	
Jeffrey Alan Saal et al.	:	
Application No. 12/255,547	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **SAAL-001CIPCON**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed August 21, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request cannot be approved because the Office no longer accept address changes to a new practitioner/customer number or law firm filed with a request, absent the filing of a power of attorney to the new representative.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to JoAnne Burke at 571-272-4584.

JoAnne Burke
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
Eckhard Alt	:	
Application No. 12/255,550	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 856-0009/USC4	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) or 37 C.F.R. § 10.40 filed March 23, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The petition does not satisfies the conditions for Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) or 37 C.F.R. § 10.40 in that the s-signature of Marilyn M. Huston is improper. See 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2). Accordingly, this petition can not be treated until a proper signature is received.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at 571-272-3210.

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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In re Application of	:	
Tom Gallatin et al.	:	
Application No. 12/255,561	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. CMVIP11-C1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 28, 2009.

The request is **moot because a revocation of power of attorney has been filed**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Morrison & Foerster, LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on October 29, 2009. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the below listed until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kimberly Inabinet at 571-272-4618.

/Kimberly Inabinet/

Kimberly Inabinet
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
Yoshino et al.	:	
Application No. 12/255,591	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	
Attorney Docket No. 230980-0342	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed November 18, 2008, asserting that Figures 7a and 7b identified as omitted items in the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application mailed November 7, 2008 were in fact deposited in the USPTO with the application papers.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The evidence submitted with the petition establishes that Figures 7a and 7b were in fact deposited in the USPTO with the application papers. Although the specification and drawings present inconsistencies that undermine the clarity of the disclosure, these inconsistencies may be addressed as objections by the examiner but do not change the date of filing. While Figures 7a and 7b were not clearly labeled in the originally filed drawings, each was designated as either "(a)" or "(b)" on the left side and "Fig. 7" on the bottom such that separate Figures 7a and 7b were identified.

The petition fee of $400.00 has been credited to Deposit Account No. 19-0741 as requested.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Christopher Bottorff at (571) 272- 6692.

David Bucci
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In re Application of	:	
Brian Eng, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/255,597	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 324212024700	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 25, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by Robert A. Saltzberg on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson at 571-272-2991.

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/25/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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In re Application of	:	
Aviv Eyal, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/255,615	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. FRIS.P0731C1	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 8, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others.

The request was signed by Zurvan Mahamedi on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 30544. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 30554 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

The request to change the correspondence of record is not acceptable as the requested correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named signing inventor; or (2) an intervening assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71. All future communications from the Office will be directed the assignee of the entire interest at the first copied address below until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

There are no pending Office actions at the present time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

/AMW/
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12/255,615	10/21/2008	Aviv Eyal	FRIS.P0731C1

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/08/2010.

- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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In re application of	:	
Donald Morris et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/255,625	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	NEW APPLICATION
For: COUNTERBALANCE ASSEMBLY	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102
FOR A FOLD OUT RAMP	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 21, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

I. Conditions Regarding the Application:

1. the application must be a non-reissue utility or design application filed under 37 CFR 1.111(a);

2. the application, the petition and the required fees must be filed electronically using the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS), or EFS-web; if not filed electronically, a statement asserting that EFS and EFS-web were not available during the normal business hours;

3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner;

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable expectation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and (2) the structure, material, or acts in the specification that corresponds to each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support

under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3 above.

As to condition II.5.1, the petition lacks an indication of a preexamination search involving foreign patent documents and non-patent literature (NPL). There appears to have been no foreign patent search or NPL search outlined in the Search Document. A foreign patent search and an NPL search is required. The USPTO website has search templates that are broken down by class and subclass classification and provides a listing of the websites to be searched when dealing with claimed subject matter in those classifications at:
http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/searchtemplates.htm. Normally it is necessary to have the JPO and WIPO databases searched in addition to the EPO.

With respect to condition II.5.2, the text search of the US Patents database, the search logic in the petition appears to lack the incorporation of terms that would constitute "the broadest reasonable interpretation" of the claimed subject matter as is required. The text search appears to be too narrow to encompass the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed invention. The USPTO website has an example of the proper manner of performing and documenting a preexamination search for Accelerated Examination petitions at:
http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/. Furthermore, a sample of search logic to be used in this application is provided below:

(((counter adj balance) or counterbalanc$4) with (ramp or deck or platform)) same spring

This sample search logic is not meant to be the sole search logic that can or should be employed in this application, but is meant solely as an example of a starting off point for applicant's assistance. The foreign patent file databases searched are adequate, however the same text logic deficiency as outlined above appears to be present.

As to condition II.6.2 and II.6.3, there currently is not an adequate explanation specifying where each of the limitations (or portions thereof) are disclosed in each of the references. An explanation of the references is not sufficient to meet the above condition. Many of the features which applicants have indicated as being taught by the references are also being indicated as not being taught by the references. For

example, with respect to the Alexander reference (7,353,558), applicants have indicated that "Alexander et al. teaches...a force transmission element operatively coupled to the ramp portion...a first spring fitting...the first spring fitting restraining a first end of the spring in a fixed location when the ramp portion moves to the stowed position" (see page 62 of Support Document). However, applicants then go on to indicate that "[w]ith respect to Claim 1, Alexander et al. fails to teach or render obvious a "a force transmission element operatively coupled to the ramp portion..." "Alexander et al. further fails to teach or render obvious a "first spring fitting restraining a first end of the spring in a fixed location"".

When explaining that a limitation is not taught by the prior art it should be made clear which **specific portion** of the limitation is not taught or make it clear that no part of the limitation is taught by any of the references.

The USPTO website has an example of the proper manner of documenting limitations taught by cited art, and the manner of explaining claim patentability over the references, for an Accelerated Examination Support Document at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7045.

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In re application of Donald Morris et al. Application No. 12/255,625 Filed: October 21, 2008 For: COUNTERBALANCE ASSEMBLY FOR A FOLD OUT RAMP	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on December 5, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED**.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323).

The prosecution of the instant application will be conducted expeditiously according to the following guidelines.

1. The application will be docketed to an examiner and taken up for action within two weeks of the date of this decision.

2. Restriction Practice:
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In re application of	:	
Donald Morris et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/255,627	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR
Filed: October 21, 2008	:	NEW APPLICATION
For: COUNTERBALANCE ASSEMBLY	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102
FOR A FOLD OUT RAMP	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 21, 2008 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The petition to make the application special is **DISMISSED.**

REGULATION AND PRACTICE

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323), must satisfy the following conditions:

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3. at the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination;

4. the application must contain three or fewer independent claims and twenty or fewer total claims and the claims must be directed to a single invention.

II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

1. be filed with the application;

2. include a statement that applicant agrees not to separately argue the patentability of any independent claim during any appeal in the application;

3. include a statement that applicant agrees to make an election without traverse in a telephone interview;

4. include a statement that applicant agrees to conduct such an interview when requested by the examiner;

5. include a statement, made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources.and includes such a justification with this statement;

5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable expectation;

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.

An accelerated examination support document must include:

6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;

6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;

6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);

6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);

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under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

6.6. an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 USC 103(c).

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.1 and II.5.2 above.

As to condition II.5.1, the petition lacks an indication of a preexamination search involving foreign patent documents and non-patent literature (NPL). There appears to have been no foreign patent search or NPL search outlined in the Search Document. A foreign patent search and an NPL search is required. The USPTO website has search templates that are broken down by class and subclass classification and provides a listing of the websites to be searched when dealing with claimed subject matter in those classifications at:
http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/searchtemplates.htm. Normally it is necessary to have the JPO and WIPO databases searched in addition to the EPO.

As to condition II.5.2, with respect to the text search of the US Patents database, the search logic in the petition appears to lack the incorporation of terms that would constitute "the broadest reasonable interpretation" of the claimed subject matter as is required. The text search appears to be too narrow to encompass the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed invention. The USPTO website has an example of the proper manner of performing and documenting a preexamination search for Accelerated Examination petitions at:
http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/. Furthermore, a sample of search logic to be used in this application is provided below:

(((counter adj balance) or counterbalanc$4) with (ramp or deck or platform)) same spring

This sample search logic is not meant to be the sole search logic that can or should be employed in this application, but is meant solely as an example of a starting off point for applicant's assistance. The foreign patent file databases searched are adequate, however the same text logic deficiency as outlined above appears to be present.

Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DECISION

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**. The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

Petitioner is given a single opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within 1 (one) month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, (no extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)) from the date of this decision in order to be considered timely. Any request for reconsideration must address the deficiencies indicated above.

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

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