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In re Application of	:	
CLARK et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/408,297	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 20 March 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. TRANSLUC-P038	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12 February 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 1 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in USPC 250/208.6 which 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 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 2878 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
Quality Assurance Specialist
Technology Center 2800

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Application No. 12/408,297	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
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Attorney Docket No. **TRANSLUC-P038**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed 5/5/2010, 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.

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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
Ning Qin et al.
Application No. 12/408,407
Filed: March 20, 2009
Attorney Docket No. ORT 1414USDIV

: DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the filing date petition filed April 21, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.57 requesting that the above referenced application be accorded a filing date of March 20, 2009. The petition is being treated under 37 CFR 1.53 (e)(2)[1]

The application was filed on March 20, 2009. However, on April 3, 2009 the Office of Data Management mailed a Notice of Incomplete Application stating that the application had not been filed with drawings and thus, the application could not be accorded a filing date.

In response, the present petition was filed. Petitioner admits that the drawings were inadvertently omitted but argues that the instant application, upon filing, properly claimed priority to U.S. Non-Provisional Application 09/833,222, filed April 11, 2001, and contained Figures 1-2.

Petitioner's arguments and evidence have been considered. However, it is controlling that a review of the application confirms that as filed, the application contained at least one method claim or 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 applications.

Thus, pursuant to § 601.01(f), a drawing is not considered essential for a filing date. Thus, the application is entitled to a filing date without drawings present in the application.

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[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 mailed a Notice of Omitted Items and not a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP 601.01(g), if an application is entitled to a filing date, the mailing of a Notice of Omitted Items will permit *inter alia*:

> If 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, applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a). The amendment should be submitted in response to the Office action and must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17.

No petition is required. The amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawings will be considered by the examiner.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of March 20, 2009 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee in the amount of $400.00 will be credited back to deposit account no. 10-0750.

The Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) has been advised of this decision. Pursuant to this decision, the application has been referred to OPAP for:

- correction of the filing date to March 20, 2009
- for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing and
- for issuance of a filing receipt.

Entry of the amendment filed April 21, 2009 will be determined by the examiner.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Patricia Faison-Ball at (571) 272-3212.

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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	:	
Mary COLLINS, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/408,458	:	NOTICE UNDER
Filed: March 20, 2009	:	37 CFR 1.28(c)
Attorney Docket No. **W2023-701320/ GI5268A3**	:	

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

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) 272-7253.

/Monica A. Graves/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: W2023-701320 / GI5268A3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Mary Collins et al.
Serial No.:	12/408,458
Filing Date:	March 20, 2009
For:	CYTOKINE RECEPTOR CHAIN
Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned
Art Unit:	1656
Confirmation No.:	9411

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being electronically filed in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4), on the 5th day of May, 2009.

/ Diana M. Collazo /
Diana M. Collazo, Reg. No. 46,635

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PETITION TO ASSERT CHANGE OF ENTITY STATUS OF PATENT FROM SMALL TO LARGE

Sir:

Applicants hereby petitions that the above-identified patent application no. 12/408,458 be changed from a *small* entity to a **LARGE** entity. The assignees Genetics Institute, LLC and The Johns Hopkins University are large entities. Please charge the deposit account $1,384.00 to cover the deficiency in the application filing fees, search fees and examination fees, claim fees, and surcharge fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-2762 referencing Attorney Docket Number W2023-701320 / GI5268A3. If there are any further fees, Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment to or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2762.

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Applicant respectfully requests to be notified if further information is required to complete the request.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of :
Nurith Kurn :
Application No. 12/408,493 :
Filed: March 20, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. 25115-727.201 :

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 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 by an attorney certifying that the petitioner 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 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 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 1634 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kimberly Inabinet
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/408,516	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 0B175-102525	:	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 March 23, 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 an affidavit 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 referred to the Office of Patent Application Papers to await a reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application (Notice) mailed April 2, 2009. This application will be accorded "special" once pre-examination processing is complete.

/AMW/
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In re Application of: KENNETH C. SINSUAN et al. Serial No.: 12/408,538 Filed: March 20, 2009 Docket: 091721-0110 Title: DOWNLINK COMMUNICATION	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 March 20, 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 **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 conditions 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. However, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: Search should have additionally included the following class/subclasses: 370/203, 204, 208, 320, 321, 35, 342, and 375/140.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.1-5.3 above, and the Preexamination Search Document must be amended to indicate such; 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 Chau Nguyen at (571) 272-3126.

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In re Application of: KENNETH C. SINSUAN et al. Serial No.: 12/408,538 Filed: March 20, 2009 Docket: 091721-0110 Title: DOWNLINK COMMUNICATION	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 July 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 March 20, 2009 was dismissed in the decision mailed on June 02, 2009.

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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In re application of Richards et al. Application No. 12/408,561 Filed: March 20, 2009 For: AUTOMATED CONFIGURATION OF MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	: : : :	**DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

This is a decision on the petition filed on March 20, 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 **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 (AE)" 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 condition I.3. At the time of filing, the application must be complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination. At the time of filing the application was not complete under 37 CFR 1.51 and in condition for examination as evidenced by a preliminary amendment present on the filing date of the application.

The petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure. Given the above failure of conformance, which cannot now be remedied, the petition is denied.

If applicant elects to file again, the following issues should also be addressed:

The petition in this case also fails to comply with condition II.5.2.

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. It does not appear that the feature of generating a request for second information based on first information and one or more insurance rules as recited in independent claims 1, 9 and 10 has been searched. Similarly, it does not appear that this feature as recited in any of the dependent claims has been searched. For example, it does not appear that the features relating to generating a request as recited in claims 4 and 6 have been searched. It is important that all features in all claims be searched, especially those features identified in the Detailed Explanation of Patentability of the Support Document as contributing to the patentability of the invention and/or asserted as not being anticipated by or obvious over the provided references.

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

DECISION

For the above stated reason, 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 Michelle Tarae, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6727.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/408,563	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 20, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 067276-1192	:	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 7, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

The request was signed by Howard Shipley on behalf of the practitioners of record associated with Customer Number 22428.

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 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 Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 08/07/2009.

- 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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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 08/07/2009.

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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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.

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

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Applicant: Xu et al.
Appl. No.: 12/408,642
Filing Date: March 20, 2009
Title: SINGLE-FEED MULTI-CELL METAMATERIAL ANTENNA DEVICES
Attorney Docket No.: 20784-0017001
Pub. No.: US 2009/0251385 A1
Pub. Date: October 8, 2009

This is a decision on the request for republication of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), filed on November 25, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request under 37 CFR 1.221(a) is DISMISSED.

37 CFR 1.221(a) requires "a copy of the application in compliance with the Office 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.

The applicant did not supply a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system, as required by 37 CFR 1.221(a) because the Applicant submitted the request in paper via the United States Postal Service, rather than via the USPTO electronic filing system. The request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, thus republication will not take place.

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a Pre-Grant publication submission and must include a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements. The applicant is directed to the following website for additional instructions on how to submit a Pre-Grant Publication submission via the electronic filing system:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/efs/pgpub_quickstart.pdf

Any questions or requests for reconsideration of the decision should be addressed as follows:

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Application No. 12/408,677	:	ON PETITION
Application Deposited: March 21, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. FFH	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 21, 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 (PTO/SB/130 form) by the applicant's attorney that he 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 571-272-7751. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing in accordance with this decision on petition.

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Application No. 12/408,699
Filed: March 21, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **1168.06001**

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 September 17, 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 the inventor. 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 1792 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Attorney Docket No. 02946/05011	:	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 2, 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 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 1794 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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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 Fatland-Bloom, Beth et al Application No. 12/409,072 Filed: March 23, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 030960CONCIP/SI.0032.US03	: : : : : :	DECISION REFUSING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed June 19, 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), (2) and (4) set forth above.

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). There is no indication herein that joint inventor Nyerhovwo John Tonukari was presented with a copy of the complete application papers

for this application. From the evidence of record, it only appears that the joint inventor was presented with a copy of the assignment and declaration. If the joint inventor was not presented with a copy of the application papers for this application, then the joint inventor could not attest that he have "reviewed and understand the application papers" and could not execute the declaration he was requested to sign. Did the joint inventor 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 joint inventor if the inventors are willing to receive the papers in order to sign the oath or declaration. Unless petitioner can show that a copy of the application papers were presented to the joint inventor , 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, it is noted that the e-mails sent to joint inventor Nyerhovwo John Tonukari at the e-mail address: J.TONUKARI@CGIAR.ORG, on May 26, 2009 and on June 11, 2009 were not returned as undelivered.

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

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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.

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In re Application of Fatland-Gloom r et al Application No. 12/409,072 Filed: March 23, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 030960CONCIP/SI.0032.US03	: : : : : : :	DECISION GRANTING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed December 11, 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.

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) 272-3208.

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In re Application of	:	
M.A. Sami SIDDIQUE, et al	:	
Application No. 12/409,074	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 23, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 16075-11	:	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 12, 2009.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to BERESKIN AND PARR LLP and Customer No. 01059, has been revoked by the applicant of the patent application on December 18, 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.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 12/18/2009.

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	:
Peleg et al.	:
Application No. 12/409,275	: DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 23, 2009	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)
Attorney Docket No. 42P2445C5	:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed August 17, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to prior-filed nonprovisional Application No. 09/989,736, filed November 19, 2001, as set forth in the amendment filed concurrently with the instant 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(s), 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 petition does not comply with item (1) above.

Petitioner is advised that, where an application claims a benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of a chain of applications, the application must make a reference to the first (earliest) application and every intermediate application. See Sampson v. Ampex Corp., 463 F.2d 1042, 1044-45, 174 USPQ 417, 418-19 (2d Cir. 1972); Sticker Indus. Supply Corp. v. Blaw-Knox Co., 405 F.2d 90, 93, 160 USPQ 177, 179 (7th Cir. 1968); Hovlid v Asari, 305 F.2d 747, 751, 134 USPQ 162, 165 (9th Cir. 1962). See also MPEP § 201.11. In addition, every intermediate application must also make a reference to the first (earliest) application and every application after the first application and before such intermediate application. MPEP Section 201.06(d). If an applicant desires, for example, the following benefit claim: "this application is a continuation of Application No. C,

filed ---, which is a continuation of Application No. B, filed ---, which claims the benefit of provisional Application No. A, filed ---," then Application No. C must have a reference to Application No. B and provisional Application No. A, and Application No. B must have a reference to provisional Application No. A.

USPTO records reveals Application No. 10/861,167 does not include a reference to Application No. 09/989,736.

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

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.

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In re Application of	:	
Kai Yu Feng	:	
Application Number: 12/409345	:	ON PETITION
Filing Date: 03/23/2009	:	
Attorney Docket Number:	:	
JCLA30939	:	

This is a decision on the "Notification of Typographical Error in the Spelling of Inventor's Name," filed on September 2, 2009. Applicants request that the Office records be corrected to reflect a typographical correction in the inventor's last name.

The request is **GRANTED**.

A corrected Filing Receipt is enclosed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3231.

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Douglas I. Wood
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Encl: Corrected Filing Receipt

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12/409,345	03/23/2009	2839	462	JCLA30939	15	1

CONFIRMATION NO. 1220

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Date Mailed: 11/03/2009

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)

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications
CHINA 200920129129.7 01/06/2009

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/409,345**

Projected Publication Date: 07/08/2010

Non-Publication Request: No

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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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Applicants may wish to consult the USPTO booklet, "General Information Concerning Patents" (specifically, the section entitled "Treaties and Foreign Patents") for more information on timeframes and deadlines for filing foreign patent applications. The guide is available either by contacting the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199, or it can be viewed on the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/index.html.

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Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15

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In re application of Karl Fisher et al Serial No. 12/409,437 Filed: March 23, 2009 For: FARNESENE DIMERS AND/OR FARNESANE DIMERS AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on March 23, 2009 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

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 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 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 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 1-4, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsections 5 and 6.

It appears that the search is incomplete. Note that a search in Class 585/subclasses 1, 2, 16 and 20, as well as Class 508, subclass 110, is also required.

With respect to the references discussed in the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) on pages 6-27, petitioner has failed to identify where each and every limitation of the claims are disclosed in the cited references, for example by column and line.

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 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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re application of Karl Fisher et al Serial No. 12/409,437 Filed: March 23, 2009 For: FARNESENE DIMERS AND/OR FARNESANE DIMERS AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on June 4, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re Application of
Everett Colburn

Application No. 12409722

Filed: March 24,2009

Attorney Docket No. COL.US.1

: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-MAY-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	12/409,722	Confirmation Number	1919	Filing Date	2009-03-24
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	COL.US.1	Art Unit	3781	Examiner	
First Named Inventor	Everett Colburn				
Title of Invention	IN GROUND PLANTING POT				

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
Everett	A.	Colburn	

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	/Phillip E. Decker/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2009-05-12
Name	Phillip E. Decker	Registration Number	39163

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In re Application of	:	
Scott Burwell	:	
Application No. 12/409,895	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 24, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 213/154	:	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 26, 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 petitioner has not certified that they have notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond.

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/
April M. Wise
Petitions Examiner
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Attorney Docket No. 213/154	:	FROM RECORD
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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 September 10, 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 Paul J. Backofen on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 23371. All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 23371 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 09/10/2009.

- 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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12/409,909	03/24/2009	Jacob Johannes NIES	226672 (25229-0010)	2252

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In re Application of	:	
Jacob Johannes NIES	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/409,909	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 24 March 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 226672 (25229-0010)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 17 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 2834 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
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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 Masatoshi Fukuda, Akiyoshi Hatada, Katsuaki Ookoshi, Kenichi Okabe and Tomonari Yamamoto Application No. 12/409,979 Filed: March 24, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 090328	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed August 26, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that joint inventor Tomonari Yamamoto 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 declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to Technology Center 2812 for appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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	:	
Masatoshi Fukuda, Akiyoshi Hatada, Katsuaki	:	
Ookoshi, Kenichi Okabe and Tomonari Yamamoto	:	
Application No. 12/409,979	:	LETTER
Filed: March 24, 2009	:	
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMI-	:	
CONDUCTOR DEVICE	:	

Dear Mr. Yamamoto:

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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In re Application of
Edward **BAKER, et al.**
Application No. 12/410,012
Filed: March 24, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **00980-P8US**

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 24, 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 certification by registered attorney Craig M. Stainbrook attesting to the age of inventor Edward BAKER. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing at 571-272-4000.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application is being forwarded to the office of Initial Patent Examination for processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is complete.

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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 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.

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12/410,208	03/24/2009	Jason POSSELT	030348.00025	2783

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In re Application of	:	
Jason POSSELT	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/410,208	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 24 March 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 030348.00025	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 14 January 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 Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2893 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Clark E. Johnson, Jr. et al.	:	
Application No. 12/410,269	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 24, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 2815/106	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed January 7, 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 statements by inventor Clark E. Johnson and co-inventors attesting to his age. 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 2614 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Kimberly Inabinet/

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In re Application of	:	
Bruno Y. Graff, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/410,270	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 24, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 24094-0003001	:	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 November 3, 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 Kirk A. Gottlieb 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.

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

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12/410,270	03/24/2009	Bruno Y. Graff	24094-0003001

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 11/03/2009.

- 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	:	
Komorous-Towey et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/410,282	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: March 24, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. IDEO/0017	:	

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, filed May 27, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent and Change of Correspondence Address submitted on May 27, 2010 is hereby not accepted. Petitioner has not complied with current USPTO requirements, as set forth in 37 CFR 10.40 concerning Request for Withdrawal as Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address. Specifically, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40, 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, 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 replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond.

Petitioner has not complied with items (1) and (3) of the above certifications.

Further, 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.

Therefore, as there is currently no Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) of record in the instant application, the Office cannot change the correspondence address to the address on the Request to Withdraw. As such, all future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

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.

Joan Olszewski

Joan Olszewski
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In re Application of	:	
BAKER, Edward et al.	:	
Application No. 12/410,284	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 24, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **00980.P5US**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 25, 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 Edward Baker, 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 1794 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
James T. Oswald, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/410,292	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 24, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 048117.00002	:	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 5, 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 Douglas W. Kim 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 James T. Oswald at the address indicated below.

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

Terri Johnson
Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
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12/410,292	03/24/2009	James T. Oswald	048117.00002

CONFIRMATION NO. 2942

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 02/05/2010.

- 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
Vlasta Anastasia Komorous-Towey, et al.
Application No. 12/410,295
Filed: March 24, 2009
Attorney Docket No. IDEO/0018

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
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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 27, 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 request cannot be approved because petitioner has not certified that he has notified the client of any responses that may be due and the time frame within which the applicant must respond.

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.

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Mail Date: 04/21/2010

Applicant	: Matthew Dean Rohrbach	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7645143	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 01/12/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/410,457	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 03/24/2009	: 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
Thomas T. ANDERSEN, et al.
Application No. 12/410,612
Filed: March 25, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **0410.018B**

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, 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 certification by registered attorney Kathy S. Dias registration number 41707, attesting to the age of inventor Herbert Jacobson. 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 1647 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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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	:	
BABA, NOBUYUKI	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/410,837	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 25, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. TOTOSH.032AUS	:	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 February 05, 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;
(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 and 5 above. The statements regarding the translation of the Japanese Office action and claims do not indicate the English translations are 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 to this decision 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.

/Michael Horabik/

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Application No. 12/410,837	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 25, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. TOTOSH.032AUS	:	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 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 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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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	:	
MILDER, Fredric et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/411,055	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 25, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 1498-2U	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 30, 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.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2121 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Eddie C. Lee at 571-272-1732.

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In re Application of
Dennis L. Jeffers

Application No. 12411174

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 488529

: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 01-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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In re Application of	:	
Kevin Von Essen, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/411,196	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: March 25, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 09991-0249002	:	

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 December 15, 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 concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2861 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

/AMW/
April M. Wise
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	:	
YAMAKAWA, HIDEYUKI	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/411,239	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 25, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.359AUS	:	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 05, 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, the amendment to claim 6 does not sufficiently correspond to allowed claim 6 of the JPO application 2008-139548. The limitation "setting a transfer characteristic of an analog filter to a predetermined value" is included in the allowed claim 6 of the JPO application. The amendment to claim 6 of the instant US application deleted this limitation thus broadening the scope of the claim.

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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	:	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 February 03, 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 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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In re Application of: CLAY, RUFUS G. et al.
Application No.: 12/411248
Filed: 03/25/2009
Title: SUBSONIC AND STATIONARY RAMJET ENGINES

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 March 25, 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 **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 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, and 6.4 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5, and 6.6 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 1-11; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-43, 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 60 subclass 768 and class 415 subclass 181.

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 is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of some of the claims and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may

be found. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. 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 (NOT for comments or summaries of the prior art features that may be relevant to the claimed limitations). 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 fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. 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 name of "Reference A" and the text of the clause and/or the text of the specific "limitation II(b)" 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 indicates reasons for such combination. A conclusion statement should concisely explain what Petitioner believes to be THE limitation(s) that defines the claimed invention over the prior art, accompanied by a pointed explanation, if needed. 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 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because lack of specificity. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide 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. 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 each discrete limitation (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.

Finally, regarding the requirements of section II element 6.6, the petition does not provide an identification of any cited references that may be disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

The following comment relates to the possibility that Petitioner may determine in hindsight that some references may not be deemed anymore "most closely related prior art" to the claimed invention.

If applicant wishes to cite references that are not required in an AESD for the examiner to consider, applicant may submit such references in a separate Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98. Applicant should clearly identify the IDS of the AESD that is in support of the petition to make special and, similarly, applicant should clearly identify the separate IDS that is not in support of the petition. Consistent with 37 CFR §10.18, any reference submitted in a separate IDS that is not part of an AESD will be treated as a representation by applicant to the USPTO that no reference submitted in the separate IDS is deemed closer to the subject matter of at least one claim than the references provided in the AESD.

In practical terms, Applicant is permitted to remove one or more of the presently submitted most closely related prior art references in support of the AESD, provided that each reference that is cited in the presently filed IDS, or that is discovered through the re-opened search, is cited in either the IDS in support of the AESD (and is analyzed according to the above mentioned requirements), or in the IDS that is filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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: Clay et al. Application No.: 12/411248 Filed: March 25, 2009 Docket: AMI-101 Title: SUBSONIC AND STATIONARY RAMJET ENGINES	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 21, 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 Linda Sholl, Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391

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In re Application of: EGAN *et al.* Serial No.: 12/411,317 Filed: March 25, 2009 Docket: **108144-200701/US (TGY010)** Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS TO BALANCE SOLAR PANELS IN A MULTI-PANEL 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 march 25, 2009, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The request, and the petition to make the application special are 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).

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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:
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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.

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:
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    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.

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CAIRO, RONALD RALPH	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/411,481	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 26, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 233211	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: INFLATABLE WIND TURBINE BLADE AND METHOD FOR FORMING SAID ROTOR BLADE		

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 416/232) 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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Cairo, Ronald Ralph	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/411481	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 26, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 233211	:	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.

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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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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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Hideto Kumakura	:	
Application No. 12/411,560	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: March 26, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. Q112605	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed April 13, 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 March 4, 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 the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2839 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed IDS.

/Karen Creasy/
Karen Creasy
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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 Seiji Kuwahara et al. Application No. 12/411,827 Filed: March 26, 2009 For: ASSUMPTION TORQUE SETTING DEVICE, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION CONTROLLER, AND METHOD FOR LEARNING INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE DELAY MODEL	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 May 24, 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;

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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).

In light of the preliminary amendment filed concurrently 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.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner of record for action commensurate with this decision.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu, Quality Assurance Specialist, 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.

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In re application of Hideaki Iwaki Application No. 12/411,829 Filed: March 26, 2009 For: FAILURE DETECTION DEVICE, FAILURE DETECTION SYSTEM AND FAILURE DETECTION 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 April 7, 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;

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(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.

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

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	:	
Bichang Huang, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/411,849	:	NOTICE
Filed: March 26, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 20095-68641	:	

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 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) 272-2991.

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In re Application of	:
Mitsunori Ohata	: DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 12/411,882	: PETITION
Filed: March 26, 2009	:
Attorney Docket No. 340242US26YA CONT	:

This is a decision on the filing date petition filed May 4, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3), requesting that the above referenced application be accorded a filing date of March 26, 2009. The petition is being treated under 37 CFR 1.53 (e)(2)[1]

The application was filed on March 26, 2009. However, on April 14, 2009 the Office of Data Management mailed a Notice of Incomplete Application stating that the application had not been filed with drawings and thus, the application could not be accorded a filing date.

In response, the present petition was filed. Petitioner admits that the drawings were inadvertently omitted but argues that the instant application, upon filing, properly claimed priority to U.S. Provisional Application 11/526,120 with the drawings completely containing therein.

Petitioner's arguments and evidence have been considered. However, it is controlling that 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).

Thus, pursuant to § 601.01(f), a drawing is not considered essential for a filing date. Thus, the application is entitled to a filing date without drawings present in the application.

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[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 mailed a Notice of Omitted Items and not a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP 601.01(g), if an application is entitled to a filing date, the mailing of a Notice of Omitted Items will permit *inter alia*:

> If 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, applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a). The amendment should be submitted in response to the Office action and must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17.

No petition is required. The amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawings will be considered by the examiner.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of March 26, 2009 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee is being credited back to the credit card provided.

The Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) has been advised of this decision. Pursuant to this decision, the application has been referred to OPAP for:

- correction of the filing date to March 26, 2009
- for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing and
- for issuance of a filing receipt.

Entry of the amendment filed May 4, 2009 will be determined by the examiner.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Patricia Faison-Ball at (571) 272-3212.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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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.

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: OKADA, NAOYA Serial No.: 12/411,927 Filed: March 26, 2009 Docket: 340398US26 Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TREATING BLOW-BY GAS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE	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 9, 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;
(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; and
(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 Cuff Michael, the SPE of Art Unit 3741, and 571-272-6778 for Class 123/573 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 Macedo

Application No. 12411981

Filed: March 26,2009

Attorney Docket No. SLINKS-0001

: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 10-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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Bruno Y. Graff, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/412,213	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 26, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 24094-0002001	:	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 3, 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 Kirk A. Gottlieb 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.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Johnson 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 11/03/2009.

- 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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In re application of Bradley John Christiansen et al. Application No. 12/412,327 Filed: March 26, 2009 For: ADVERTISING SYSTEM AND 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 April 13, 2009, to make the above-identified application special. The delay in treating this request and petition is deeply regretted.

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 IPAU;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the IPAU application(s);
(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 IPAU application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the Office actions (which are relevant to patentability) from each of the IPAU application(s) containing the allowable/ patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the IPAU examiner in the IPAU office action(s) 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 U.S. application fails to claim priority to the IPAU/PCT application listed in the petition. The PPH petition lists IPAU/PCT application AU 2009200295 as the priority document. However, the U.S. application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to AU 2008905928.

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 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.

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In re application of Bradley John Christiansen et al. Application No. 12/412,327 Filed: March 26, 2009 For: ADVERTISING SYSTEM AND 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 April 13, 2009, renewed on November 23, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

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 IPAU;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the IPAU application(s);
(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 IPAU application(s);
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(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The U.S. application fails to claim priority to the IPAU/PCT application listed in the petition. The PPH petition lists IPAU/PCT application AU 2009200295 as the priority document. However, the U.S. application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to AU 2008905028.

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 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.

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In re application of Bradley John Christiansen et al. Application No. 12/412,327 Filed: March 26, 2009 For: ADVERTISING SYSTEM AND 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) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed December 24, 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 IPAU;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the IPAU application(s);
(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 IPAU application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the Office actions (which are relevant to patentability) from each of the IPAU application(s) containing the allowable/ patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the IPAU examiner in the IPAU office action(s) 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 applicants' identification of the relationship between the AU applications that contain the allowable/patentable claims and the AU priority application claimed in the U.S. application, 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 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.

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Application No. 12/412,342	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 26, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. H0003965 CIP1 DIV2	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 16, 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.

In regard to the request for refund for the duplicate payment of $300 charged on 12/22/2009, Petitioner should note that the refund has been made on January 06, 2010.

The petition lacks item(s) 1 and 4 as explained below.

In regard to item 1, Petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 252/068) 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 4, it is noted that the instant invention relates to "COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING FLUORINE SUBSTITUTED OLEFINS." 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.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tammara Peyton at 571-272-6052.

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 in its regular turn.

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In re Application of
A. VERN JONES

Application No. 12412420

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. AVJ 09012

: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 27-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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In re Application of	:	
Larvet et al.	:	
Application No. 12/412,476	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. LUTZ 2 00993	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 21, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventor, Francois Carrez, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

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 nonsigning inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2161 for examination on the merits.

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Application No. 12/412,476	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. LUTZ 2 00993	:	

Mr. Carrez,

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 in 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 Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206. 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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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	:
Kelman	:
Deposited: March 27, 2009	: ON PETITION
Application No. 12/412,527	:
Atty. Dkt. No.: 10557/370184	:

The above-identified application has been referred to the Office of Petitions for consideration of the "RESPONSE TO INCOMPLETE NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION," filed April 27, 2009. This matter is properly treated under 37 CFR 1.57(a) as a petition to accord the above-identified application a filing date of March 27, 2009.

The application was deposited March 27, 2009. The Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application (Notice) mailed April 7, 2009 indicated that the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application appeared to have been submitted without drawings as required per 35 USC 113.

The Notice indicated that the filing date would be the date of receipt of all items indicated as omitted, unless otherwise indicated in the Notice. The Notice required that any assertions that the item(s) were submitted or were not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition (accompanied by required petition fee).

The Notice further indicated that if the application contained a priority claim under 37 CFR 1.55 or benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.78 of a prior-filed application that was present on the filing date of the application and applicants want to rely on 37 CFR 1.57(a) to add inadvertently omitted material to the above-identified application, applicants must file a petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a) accompanied by the $400.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(f)) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.

Petitioner does not assert that the application, as filed, included drawings. Instead, petitioner indicates that the instant application is a continuation of U.S. App. No. 10/991,641.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.57 and MPEP 201.17, the following conditions and requirements need to be met for an applicant to add omitted material to an application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

(A) the application must have been filed on or after September 21, 2004;

(B) all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) must have been inadvertently omitted from the application;

(C) 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, must have been present on the filing date of the application;

(D) the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) must be completely contained in the prior-filed application;

(E) applicant must file an amendment 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 37 CFR 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier;

(F) if the application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date, applicant must also file a petition and the amendment under 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3) accompanied by the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f);

(G) applicant must supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;

(H) applicant must supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and

(I) applicant must identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) can be found in the prior-filed application.

The petition fails to comply with (F) and (I) set forth above. While a copy of drawings has been submitted, petitioner has failed to submit the required amendment to the specification. Moreover, petitioner fails to advise where the omitted drawings can be found in the referenced continuation application.

In view thereof, the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a) is hereby DISMISSED.

The required petition fee of $400.00 has been charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0855, as authorized.

Petitioner is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.57(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted herein. The time period for reply is not extendible pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (571) 272-3205.

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In re Application of	:	
Zhang, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/412,538	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. AM102387	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed July 16, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

With the instant petition, Rule 47 applicant has established that a copy of the application papers was forwarded to the last known address of inventor Suayan on March 4, 2009. However, as of the date of the petition, no executed declaration from Suayan 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 inventors 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 matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 1614 for docketing and examination in due course.

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

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In re Application of :
Zhang, et al. :
Application No. 12/412,538 :
Filed: March 27, 2009 :
Title: 2-Aryl and 2- :
Heteroarylthiazolyl Compounds, Methods :
for their Preparation and Use Thereof

LETTER

Dear Mr. Suayan:

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	:	
Donald M. Lambe	:	
Application No. 12/412,557	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. LDM-10303/01	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 27, 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 the applicant. 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 3695 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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In re Application of	:	
Chunqing Liu et al.	:	
Application No. 12/412,629	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. H0021261	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed December 10, 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, 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 as explained below.

In regard to item 1, Petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 502/004) 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, it is noted that the instant invention relates to "HIGH PERFORMANCE CROSS-LINKED POLYBENZOXAZOLE AND POLYBENZOTHIAZOLE POLYMER MEMBRANCES." In the statement accompanying the instant petition, petitioner states that in addition to being eligible for consideration as materially enhancing the environmental quality standard, the membranes of the instant invention "are more energy efficient than many alternative technologies in their operation as well as providing for a higher rate of recovery of the hydrocarbon that is being purified." However, from the claimed invention it is not clear how the instant invention contributes materially to enhancing the quality of the environment, or has improved energy efficiency, or rate of recovery of hydrocarbon, when compared with available alternatives. The instant petition fails to explain how the instant invention contributes in a significant, substantial or noticeable manner to enhancing the quality of the environment or the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources or green house gas emission reduction. Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute under category (A) or (B).

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Tammara Peyton at 571-272-6052.

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 1793 for action in its regular turn.

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Applicant	: Anthony M. FADELL	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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Issue Date	: 01/05/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/412,631	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 03/27/2009	: 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. 12/412,633	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. H0021261-01	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 10, 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

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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 5 above for the reason explained below.

The instant invention relates to "HIGH PERFORMANCE CROSS-UNKED POLYBENZOXAZOLE AND POLYBENZOTHIAZOLE POLYMER MEMBRANES". In the statement accompanying the instant petition, petitioner states that in addition to being eligible for consideration as materially enhancing the environmental quality standard, the membranes of the instant invention "are more energy efficient than many alternative technologies in their operation as well as providing for a higher rate of recovery of the hydrocarbon that is being purified." However, from the claimed invention it is not clear how the instant invention contributes materially to enhancing the quality of the environment, or has improved energy efficiency, or rate of recovery of hydrocarbon, when compared with available alternatives. The instant petition fails to explain how the instant invention contributes in a significant, substantial or noticeable manner to enhancing the quality of the environment or the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources or green house gas emission reduction. Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute under category (A) or (B).

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The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1797 for action in its regular turn.

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Application No. 12/412,643	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. H0022366	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 10, 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**.

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The petition lacks item(s) 1 and 5 as explained below.

In regard to item 1, Petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 210/500.280) 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, it is noted that the instant invention relates to "POLYBENZOXAZOLE POLYMER-BASED MIXED MATRIX MEMBRANES" In the statement accompanying the instant petition, petitioner states that in addition to being eligible for consideration as materially enhancing the environmental quality standard, the membranes of the instant invention "are more energy efficient than many alternative technologies in their operation as well as providing for a higher rate of recovery of the hydrocarbon that is being purified." However, from the claimed invention it is not clear how the instant invention contributes materially to enhancing the quality of the environment, or has improved energy efficiency, or rate of recovery of hydrocarbon, when compared with available alternatives. The instant petition fails to explain how the instant invention contributes in a significant, substantial or noticeable manner to enhancing the quality of the environment or the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources or green house gas emission reduction. Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute under category (A) or (B).

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Filed: March 27, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. H0022366-01	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed December 10, 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**.

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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) 5 as explained below.

The instant invention relates to "POLYBENZOXAZOLE POLYMER-BASED MIXED MATRIX MEMBRANCES." In the statement accompanying the instant petition, petitioner states that in addition to being eligible for consideration as materially enhancing the environmental quality standard, the membranes of the instant invention "are more energy efficient than many alternative technologies in their operation as well as providing for a higher rate of recovery of the hydrocarbon that is being purified." However, from the claimed invention it is not clear how the instant invention contributes materially to enhancing the quality of the environment, or has improved energy efficiency, or rate of recovery of hydrocarbon, when compared with available alternatives. The instant petition fails to explain how the instant invention contributes in a significant, substantial or noticeable manner to enhancing the quality of the environment or the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources or green house gas emission reduction. Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute under category (A) or (B).

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Application No. 12/412,649	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. H0022624	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 10, 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).

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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 items 1 and 5 as explained below.

In regard to item 1, this application has been classified in an area (USPC 210/500.38) 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, it is noted that the instant invention relates to "POLYMER MEMBRANES PREPARED FROM AROMATIC POLYIMIDE MEMBRANES BY THERMAL TREATING AND UV CROSSLINKING". In the statement accompanying the instant petition, petitioner states that in addition to being eligible for consideration as materially enhancing the environmental quality standard, the membranes of the instant invention "are more energy efficient than many alternative technologies in their operation as well as providing for a higher rate of recovery of the hydrocarbon that is being purified." However, from the claimed invention it is not clear how the instant invention contributes materially to enhancing the quality of the environment, or has improved energy efficiency, or rate of recovery of hydrocarbon, when compared with available alternatives. The instant petition fails to explain how the instant invention contributes in a significant, substantial or noticeable manner to enhancing the quality of the environment or the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources or green house gas emission reduction. Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute under category (A) or (B).

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Gary P. Fugitt et al
Serial No. 12/412,773
Filed: March 27, 2009
For: LOW DENSITY PAPERBOARD

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on March 27, 2009 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

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 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 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 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 1-4 and 6, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsection 5.

It appears that the search is incomplete. Note that a search in Class 428/subclass 535.5 is also required.

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 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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re application of Gary P. Fugitt et al Serial No. 12/412,773 Filed: March 27, 2009 For: LOW DENSITY PAPERBOARD	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on June 26, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

/Christine Tierney/

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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

Patent Publication Branch
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In re Application of :
Sybert, Berven, Betz, Boachie-Adjei, Boden, O'Brien, Shelokov, and Winterbottom :
Application No. 12/413,013 :
Filed: March 27, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. 2004367-0192 :
Title: BONE ANCHORS FOR ORTHOPEDIC APPLICATIONS :

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 November 13, 2009, and supplemented on December 11, 2009.

This petition is **DISMISSED**.

On March 27, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Messrs. Sybert, Berven, Betz, Boachie-Adjei, Boden, O'Brien, Shelokov, and Winterbottom as joint inventors. On April 13, 2009, Applicant was mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted," requiring an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 and the surcharge for the late filing of the same. The notice set a two-month period for reply.

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 each non-signing inventor;
(4) either
    a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration)

was sent or given to each non-signing inventor for review and proof that each non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or

b) proof that each non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, and;

(5) a declaration which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

With this petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee and the surcharge associated with the late submission of this petition, a declaration that has been executed by each joint inventor save Mr. O'Brien, the last known address of the non-signing inventor,[1] proof that he was provided with a complete copy of the application,[2] and proof that an executed copy of the declaration has not been obtained.[3] Petitioner has further included a five-month extension of time so as to make timely this response.

With the supplemental submission of December 11, 2009, Petitioner has attempted to achieve joinder via the presentation of a declaration that has been executed by Mr. O'Brien, the formerly non-signing joint inventor. However, **this declaration cannot be accepted, as it contains non-dated changes by inventor O'Brien.**[4]

Prior to filing a renewed petition, Petitioner should have Mr. O'Brien execute a declaration which contains his correct address.

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,[5] hand-delivery,[6] or facsimile.[7] Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit a response to this decision via EFS-Web.[8]

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1 Petition, paragraph 9.
2. Id at 3. See also Exhibit C.
3 Petition, paragraph 9..
4 See 37 C.F.R. §1.52(c)(1) and MPEP § 605.04(a).
5 Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450.
6 Customer Window, Randolph Building, 401 Dulaney Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.
7 (571) 273-8300- please note this is a central facsimile number.
8 https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/authenticateuserlocalepf.html

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.[9]

/Paul Shanoski/
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9 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 Sybert, Berven, Betz, Boachie-Adjei, Boden, O'Brien, Shelokov, and Winterbottom Application No. 12/413,013 Filed: March 27, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 2004367-0192 Title: BONE ANCHORS FOR ORTHOPEDIC APPLICATIONS	DECISION NOTING JOINDER AND DISMISSING RENEWED PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(A) AS MOOT

This is in response to the renewed petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), filed February 19, 2010.

On March 27, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Messrs. Sybert, Berven, Betz, Boachie-Adjei, Boden, O'Brien, Shelokov, and Winterbottom as joint inventors. On April 13, 2009, Applicant was mailed a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Granted," requiring an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 and the surcharge for the late filing of the same. The notice set a two-month period for reply.

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 each non-signing inventor;
(4) either
    a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to each non-signing inventor for review and proof that each non-signing inventor refuses to join in

the application or
b) proof that each non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, and;
(5) a declaration which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

An original petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) was filed on November 13, 2009, along with the petition fee and the surcharge associated with the late submission of the original petition, a declaration that has been executed by each joint inventor save Mr. O'Brien, the last known address of the non-signing inventor,[1] proof that he was provided with a complete copy of the application,[2] and proof that an executed copy of the declaration has not been obtained.[3] Petitioner further included a five-month extension of time so as to make timely the response.

A supplement to the original petition was filed on December 11, 2009, where Petitioner attempted to achieve joinder via the presentation of a declaration that has been executed by Mr. O'Brien, the formerly non-signing joint inventor.

The original petition was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on January 12, 2010, which indicated that the declaration that was submitted on December 11, 2009 cannot be accepted, as it contains non-dated changes by inventor O'Brien. The decision cited to MPEP § 605.04(a), which sets forth, *in pertinent part*:

> "[t]he Office will require a new oath or declaration if the alterations (to the oath or declaration) are not initialed and dated."

With this renewed petition, Petitioner has submitted a declaration that has been properly executed by formerly non-signing joint inventor O'Brien.

As such, this renewed petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

In view of the joinder of the joint inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) is not necessary and the petition is considered moot. This application does not have any Rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. **This application need not be returned to this Office for further consideration under 37 CFR § 1.47(a)**.

The Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) will be notified of this decision, and jurisdiction over the application

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1 Original petition, paragraph 9.
2 Id at 3. See also Exhibit C.
3 Original Petition, paragraph 9.

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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In re Application of	:	
Howard S. Debow	:	
Application No. 12/413,033	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US	:	

This is in response to the "PETITION FOR FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.147 WHEN AN INVENTOR REFUSES TO SIGN OR CANNOT BE REACHED", filed March 27, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

The petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) 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 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) 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 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; (3) the petition fee; (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; (5) proof that the Rule

47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application; and (6) proof of irreparable damage. The instant petition does not satisfy requirements (2), (5), and (6).

As to requirement (2), Rule 47 applicant has not submitted an acceptable oath or declaration. As set forth in MPEP 409.03(b), the "37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant must make the oath required by 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 or 1.175." The title or position of the person signing must be stated if signing on behalf of a corporation. A corporation may authorize any person, including a registered attorney or agent, to sign the oath or declaration on its behalf. Where an oath or declaration is signed by a registered attorney or agent on behalf of a corporation, proof of the attorney's or agent's authority in the form of a statement signed by the appropriate corporate officer must be submitted, or the attorney or agent can simply state that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation. Here, the declaration submitted was blank.

As to requirement (5), applicant has not shown a sufficient proprietary interest with respect to the nonsigning inventor. Rule 47 applicant has not submitted a copy of an assignment from the non-signing inventor or a copy of an employment agreement.

If applicant can not show a sufficient proprietary interest by supplying a copy of the assignment for the above-identified application (or a copy of an agreement to assign, e.g. an employment agreement), a proprietary interest "may be demonstrated by an appropriate legal memorandum to the effect that a court of competent jurisdiction (federal, state, or foreign) would by the weight of authority in that jurisdiction award title of the invention to the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant."[1]

As to requirement (6), irreparable damage may be established by a statement that a filing date is necessary to preserve the rights of the party or to prevent irreparable damage. See MPEP 409.03(g).

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

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MPEP 409.03(f).

By FAX: (571)273-8300
Attn: Office of Petitions

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

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Application No. 12/413,033	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US	:	

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b), filed August 19, 2009.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) is **GRANTED**.

Applicant filed a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b) on March 27, 2009. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on April 13, 2009. The petition was dismissed because applicant did not submit a proper 37 CFR 1.63 declaration. In addition, applicant did not show a sufficient proprietary interest (e.g. by submitting a copy of an assignment or employment agreement). Lastly, applicant did not establish irreparable damage.

With the instant renewed petition, Rule 47(b) applicant has overcome the objections set forth in the April 13, 2009 dismissal.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). Accordingly, the above-identified 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 inventors 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 Group Art Unit 3623 for docketing and examination in due course.

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

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In re Application of :
Howard S. Debow :
Application No. 12/413,033 :
Filed: March 27, 2009 : LETTER
Title: Transactional Processing Entity:
Device Support of an Integrated Offer
Network

Dear Mr. Debow:

You are named as an 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(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the 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, 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: ERI, Michiaki
Application No.: 12/413064
Filed: March 27, 2009
For: Information processing apparatus, Data restoring method of information processing apparatus, and data restoring program of information processing apparatus.

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 November 19, 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 fail to include:

A. Item 6 a. above. Specifically,

None of the references cited in the Office action (Notification of Reasons for refusal) is cited in an Information Disclosure Statement. See pages 5 and 6 of the Office action.
JP-A-2000-207264
JP-A-6-119213
JP-A-7-281934
JP-A-2003-280914
JP-A-2004-038932

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/

Mano Padmanabhan
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In re Application of: Eri M.
Application No. 12/413,064
Filed: March 27, 2009
For: Information processing apparatus, data restoring method of information processing apparatus, and data restoring program of information processing apparatus.

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) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed ~~October 06, 2009~~ March 19, 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
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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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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.

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In re Application of	:	
Howard Scott Debow	:	
Application No. 12/413,075	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PURSUANT TO
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US1	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.47(B)
Title: ISSUER DEVICE SUPPORT OF	:	
AN INTEGRATED OFFER NETWORK	:	

This is in response to the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, filed March 27, 2009. This petition is being treated as a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), due to the fact that Petitioner has submitted a declaration that has not been executed by the sole inventor.

On March 27, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Howard Scott DeBow as the sole inventor.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires:

(1) the petition fee of as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g);
(2) the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application;
(3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(4) proof that either:
    (a) a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refused to sign, or;
    (b) proof that diligent efforts have been made to

locate the non-signing inventor
(5) proof that the Rule 47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application;
(6) proof of irreparable damage, and;
(7) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

With this petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, an unexecuted declaration, a statement of facts, an assertion that the non-singing inventor has refused to sign the declaration,[1] proof of irreparable damage, and the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires proof that a complete copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor. Petitioner has set forth that the "application" was sent to the non-signing inventor.[2] The Office is construing this language to mean that *a complete copy* of Application No. 12/413,075 was sent to the non-signing inventor, and Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in this petition.

Petitioner has met requirements (1), (3)-(4), and (6) of Rule 1.47(b). Requirements (5) and (7) have not been satisfied. The second requirement is not applicable, as this petition was included on initial deposit.

Regarding the fifth requirement of Rule 1.47(b), Petitioner has failed to prove sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application,[3] in that the chain of title is not complete.[4] Petitioner has not established that the non-signing inventor assigned his rights to Visa, the purported assignee.

No assignment documents pertaining to this application have been provided, and no Reel and Frame number where the recordation of this assignment may be found has been provided. Furthermore, there is no record in the Office's Patent Application Location and Monitoring System of an Assignment involving this application. These facts fail to establish that the purported assignee has any proprietary interest in the application at hand,

1 Murdock declaration of facts, paragraph 5.
2 Id. at 4.
3 See 35 U.S.C. § 118, 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), and MPEP § 409.03(f).
4 See 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

and it appears that the inventor never assigned any rights in the present invention to the corporation.[5]

Petitioner has asserted that Mr. DeBow has assigned his rights to Visa in a severance agreement, however it is noted that a copy of this agreement has not been located among the papers submitted with this petition.

Moreover, Petitioner has reproduced a portion of the severance agreement, and it is noted that the assignment of intellectual property rights is expressly limited to conceptions, developments, or reductions to practice "during Employee's employment with the Company."[6] As the Office has no way of determining precisely when the inventor conceived, developed, or reduced the material present in this application to practice, and as the Office cannot determine the employment dates of the non-signing inventor, the Office cannot determine if these timeframes overlap. As such, it has not been established that the rights to this application have been assigned to his former employer.

On renewed petition, Petitioner should provide **a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction** stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would, by the weight of the authority, award title to the invention to the Rule 47(b) applicant.

Regarding the seventh requirement of Rule 1.47(b), the declaration that was submitted concurrently with this petition cannot be accepted since no party has executed the declaration on behalf of the non-signing inventor.[7] **On renewed petition, Petitioner should have this deficiency rectified.**

Any reply 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(b)." This is <u>not</u> a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C § 704.

Any such renewed petition should indicate in a prominent manner that the attorney handling this matter is Paul Shanoski, and may be submitted by mail,[8] hand-delivery,[9] or facsimile.[10] Registered

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5 <u>See</u> MPEP § 402.07 and 37 C.F.R. § 3.71(c).
6 Petition, page 2.
7 <u>See</u> MPEP § 409.03(b)(A).
8 Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450.
9 Customer Window, Randolph Building, 401 Dulaney Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.

users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit a response to this decision via EFS-Web.[11]

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.[12] All other inquiries concerning examination procedures should be directed to the Technology Center.

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10 (571) 273-8300- please note this is a central facsimile number.
11 https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/authenticateuserlocalepf.html
12 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 Petitioner's further action(s).

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In re Application of	:	
Howard Scott Debow	:	
Application No. 12/413,075	:	DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PURSUANT TO
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US1	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.47(B)
Title: ISSUER DEVICE SUPPORT OF	:	
AN INTEGRATED OFFER NETWORK	:	

This is in response to the renewed petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), filed September 3, 2009.

On March 27, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Howard Scott DeBow as the sole inventor.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires:

(1) the petition fee of as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g);
(2) the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application;
(3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(4) proof that either:
    (a) a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refused to sign, or;
    (b) proof that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor
(5) proof that the Rule 47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to

justify the filing of the application;
(6) proof of irreparable damage, and;
(7) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

An original petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) was filed on March 27, 2009, along with the petition fee, an unexecuted declaration, a statement of facts, an assertion that the non-singing inventor has refused to sign the declaration,[1] proof of irreparable damage, and the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The original petition was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on June 15, 2009, for failure to meet the fifth and seventh requirements of Rule 1.47(b).

To date, requirements (1), (3)-(4), and (6) of Rule 1.47(b) have been satisfied. Requirements (5) and (7) have not been satisfied. The second requirement is not applicable, as this petition was included on initial deposit.

Regarding the fifth requirement of Rule 1.47(b), the decision on the original petition indicated, *in pertinent part*:

> Petitioner has failed to prove sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application,[2] in that the chain of title is not complete.[3] Petitioner has not established that the non-signing inventor assigned his rights to Visa, the purported assignee.
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> No assignment documents pertaining to this application have been provided, and no Reel and Frame number where the recordation of this assignment may be found has been provided. Furthermore, there is no record in the Office's Patent Application Location and Monitoring System of an Assignment involving this application. These facts fail to establish that the purported assignee has any proprietary interest in the application at hand, and it appears that the inventor never assigned any rights in the present invention to the corporation.[4]
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> Petitioner has asserted that Mr. DeBow has assigned his rights to Visa in a severance agreement, however it is noted that a copy of this agreement has not been located among the papers submitted with this petition.

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1 Murdock declaration of facts provided with original petiiton, paragraph 5.
2 See 35 U.S.C. § 118, 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), and MPEP § 409.03(f).
3 See 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
4 See MPEP § 402.07 and 37 C.F.R. § 3.71(c).

> Moreover, Petitioner has reproduced a portion of the severance agreement, and it is noted that the assignment of intellectual property rights is expressly limited to conceptions, developments, or reductions to practice "during Employee's employment with the Company."[5] As the Office has no way of determining precisely when the inventor conceived, developed, or reduced the material present in this application to practice, and as the Office cannot determine the employment dates of the non-signing inventor, the Office cannot determine if these timeframes overlap. As such, it has not been established that the rights to this application have been assigned to his former employer.
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> On renewed petition, Petitioner should provide **a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction** (emphasis included) stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would, by the weight of the authority, award title to the invention to the Rule 47(b) (sic) applicant.
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> Decision on original petition, pages 2-3.

With this renewed petition, Petitioner has included a redacted copy of the severance agreement which contains the relevant text which was included on original petition. Moreover, Petitioner has included a statement from the Associate General Counsel of the purported assignee, who has asserted that Mr. DeBow was an employee of the purported assignee "at the time the invention…was conceived."[6]

However, a review of the severance agreement further indicates that any invention that "qualifies fully under the provisions of California Labor Code Section 2870"[7] is explicitly excluded from the assignment. The undersigned is not licensed to practice law in California, and is not familiar with "California Labor Code Section 2870." As such, the Office is unable to determine whether the sole inventor assigned his rights to the purported assignee.

It follows that Petitioner has not established that the non-signing sole inventor has assigned his rights to this application to his former employer.

On second renewed petition, **it is again recommended that Petitioner provide a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would, by the weight of the authority, award title to the invention to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant.**

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5 Petition, page 2.
6 Miller declaration of facts, paragraph 2.
7 Severance agreement, paragraph 8.

Regarding the seventh requirement of Rule 1.47(b), the decision on the original petition indicated that the declaration that was submitted concurrently with the original petition could not be accepted since no party has executed the declaration on behalf of the non-signing inventor.[8, 9] With this renewed petition, an executed declaration has not been provided. Petitioner may find it helpful to review MPEP § 409.03(b)(A), which sets forth, *in toto*:

> The 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant must make the oath required by 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 or 1.175. Where a corporation is the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, an officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chief Executive Officer) thereof should normally sign the necessary oath or declaration. A corporation may authorize any person, including an attorney or agent registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, to sign the application oath or declaration on its behalf. Where an oath or declaration is signed by a registered attorney or agent on behalf of a corporation, either proof of the attorney"s or agent"s (sic) authority in the form of a statement signed by an appropriate corporate officer must be submitted, or the attorney or agent may simply state that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation. Where the oath or declaration is being signed on behalf of an assignee, see MPEP § 324. An inventor may not authorize another individual to act as his or her agent to sign the application oath or declaration on his or her behalf. Staeger v. Commissioner, 189 USPQ 272 (D.D.C. 1976), In re Striker, 182 USPQ 507 (Comm"r Pat. 1973). Where an application is executed by one other than the inventor, the declaration required by 37 CFR 1.63 must state the full name, residence, post office address, and citizenship of the nonsigning inventor. Also, the title or position of the person signing must be stated if signing on behalf of a corporation under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

Any reply 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 "Second Renewed Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)." This is <u>not</u> a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C § 704.

Any such second renewed petition should indicate in a prominent manner that the attorney handling this matter is Paul Shanoski, and may be submitted by mail,[10] hand-delivery,[11] or facsimile.[12] Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit a response to this decision via EFS-Web.[13]

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8 <u>See</u> MPEP § 409.03(b)(A).
9 Decision on original petition, page 3.
10 Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450.
11 Customer Window, Randolph Building, 401 Dulaney Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314.
12 (571) 273-8300- please note this is a central facsimile number.
13 <u>https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/authenticateuserlocalepf.html</u>

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.[14] All other inquiries concerning examination procedures should be directed to the Technology Center.

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14 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 Petitioner's further action(s).

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In re Application of	:	
Howard Scott Debow	:	
Application No. 12/413,075	:	DECISION ON SECOND RENEWED
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PETITION PURSUANT TO
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US1	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.47(B)
Title: ISSUER DEVICE SUPPORT OF	:	
AN INTEGRATED OFFER NETWORK	:	

This is in response to the second renewed petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), filed December 17, 2009.

This second renewed petition is **GRANTED**.

On March 27, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Howard Scott DeBow as the sole inventor.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires:

(1) the petition fee of as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g);
(2) the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application;
(3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(4) proof that either:
    (a) a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refused to sign, or;
    (b) proof that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor
(5) proof that the Rule 47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to

justify the filing of the application;
(6) proof of irreparable damage, and;
(7) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

An original petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) was filed on March 27, 2009, along with the petition fee, an unexecuted declaration, a statement of facts, an assertion that the non-singing inventor has refused to sign the declaration,[1] proof of irreparable damage, and the last known address of the non-signing inventor. The original petition was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on June 15, 2009, for failure to meet the fifth and seventh requirements of Rule 1.47(b).

A renewed petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) was filed on September 3, 2009, which was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on September 23, 2009, which indicated that requirements (1), (3)-(4), and (6) of Rule 1.47(b) had been satisfied, requirements (5) and (7) had not been satisfied, and the second requirement is not applicable, as the original petition was included on initial deposit.

With this second renewed petition, Petitioner has included both a declaration that has been signed by an officer of the Assignee of record and a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would, by the weight of the authority, award title to the invention to the Rule 1.47(b) application. As such, requirements (5) and (7) of Rule 1.47(b) have been satisfied.

Consequently, each of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) has been met, but for the second requirement.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b). This application is hereby <u>accorded Rule § 1.47(b) status</u>.

As provided in Rule 1.47, this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address that appears on the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision, and jurisdiction over this application is transferred to the Technology Center, so that the application may receive further

1 Murdock declaration of facts provided with original petition, paragraph 5.

processing. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the present application can receive further processing in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.[2] All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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2 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 Petitioner's further action(s).

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Howard Scott Debow	:	
Application No. 12/413,075	:	
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	LETTER
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US1	:	
Title: ISSUER DEVICE SUPPORT OF AN INTEGRATED OFFER NETWORK	:	

Dear Mr. Debow:

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 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the sole inventor.

As the 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 C.F.R. § 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, the attorney of record below would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. 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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Howard Scott Debow	:	
Application No. 12/413,097	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PURSUANT TO
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US2	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.47(B)
Title: MERCHANT DEVICE SUPPORT	:	
OF AN INTEGRATED OFFER NETWORK	:	

This is in response to the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), filed March 27, 2009, and supplemented on September 3, 2009.

On March 27, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Howard Scott DeBow as the sole inventor.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires:

(1) the petition fee of as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g);
(2) the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application;
(3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(4) proof that either:
    (a) a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refused to sign, or;
    (b) proof that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor
(5) proof that the Rule 47(b) applicant has sufficient

proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application;
(6) proof of irreparable damage, and;
(7) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

With this petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, an unexecuted declaration, a statement of facts, an assertion that the non-singing inventor has refused to sign the declaration,[1] proof of irreparable damage, and the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires proof that a complete copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor. Petitioner has set forth that the "application" was sent to the non-signing inventor.[2] The Office is construing this language to mean that *a complete copy* of Application No. 12/413,097 was sent to the non-signing inventor, and Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in this petition.

Requirements (1), (3)-(4), and (6) of Rule 1.47(b) have been satisfied. Requirements (5) and (7) have not been satisfied. The second requirement is not applicable, as this petition was included on initial deposit.

Regarding the fifth requirement of Rule 1.47(b), Petitioner has failed to prove sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application, since Petitioner has not established that the non-signing inventor assigned his rights to Visa, the purported assignee.

Petitioner has asserted that Mr. DeBow has assigned his rights to Visa in a severance agreement (a portion of which was submitted to the Office for recordation concurrently with the supplement to this petition). However, a review of the portion of the severance agreement indicates that the assignment of intellectual property rights is expressly limited to conceptions, developments, or reductions to practice "during Employee's employment with the Company."[3] As the Office has no way of determining precisely when the inventor "conceived, developed, or reduced" the material present in this application to practice,

1 Murdock declaration of facts, paragraph 5.
2 Id. at 4.
3 Severance Agreement, paragraph 8. See also Miller declaration of facts, paragraph 4.

and as the Office cannot determine the employment dates of the non-signing inventor, the Office cannot determine if these timeframes overlap. As such, it has not been established that the rights to this application have been assigned to his former employer.

Moreover, paragraph 8 of the severance agreement further indicates that any invention that "qualifies fully under the provisions of California Labor Code Section 2870"[4] is explicitly excluded from the assignment. The undersigned is not licensed to practice law in California, and is not familiar with "California Labor Code Section 2870." As such, the Office is unable to determine whether the sole inventor assigned his rights to the purported assignee.

It follows that Petitioner has not established that the non-signing sole inventor has assigned his rights to this application to his former employer.

On renewed petition, **Petitioner should provide a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would, by the weight of the authority, award title to the invention to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant.**

Regarding the seventh requirement of Rule 1.47(b), the declaration that was submitted concurrently with this petition cannot be accepted since no party has executed the declaration on behalf of the non-signing inventor.[5]

On renewed petition, **Petitioner should provide a declaration that has been executed by either a corporate officer, or an individual who has been authorized to sign the declaration on its behalf,** pursuant to MPEP § 409.03(b)(A).

Any reply 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 "Second Renewed Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b)." This is <u>not</u> a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C § 704.

Any such second renewed petition 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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4 Severance agreement, paragraph 8.
5 <u>See</u> MPEP § 409.03(b)(A).
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] All other inquiries concerning examination procedures should be directed to the Technology Center.

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9 https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/authenticateuserlocalepf.html
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In re Application of	:	
Howard Scott Debow	:	
Application No. 12/413,097	:	DECISION ON RENEWED
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PETITION PURSUANT TO
Attorney Docket No. P-14218US2	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.47(B)
Title: MERCHANT DEVICE SUPPORT	:	
OF AN INTEGRATED OFFER NETWORK	:	

This is in response to the renewed petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), filed January 20, 2010.

On March 27, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Howard Scott DeBow as the sole inventor.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) requires:

(1) the petition fee of as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(g);
(2) the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application;
(3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
(4) proof that either:
    (a) a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refused to sign, or;
    (b) proof that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor
(5) proof that the Rule 47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application;

(6) proof of irreparable damage, and;
(7) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

An original petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) was filed on March 27, 2009, and supplemented on September 3, 2009, where Petitioner submitted the petition fee, an unexecuted declaration, a statement of facts, an assertion that the non-singing inventor has refused to sign the declaration,[1] proof of irreparable damage, a statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), and the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The original petition was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on October 27, 2009, which indicated that requirements (1), (3)-(4), and (6) of Rule 1.47(b) have been satisfied, and that the second requirement is not applicable, as the original petition was included on initial deposit.

With this renewed petition, Petitioner has included a one-month extension of time so as to make timely this submission, along with both a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would, by the weight of the authority, award title to the invention to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant and a declaration that has been executed by an officer of the corporate Assignee.

As such, requirements (5) and (7) have been satisfied.

Each of the seven requirements of Rule 1.47(b) (but for the second requirement, which is not applicable) has been satisfied.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b). This application is hereby <u>accorded Rule §1.47(b) status</u>.

As provided in Rule 1.47, this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address which appears on the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision, and jurisdiction over this application is transferred to the Technology Center, so that the application may receive further processing. The Technology Center's support staff will notify

1 Murdock declaration of facts, paragraph 5.

the Examiner of this decision, so that the present application can receive further processing in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.[2] All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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Attorney Docket No. P-14218US2	:	
Title: MERCHANT DEVICE SUPPORT OF AN INTEGRATED OFFER NETWORK	:	

Dear Mr. Debow:

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 C.F.R. § 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the sole inventor.

As the 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 C.F.R. § 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, the attorney of record below would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. 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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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. 12/413,245
Filed/Deposited: 27 March, 2009
Attorney Docket No. P001749-PTTA-DLT

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 12 June, 2009, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) 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(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 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(b) requires: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage.

Petitioner's attention is directed to the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) and to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq..

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.

Petitioner submitted no fee/authorization and no statement/showing of authority to sign the oath/declaration on behalf of the non-signing inventor. Petitioner made no showing as to receipt by the non-signing inventor of the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings). Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document (e.g., specification (description, claims, abstract, drawings) and oath/declaration) to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment by the non-signing inventor of receipt and readability will be required. These deficiencies must be resolved on any renewed petition.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

The instant application was filed on 27 March, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 13 April, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts indicating, *inter alia*, that a fully executed oath/declaration (signed and dated) was required.

On 12 June, 2009, Petitioner Raymond J. Vivacqua (Reg. No 45,369) filed a petition with, *inter alia*, without the fee, an oath/declaration signed by Dan L. Thompson (Reg. No. 54,490) (in the place of the non-signing inventor Thomas H. Wilson (Mr. Wilson)), but with no statement of authority to sign on behalf of the averred assignee; a statement of Email transmission of "the completed patent application, declaration, and assignment" to the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson. Petitioner's showing of that inventor's receipt (and the readability of the materials transmitted) is in the form of an Email by Keith R. Donnelly, but without indication that he is writing with regard to Mr. Wilson; and no other evidence of transmittal (e.g., via U.S. Postal Service (USPS) or courier) to Mr. Wilson at the stated residential address of the entire application (description, claims, abstract and drawings), but no showing of diligence as to determining the reasonably believed to be valid/current/last known address of the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson; a statement/showing proprietary interest and of irreparable damage. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq: "a showing of a *bona fide* attempt.")[1] (The Email transmission was as to an earlier draft and not the final application.)

[1] Petitioners always are reminded to move stepwise through the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), to wit: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage. Petitioner is reminded to be attentive to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq. 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).)

Petitioner **must** resolve these issues on any renewed petition.

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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.[2]

The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **dismissed**.

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[2] 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[3]) 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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[3] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:

§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/413,245
Filed/Deposited: 27 March, 2009
Attorney Docket No. P001749-PTTA-DLT

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 9 November, 2009, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **DISMISSED**.

NOTE: Petitioner is respectfully requested to read to the decision and respond to the requirements under the rule.

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(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 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(b) requires: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage.

Petitioner's attention is directed to the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) and to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq.

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.

Petitioner's attentions are directed to the following:

Petitioner submitted no fee for the petition.

Petitioner submitted no statement/showing of authority to sign the oath/declaration on behalf of the non-signing inventor.

Petitioner made no showing as to proper transmission to and receipt by the non-signing inventor of the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) at a reasonably believed to be last known postal address.

Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document (e.g., specification (description, claims, abstract, drawings) and oath/declaration) to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment by the non-signing inventor of receipt and readability will be required.

These deficiencies must be resolved on any renewed petition.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

The instant application was filed on 27 March, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 13 April, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts indicating, *inter alia*, that a fully executed oath/declaration (signed and dated) was required.

On 12 June, 2009, Petitioner Raymond J. Vivacqua (Reg. No 45,369) filed a petition with, *inter alia*, without the fee, an oath/declaration signed by Dan L. Thompson (Reg. No. 54,490) (in the place of the non-signing inventor Thomas H. Wilson (Mr. Wilson)), but with no statement of authority to sign on behalf of the averred assignee; a statement of Email transmission of "the completed patent application, declaration, and assignment" to the non-signing inventor Mr.

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On 9 November, 2009, Petitioner resubmitted a petition with, *inter alia*, again without the fee, an oath/declaration signed by Dan L. Thompson (Reg. No. 54,490) (in the place of the non-signing inventor Thomas H. Wilson (Mr. Wilson)), but with no statement of authority to sign on behalf of the averred assignee; a statement of Email transmission of "the completed patent application, declaration, and assignment" to the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson. Petitioner's alleged showing of that inventor's receipt (and the readability of the materials transmitted) is in the form of an Email by Keith R. Donnelly, but without indication that he is writing with regard to Mr. Wilson; and no other evidence of transmittal (e.g., via U.S. Postal Service (USPS) or courier) to Mr. Wilson at the stated residential address of the entire application (description, claims, abstract and drawings), but no showing of diligence as to determining the reasonably believed to be valid/current/last known address of the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson; present is a statement/showing of proprietary interest and of irreparable damage. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq: "a showing of a *bona fide* attempt.") (Again, it was not clear that the Email transmission was as to the final application, rather than an earlier draft.).

Petitioner's submission on the renewed petition contained virtually the same materials submitted on the original petition (differing, for all practical purposes, in the inclusion with the 9 November, 2009, filing of a memorandum of law as to proprietary interest) with what appears to have been no attention to the earlier decision and its directions to the requirements Petitioner had failed to satisfy.

Petitioner **must** resolve these issues on any renewed petition.

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The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **dismissed**.

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 8 March, 2010, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **DISMISSED**.

NOTE:

The petition of 9 November, 2009, was dismissed on 7 December, 2009, and Petitioner was given two (2) months to reply—thus, the reply was due on or before 7 February, 2010.

Petitioner did not reply until Monday 8 March, 2010, and requested at that time an extension of time, but it does not appear that Petitioner included therewith a fee or provided authorization to charge a deposit account for any fee deficiency.

As of this writing Petitioner may be able to file/submit whatever fees will be required to make the reply time before the end of the statutory period. Failing this, however, it would appear that the instant application may be deemed abandoned.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) requires: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage.

A Petitioner's attentions always are directed to the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) and to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq.

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.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

The instant application was filed on 27 March, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 13 April, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts indicating, *inter alia*, that a fully executed oath/declaration (signed and dated) was required.

On 12 June, 2009, Petitioner Raymond J. Vivacqua (Reg. No 45,369) filed a petition with, *inter alia*, without the fee, an oath/declaration signed by Dan L. Thompson (Reg. No. 54,490) (in the place of the non-signing inventor Thomas H. Wilson (Mr. Wilson)), but with no statement of authority to sign on behalf of the averred assignee; a statement of Email transmission of "the completed patent application, declaration, and assignment" to the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson. Petitioner's averred showing of that inventor's receipt (and the readability of the materials transmitted) is in the form of an Email by Keith R. Donnelly, but without indication that he is writing with regard to Mr. Wilson; and no other evidence of transmittal (e.g., via U.S. Postal Service (USPS) or courier) to Mr. Wilson at the stated residential address of the entire application (description, claims, abstract and drawings), but no showing of diligence as to determining the reasonably believed to be valid/current/last known address of the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson; a statement/showing proprietary interest and of irreparable damage. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq: "a showing of a *bona fide* attempt.")[1] .") (It was not clear that the Email transmission was as to the final application, rather than an earlier draft.) The petition was dismissed on 11 September, 2009.

[1] Petitioners always are reminded to move stepwise through the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), to wit: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage. Petitioner is reminded to be attentive to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq. 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).)

On 9 November, 2009, Petitioner resubmitted a petition with, *inter alia*, again without the fee, an oath/declaration signed by Dan L. Thompson (Reg. No. 54,490) (in the place of the non-signing inventor Thomas H. Wilson (Mr. Wilson)), but with no statement of authority to sign on behalf of the averred assignee; a statement of Email transmission of "the completed patent application, declaration, and assignment" to the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson. Petitioner's alleged showing of that inventor's receipt (and the readability of the materials transmitted) is in the form of an Email by Keith R. Donnelly, but without indication that he is writing with regard to Mr. Wilson; and no other evidence of transmittal (e.g., via U.S. Postal Service (USPS) or courier) to Mr. Wilson at the stated residential address of the entire application (description, claims, abstract and drawings), but no showing of diligence as to determining the reasonably believed to be valid/current/last known address of the non-signing inventor Mr. Wilson; present is a statement/showing of proprietary interest and of irreparable damage. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq: "a showing of a *bona fide* attempt.") (Again, it was not clear that the Email transmission was as to the final application, rather than an earlier draft.). Petitioner's submission on the renewed petition contained virtually the same materials submitted on the original petition (differing, for all practical purposes, in the inclusion with the 9 November, 2009, filing of a memorandum of law as to proprietary interest) with what appears to have been no attention to the earlier decision and its directions to the requirements Petitioner had failed to satisfy. The petition was dismissed on 7 December, 2009.

On 8 March, 2010, Petitioner resubmitted a petition with, *inter alia*, an averment of joinder by the formerly non-signing inventor, who executed the oath/declaration and so joined in the application, and in support of the averment, Petitioner submitted a copy of the executed oath/declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63—and so evidencing his joinder. Nonetheless, the matter of timeliness, as raised at the outset of this decision, may be controlling.

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.[2]

CONCLUSION

[2] 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 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.

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[3]) 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./
John J. Gillon, Jr.
Senior Attorney
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[3] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:
§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.
All business with the Patent and Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

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In re Application of :
James A. Raszowski :
Application No. 12/413,282 : DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: March 27, 2009 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. P001884-PTTA-DLT :
For: SLIDING CLUTCH IN A TRANSMISSION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed June 8, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is **dismissed.**

Any request for reconsideration under 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. Failure to respond will result in the abandonment of this application. Any response should be titled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

The above-identified application was filed on March 27,2 009, without an executed oath or declaration or filing fee. Accordingly, a "Notice to File Missing Parts Nonprovisional Application" (the "Notice") was mailed on April 8, 2009, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration, in addition to other items. The instant petition was filed on June 8, 2009.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor(s) 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

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor,

(5) proof of proprietary interest, and

(6) a showing (statement) that such action is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties or to prevent irreparable damage.

The instant petition has not satisfied item (5) above. Further to this point, Section 409.03(f) of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) provides, in pertinent part, that:

> When an application is deposited pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(b), the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant must prove that
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> (A) the invention has been assigned to the applicant, or
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> (B) the inventor has agreed in writing to assign the invention to the applicant, or
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> (C) the applicant otherwise has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application.
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> 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). An assignment of an application and any "reissue, division, or continuation of said application" does not itself establish an assignment of a continuation-in-part application. *In re Gray*, 115 USPQ 80 (Comm'r Pat. 1956). An assignment to a 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant for the sole purpose of obtaining a filing date for a 37 CFR 1.47(b) application is not considered an assignment within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 118 and 37 CFR 1.47(b).
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> When an inventor has agreed in writing to assign an invention described in an application deposited pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(b), a copy of that agreement should be submitted. If an agreement to assign is dependent on certain specified conditions being met, it must be established by a statement of facts by someone with first hand knowledge of the circumstances in which those conditions have been met. A typical agreement to assign is an employment agreement where an employee (nonsigning inventor) agrees to assign to his or her employer (37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant) all inventions made during employment. When such an agreement is relied on, it must be established by a statement of a person having firsthand knowledge of the facts that the invention was made by the employee while employed by the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant.
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> If the invention has not been assigned, or if there is no written agreement to assign, the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant must demonstrate that he or she otherwise has a sufficient proprietary interest in the matter.
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> A proprietary interest obtained other than by assignment or agreement to assign may be demonstrated by an appropriate legal memorandum to the effect that a court of competent jurisdiction (federal, state, or foreign) would by the weight of authority in that jurisdiction award title of the invention to the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant. The facts in support of any conclusion that a court would award title to the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant should be made of record by way of an affidavit or declaration of the person having firsthand knowledge of same. The legal memorandum should be prepared and signed by an attorney at law familiar with the law of the jurisdiction involved. A copy (in the English language) of a statute (if other than the United States statute) or a court decision (if other than a reported decision of a federal court or a decision reported in the United States Patents Quarterly) relied on to demonstrate a proprietary interest should be made of record.

Petitioner has not established that the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest to prosecute the application. The petition states that the non-signing inventors agreed to assign their rights to the subject invention to the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, however, no copy of an agreement to that effect accompanied the instant petition. Being careful to adhere to the guidance provided above, the renewed petition must establish that the non-signing inventors assigned, or agreed to assign, their rights to the invention to the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, or that a court of competent jurisdiction would award title of the invention to the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant.

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

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By FAX: (571) 273-8300
Attn: Office of Petitions

The fee for the instant petition is $200.00 and will be charged to deposit account 07-0960.

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

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In re Application of :
James A. Raszowski :
Application No. 12/413,282 : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: March 27, 2009 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. P001884-PTTA-DLT :
For: SLIDING CLUTCH IN A TRANSMISSION

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed September 2, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified 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 above-identified application was filed on March 27,2 009, without an executed oath or declaration or filing fee. Accordingly, a "Notice to File Missing Parts Nonprovisional Application" (the "Notice") was mailed on April 8, 2009, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration, in addition to other items. A petition was filed on June 8, 2009, and dismissed by a decision mailed July 2, 2009.

By the instant petition and evidentiary documents, petitioner has established that the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest to proceed with prosecution of the application without the sole inventor.

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 application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further review.

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

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In re Application of SATHATH, ANWAR, et al. Application No. 12/413,300 Filed: March 27, 2009 Attorney Docket No. **SUTOSH.363AUS**	: : : : : : :	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 October 5, 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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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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In re Application of: KIM et al.
Application No. 12/413,364
Filed: March 27, 2009
Atty. Docket No.: **2101-3201C2**
For: METHOD OF UPDATING CHANNEL INFORMATION BY A MOBILE STATION THAT IS IN POWER SAVING MODE

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 April 9, 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, note where the KIPO 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 KIPO application with similar claims and the KIPO priority application;

2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
   a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO 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 KIPO 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 KIPO 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 KIPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the KIPO 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 KIPO 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 KIPO examiner in the KIPO 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 program and petition comply with the above requirements, and accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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	:	
Anthony P. BURGARD et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No.12/413,355	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 066662-0213	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed February 5th, 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 Manjunath Rao at 571-272-0939.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1632 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Manjunath Rao/

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KIM, BEOM JOON et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
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Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2101-3201C2	:	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 09, 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 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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12/413,366	03/27/2009	Akiko YUZAWA	SUTOSH.369AUS	8897

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In re application of	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Akiko Yuzawa et al	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Serial No. 12/413,366	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PROGRAM AND
For: IMPRINTING METHOD	:	PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
AND STAMPER	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed April 12, 2010.

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;

(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 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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TAZOE, EIICHI et al
Serial No.: 12/413,395
Filed: March 27, 2009

Title: **METHODS TO VISUALIZE PERFORMANCE DATA OF A MULTI-LAYERED STATE DIAGRAM**

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 March 27, 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 Doris To, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7629.

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In re Application of	:	
KIM, BEOM JOON, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/413,400	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No.: 2101-3201C3	:	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 April 9, 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 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 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 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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KIM, BEOM JOON, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/413,415	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2101-3201C4	:	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 9, 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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Application No. 12/413,425	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2101-3201C5	:	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 9, 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 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 Glyn Barry Smith Application No. 12/413468 Filing or 371(c) Date: 03/27/2009 Title of Invention: TRANSFERRING FUNDS ELECTRONICALLY	: : : : : : :	DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This is in response to the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), filed August 14, 2009, to allow a person to whom an inventor has assigned or agreed in writing to assign the invention, or who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest in the matter justifying such action, to make application on behalf of and as agent for all inventors.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified 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.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Glyn Barry Smith, refuses to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47, 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.

The application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing of the reply to the Notice, and for continued processing in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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Application No. 12/413468	:	LETTER
Filing or 371(c) Date: 03/27/2009	:	
Title of Invention:	:	
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Dear Mr. Smith:

You are named the 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 the inventor.

As the 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 at (571) 272-3232. 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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The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified 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.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Glyn Barry Smith, refuses to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47, 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.

The application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing of the reply to the Notice, and for continued processing in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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Application No. 12/413474	:	LETTER
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Title of Invention:	:	
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Dear Mr. Smith:

You are named the 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 the inventor.

As the 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.

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Title of Invention:	:	37 CFR 1.47(b)
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This is in response to the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), filed August 14, 2009, to allow a person to whom an inventor has assigned or agreed in writing to assign the invention, or who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest in the matter justifying such action, to make application on behalf of and as agent for all inventors.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified 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.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Glyn Barry Smith, refuses to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47, 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.

The application file is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing of the reply to the Notice, and for continued processing in the normal course of business.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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In re Application of	:	
Glyn Barry Smith	:	
Application No. 12/413476	:	LETTER
Filing or 371(c) Date: 03/27/2009	:	
Title of Invention:	:	
FUNDS TRANSFER ELECTRONICALLY	:	

Dear Mr. Smith:

You are named the 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 the inventor.

As the 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 at (571) 272-3232. 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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Application No. 12/413480	:	DECISION GRANTING
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In re Application of	:	
MATHER, Jennie P. et al.	:	
Application No. 12/413,483	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 27, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **1301.0045CON**	:	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 16, 2009.

The request is not approved because it is **moot**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP has been revoked on December 11, 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	:	
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Application No. 12/413,497	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 37 March, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 076376.1337	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on 1 June, 2009, requesting correction of the name of the inventor/applicant, and considered for relief under 37 C.F.R §1.182.

The petition under 37 C.F.R §1.182 is **DISMISSED**.

(It is noted that Petitioner did not include with the petition and fee the required declaration by the inventor/applicant, signed in both forms of the inventor/applicant's name—that averred to have been incorrect and that averred to be correct.)

The guidance in the Commentary set forth at MPEP§605.04(c) suggests to Petitioner the proper procedure herein:

> **605.04(c)Inventor Changes Name [R-5]**
>
> In cases where an inventor's name has been changed after the application has been filed and the inventor desires to change his or her name on the application, he or she must submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to submit an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.76) showing the new name. The petition should be directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions. The petition must include an appropriate petition fee and **>a statement< signed by the inventor setting forth both names and the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a * copy of the court order.

Since amendments are not permitted after the payment of the issue fee (37 CFR 1.312), a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the name of the inventor cannot be granted if filed after the payment of the issue fee.

If an application data sheet is not submitted, the petition may still be granted, but the patent may not reflect the correct spelling of the inventor's name.

If the petition is granted, if the application is maintained in paper with a file jacket label (i.e., the application is an 08/ or earlier series application), the original declaration must be marked in red ink, in the left margin "See paper No. _ for correction of inventor name" and the application should be sent to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for change of name on the file wrapper and in the PALM database. If the petition is granted in an Image File Wrapper (IFW) application or if the application is an 09/ or later series application, the spelling of the inventor's name should be changed in the Office computer records and a new PALM bib-data sheet should be printed. If the application is assigned, applicant should submit a corrected assignment document along with a cover sheet and the recording fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.21(h) to the Assignment Division for a change in the assignment record.

BACKGROUND

A search of the file indicates that:

The instant application was filed on 27 March, 2009, without an executed oath/declaration in the name of "Mariko (Doi) Seki"—the name having been typed and signed in that form.

On 1 June, 2009, Petitioner indicated to the Office that the name of inventor/applicant should be corrected, to "Mariko (Doi) Seki" due to marriage—and at that time Petitioner submitted an executed oath/declaration in that form and from which the Office obtained the correct name of the inventor.

(It is noted that Petitioner did not include with the petition and fee the required declaration by the inventor/applicant, signed in both forms of the inventor/applicant's name—that averred to have been incorrect and that averred to be correct.)

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 is **dismissed as moot**.

This application is released to the Office of Patent Application Processing for such remaining processing as may be required before being forwarded for substantive examination.

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[9]) 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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[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.

[9] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:
§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.
All business with the Patent and Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

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In re Application of	:	
Roger W. Price, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/413,529	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 28, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 145x	:	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 June 15, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Charles C. McCloskey 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. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/413,781	03/30/2009	Akira Nakawatase	TMCT-14402/08	9797

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In re Application of: NAKAWATASE, AKIRA Serial No.: 12/413,781 Filed: March 30, 2009 Docket: TMCT-14402/08 Title: INTAKE AIRFLOW CONTROL MECHANISM FOR ENGINE	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 renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 29, 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;
(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; and
(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 Michael Cuff, the SPE of Art Unit 3741, and 571-272-6778 for Class 123/184.560 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: BELOV, SERGEY Y.
Serial No.: **12/413,907**
Filed: March 30, 2009
Docket: 2402.0370000
Title of Invention: **METHOD FOR ACCELERATING HARDWARE EMULATOR USED FOR MALWARE DETECTION AND ANALYSIS**

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 March 30, 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" issued 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 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
Bayraktar et al.
Application No. 12/413,957
Filed: March 30, 2009

:DECISION ON PETITION
:TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR
:NEW APPLICATION
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

For: IMPROVED PERSONAL MEDICAL RECORD SYSTEM

This is a Decision on the Petition filed on March 30, 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 herein being **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 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 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 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 reasons for the dismissal include a finding of an inadequate Search Document and Support Document. The Petition in this case fails to comply with conditions II.5.1, II.5.2, and II.6.5.

As per Conditions II.5.1, although the pre-examination search document does include searches in a plurality of non-patent literature databases, however, it appears that some relevant NPL sources were not considered and there was no justification for doing so. In other words, there does not appear to be a statement or justification from Applicant that addresses the eliminated sources. Applicant is herein reminded that search templates specific to each class/subclass may be found at http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/searchtemplates/. Furthermore, some additional relevant search areas that have not been included in the search documented by the Applicant would include a search of the following:

ACM Digital Library

Business Wire

EBSCOhost Research Databases

Internet and Personal Computing Abstracts

JSTOR Journals

PR Newswire

ProQuest Direct

Wall Street Journal Abstracts

As per Condition II.5.2, the pre-examination search must be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims their broadest reasonable interpretation. As far as the claimed invention is concerned, Applicant's searches do not focus sufficiently on the claimed features as found in claims 1, 8 and 15. Indeed, the claimed invention, as featured at least in the independent claims, is directed to a method or system for providing one or more advertisements to an identified subset of users, from a plurality of users, based on the identified users' profile matching the one or more advertisement's specifications or criteria (advertising profile), wherein the one or more advertisements are provided to the identified users in a format supported by the users' devices.

Here, the Applicant's search logic, related to text search for US patents, patent-application publications and non-patent literature, is too specific and narrow and does not cover, using a broad and reasonable interpretation, all the claimed features. Further, the search does not include sufficient synonyms. For instance, important terms like promotion, message, product/service information synonyms for advertising/advertisement were not included in the search. Moreover, terms such as set, subset, group, category, class, segment and subclass were left out from the search logic. Additionally, the search includes several acronyms. While acronyms are useful in a search, the acronyms need to be accompanied by the terms that the acronym stands for in order to ensure a comprehensive search.

Included herein is a suggested exemplary search-string useful in conducting or refining the present search logic.

A suggested search might be executed in all databases of East with the following search query:
L1 ((((((promot$5 or "product information" or "service information" or advertis$7) same (profile or demographic$4 or psychographic$4 or interest or preference or criteria or specification or requirement or condition) same (audio or video or sound or audibl$2 or oral$2 or verbal$2 or "audio visual" or visual$2 or imag$3 or graphic$4 or picture or object) same (set or subset or group$3 or category or class or segment or subclass) same (target adj audience or target adj group or users or customers or consumers or patrons or players or prospect$3 or individuals or people or persons or surfers) same (PDA or PC or terminal or device or "PALM Pilot" or mobile or wireless$2 or cell$3 adj phone or cell$3 adj device or cellular or notebook or laptop))))))

Please keep in mind that the above is an example of a search suggestion and it is meant to serve as a possible starting point for Applicant's pre-examination search. Additional guidance regarding the proper

manner of performing and documenting a pre-examination search may be found on the following web site: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/. Applicant is herein expected to perform more detailed and supplemental searches than the sample search query listed above.

As per Condition II.6.5, the Support Document does not include a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, First paragraph. While applicant has provided numerous citations, the citations do not correspond to the indicated limitation in the claim. Note for example in claim 1, the limitation of "activating said plurality of different telecommunications channels" is mapped to page 11 lines 20-21, however the specification at this location describes identifying a subset of users.

Further, note that the specification in Parent Application 12/105, 637 does not match the Instant Application disclosure on a one-to-to correspondence. In fact, Parent Application 12/105,637 has 34 pages, while the Instant Application has 35 pages. For instance, Parent Application 12/105,637 shows the following on page 20, whereas the Instant Application features the same on page 21: "My PREFERENCE: Send Ad: (on cell-phone): (push text message): (i0 am to 5 pm); & NEVER: Send Ad: (insert before call)". Thus, Applicant should indicate in the Support Document where each limitation of the claims clearly finds support under 35 USC 112, First paragraph in both the Instant and the Parent Application 12/105,637.

Moreover, although the Applicant appears to indicate, in the Support Document, where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, First paragraph in the specification of the Instant Application, Applicant, in some instances, appears to refer to portions of the specification that literally repeat the claim language. That is not sufficient enough under 112, First Paragraph, written description, since possession is shown of the claimed invention by describing the claimed invention with all of its limitations using such descriptive means as words, structures, figures, diagrams, and formulas that fully set forth the claimed invention. The 'written description' requirement implements the principle that a patent must describe the technology that is sought to be patented; the requirement serves both to satisfy the inventor's obligation to disclose the technologic knowledge upon which the patent is based, and to demonstrate that the patentee was in possession of the invention that is claimed. Further, the written description requirement promotes the progress of the useful arts by ensuring that patentees adequately describe their inventions in their patent specifications in exchange for the right to exclude others from practicing the invention for the duration of the patent's term. As a result, applicant's citation of portions of the specification that merely repeat the claim language do not provide sufficient support.

Having said that, the Petition fails to meet the above 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 time.

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 Business Practice Specialist Robert Weinhardt at (571)272-6633 or to Primary Examiner Jean D. Janvier at (571)272-6719.

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In re application of	:	**DECISION ON PETITION**
Bayraktar et al.	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/413,957	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

For: INTELLIGENT MULTI-CHANNEL TARGETED TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGN MANAGER

This is a decision on the petition filed on March 30, 2009 and the renewed petition filed June 8, 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 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 C. Michelle Tarae, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6727.

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In re Application of BIVENS ET AL.
Appl. No.: 12/414,022
Filed: March 30, 2009
For: DETECTABLE REFRIGERANTS COMPOSITIONS AND USES THEREOF

DECISION ON PETITION
37 CFR 1.48(b)

This decision is in response to the petition filed June 21 2010. The petition seeks to correct inventorship pursuant to 37 CFR 1.148(b).

The petition having met all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.48(b) is granted.

The inventorship in the application has been changed by deleting **Donald Bernard Bivens** as an inventor in the patent application.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/414,059	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 325772056100	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a), filed May 18, 2009, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of March 30, 2009.

The instant application was deposited on March 30, 2009. However, the application omitted a copy of the drawings. Accordingly, on April 20, 2009, the Office of Initial Patent Examination 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 on May 18, 2009. Petitioner points out that drawings were incorporated by reference pursuant to a priority claim under 37 CFR 1.55.

With respect to the practice of incorporation by reference, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states:

> 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. **In an application containing an explicit incorporation by reference statement in the specification or in a transmittal letter (if the transmittal letter was filed prior to September 21, 2004), a petition for the granting of a filing date may be made under 37 CFR 1.182.** A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and the required petition fee, including an amendment submitting the necessary omitted material, requesting that the necessary omitted material contained in the prior application and submitted in the amendment, be included in the continuation or divisional application based upon the incorporation by reference statement, is required in order to accord the application a filing date as of the date of deposit of the continuation or divisional application. An amendment submitting the omitted material and relying upon the incorporation by reference will not be entered in the continuation or divisional application unless a decision granting the petition states that the application is accorded a filing date and that the amendment will be entered.[1]

Incorporation by reference is intended as a safeguard to protect an applicant who in a continuation or divisional application has omitted a "portion" of the application on filing.[2] Here, petitioner omitted drawings in their entirety. As at least one drawing was necessary to accord the instant application a filing date (or method claims or claims related to a process or composition), no filing date was able to be accorded at the time of filing. However, the specification reveals that petitioner properly incorporated Japanese application No. 2008-155518 pursuant to an explicit incorporation by reference statement. In addition, petitioner has submitted the omitted drawings, and paid

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[1] MPEP 201.06(c)(emphasis added).

[2] See id.

the $400 petition fee, and submitted an amendment seeking entry of the drawings. Accordingly, the above identified application is entitled to a filing date of March 30, 2009.

In view thereof, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing with a filing date of March 30, 2009, using the application papers received in the Office on that date and the 24 drawing sheets supplied on petition filed May 18, 2009. Applicants will receive appropriate notifications regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OPAP.

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

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Mark A. Rains et al	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/414,266	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. P001688-PTTA-DLT	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed June 10, 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 inventors.
(5) proof of proprietary interest: and
(6) proof of irreparable damage.

Applicant lacks items (3) set forth above.

As to item (3), the $200 petition fee has not been received. This petition cannot be treated until the $200 petition fee is received.

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

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

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Application No. 12/414,266	:	
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. P001688-PTTA-DLT	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed, November 24, 2009, requesting reconsideration of a decision mailed November 6, 2009, which refused to accord 37 CFR 1.47(b) status to the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors (Mark A. Rains and Randall S. Conn) have 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 matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

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

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In re Application of
Mark A. Rains; Randall S. Conn
Application No. 12/414,266
Filed: March 30, 2009
For: HYDRAULIC FLUID DETERMINATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

Dear Mr. Rains:

You are named as the 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 in 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 Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210. 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 (571) 272-3150 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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Filed: March 30, 2009
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Dear Mr. Conn:

You are named as the 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.

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In re Application of	:	
Moran et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/414,275	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 30 March 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 110866-ISE72	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 10 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 **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 items 1 and 4 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 361/016) 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 4, 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 2836 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:
Thomas H. Wilson	: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application Number: 12/414278	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filing Date: 03/30/2009	:
Attorney Docket Number:	:
P002088-PTTA-DLT	:

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) filed on June 15, 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(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.** Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

On March 30, 2009, the above-identified application was filed without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on April 14, 2009, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for its late filing. A two (2) month period was set for reply.

On June 15, 2009,[1] the present petition was filed, along with the late filing surcharge, authorization to charge any required fees, and a declaration naming Thomas H. Wilson as the sole inventor, signed on behalf of non-signing inventor Wilson by registered patent practitioner Dan L. Thompson. The declaration also stated

[1] As June 14, 2009 fell on a Sunday, the petition filed on Monday June 15, 2009, is considered timely filed. 37 CFR 1.7(a).

that practitioner Thomspon is authorized to sign on behalf of the Rule 1.47(b) applicant, General Motors (GM).

Petitioner asserts that a copy of the application and declaration was sent to the non-signing inventor by email. A copy of the e-mail, showing the application papers were sent as attachments on October 13, 2008, is enclosed with the petition. Petitioner asserts that Wilson's attorney then wrote back to petitioner's counsel, stating that Wilson had been advised not to sign any patent documents.

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 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.

The petition lacks item (5).

In regards to item (5), petitioner must provide proof that the Rule 1.47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify filing of the application.[2]

Petitioner may provide a copy of the employment agreement between the non-signing inventor and the Rule 1.47(b) applicant (company); a copy of an assignment agreement showing that the invention disclosed in the application is assigned to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant; or a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would by the weight of authority in that jurisdiction award the title of the invention to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant.

It is noted that while an assignment document has been recorded in the USPTO assignment records, that document is not an assignment, but merely a statement by Rule 1.47(b) applicant's counsel stating the Rule 1.47(b) applicant's position that the

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[2] MPEP 409.03(f).

inventor is obligated to assign his rights to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant.

The petition fee will be charged to counsel's deposit account as authorized in the petition.

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 the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

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Thomas H. Wilson	: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Application Number: 12/414278	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filing Date: 03/30/2009	:
Attorney Docket Number:	:
P002088-PTTA-DLT	:

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) filed on October 13, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the sole inventor, Thomas H. Wilson, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been provided a copy of the application. Specifically, petitioner has shown, via the statement of petitioner's Intellectual Property Coordinator, Robert J. Delmotte, that a copy of the application was sent by email to the non-signing inventor. However, an email was sent to petitioner's counsel by Keith R. Donnelly, Intellectual Property Corporate Counsel for the non-signing inventor's current employer, Allison Transmission, Inc. (AT), stating that all inventors working for AT had been advised "to refrain from signing any patent documents" prepared by counsel's Office.

Further, petitioner has shown, via the Legal Memorandum submitted with the subject renewed petition, that Rule 1.47(b) applicant General Motors Global Technology has a proprietary interest in the above-identified application. Lastly, petitioner has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, signed by petitioner's registered patent practitioner Dan L. Thompson, on behalf of the Rule 1.47(b) applicant, and has demonstrated that such action is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties.

This 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 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 Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the *Official Gazette*.

The application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3661 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3231.

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In re Application of
Thomas H. Wilson
Application No. 12/414,278
Filed: March 30, 2009
For: MOTOR VEHICLE PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Dear Mr. Wilson:

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 the sole inventor.

As the 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 at 571/272-3231. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 571-272-3150. 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 571-272-3150 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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In re Application of	:	
MCENTEE ET AL.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/414,279	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 25771-2004US01	:	PILOT PROGRAM

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 in 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 1 and 5 above for the reasons as explained in more detail below.

In regard to item 1, this application has been classified (USPC 415/71) in an area 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 else where. 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, it is noted that the instant invention relates to a "HIGH EFFICIENCY TURBINE AND METHOD OF GENERATING POWER". 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.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Gay Ann Spahn at 571-272-8011.

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 3745 for action in its regular turn.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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In re Application of
Barker, et al.
Application No. 12/414,298
Filed/Deposited: 30 March, 2009
Attorney Docket No. P001987-PTTA-DLT

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 12 June, 2009, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) 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(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 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(b) requires: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage.

Petitioner's attention is directed to the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) and to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq..

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.

Petitioner submitted no fee/authorization and no statement/showing of authority to sign the oath/declaration on behalf of the non-signing inventor. Petitioner made no showing as to receipt by the non-signing inventor of the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings). Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document (e.g., specification (description, claims, abstract, drawings) and oath/declaration) to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment by the non-signing inventor of receipt and readability will be required. These deficiencies must be resolved on any renewed petition.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

The instant application was filed on 30 March, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 13 April, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts indicating, *inter alia*, that a fully executed oath/declaration (signed and dated) was required.

On 12 June, 2009, Petitioner Raymond J. Vivacqua (Reg. No 45,369) filed a petition with, *inter alia*, without the fee, an oath/declaration signed by Dan L. Thompson (Reg. No. 54,490) (in the place of the non-signing inventors Charles Alan Barker (Mr. Barker) and Walter Eric Palmer (Mr. Palmer)), but with no statement of authority to sign on behalf of the averred assignee; a statement of Email transmission of "the completed patent application, declaration, and assignment" to the non-signing inventors Mr. Barker and Mr. Palmer. Petitioner's showing of the inventors' receipt (and the readability of the materials transmitted) is in the form of an Email by Keith R. Donnelly, but without indication that he is writing with regard to Mr. Barker and Mr. Palmer; and no other evidence of transmittal (e.g., via U.S. Postal Service (USPS) or courier) to Mr. Barker and Mr. Palmer at the stated residential address of the entire application (description, claims, abstract and drawings), but no showing of diligence as to determining the reasonably believed to be valid/current/last known address of the non-signing inventors Mr. Barker and Mr. Palmer; a statement/showing proprietary interest and of irreparable damage. (*See* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq: "a showing of a *bona fide* attempt.")[1] (It is not clear that the Email transmission was as to the final application, rather than an earlier draft.)

[1] Petitioners always are reminded to move stepwise through the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b), to wit: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage. Petitioner is reminded to be attentive to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq. As to proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been

Petitioner **must** resolve these issues on any renewed petition.

Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document (e.g., specification (description, claims, abstract, drawings) and oath/declaration) to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment of receipt and readability will be required.

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.[2]

The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **dismissed**.

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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).)

[2] 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.

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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[3]) 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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[3] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:
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All business with the Patent and Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

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Application No. 12/414,298
Filed/Deposited: 30 March, 2009
Attorney Docket No. P001987-PTTA-DLT

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 9 November, 2009, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **DISMISSED**.

> **NOTE: Petitioner is respectfully requested to read to the decision and respond to the requirements under the rule.**

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(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 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

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Petitioner's attention is directed to the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) and to the guidance provided in the Commentary in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, including that at MPEP §409.03, et seq.

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.

Petitioner's attentions are directed to the following:

Petitioner submitted no fee for the petition.

Petitioner submitted no statement/showing of authority to sign the oath/declaration on behalf of the non-signing inventors.

Petitioner made no showing as to proper transmission to and receipt by the non-signing inventors of the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) at a reasonably believed to be last known postal address.

Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document (e.g., specification (description, claims, abstract, drawings) and oath/declaration) to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment by the non-signing inventors of receipt and readability will be required.

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The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **dismissed**.

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/414,298
Filed/Deposited: 30 March, 2009
Attorney Docket No. P001987-PTTA-DLT

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 8 March, 2010, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) is **DISMISSED**.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b) requires: the petition and fee; 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); an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §115 and §116; a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; proof of proprietary interest: and proof of irreparable damage.

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BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

The instant application was filed on 30 March, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 13 April, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts indicating, *inter alia*, that a fully executed oath/declaration (signed and dated) was required.

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On 8 March, 2010, Petitioner re-advanced the petition, this time with fee and an averment of the signing by/joinder of the previously non-signing inventors, with averment Petitioner supported with a copy of the oath/declaration executed by the previously non-signing inventors in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63—and so evidencing their joinder.

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CONCLUSION

The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 is **dismissed as moot**.

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.

The instant application is released to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing in due course.

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In re Application of	:	
John K. Inman, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,321	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 015280-469200US	:	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 July 27, 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. 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 James Say, et al. Application No. 12/414,442 Filed: March 30, 2009 Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C58	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 22, 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 Adam Heller'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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C59	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/414,457	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 30 March 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. P0836US-7	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 06 January 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 1 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been docketed in USPC 438/22 which 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 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 2893 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Filed: 30 March 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. P0836US-7	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 29 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 decision mailed 23 February is whereby **VACATED**.

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.

At the time the petition was filed, the application was classified in 257/88 which is eligible for the Green Tech. Pilot.

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 2893 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Mattice et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,468	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. IGT1P431/P001255-001	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 21, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventor, Timothy W. Moser has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

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 nonsigning inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3714 for examination on the merits.

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In re Application of	:	
Mattice et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,468	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. IGT1P431-P001255-001	:	

Mr. Moser,

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 in 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 Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206. 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	:	
Mattice et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,470	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. IGT1P430E/P001256-017	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 21, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventor, Timothy W. Moser has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

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 nonsigning inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3714 for examination on the merits.

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Mattice et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,470	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. IGT1P430E-P001256-017	:	

Mr. Moser,

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 in 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 Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206. 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	:	
Say et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,474	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C60	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Joan Olszewski

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In re Application of	:	
Say et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,487	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C61	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Knowles et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/414,506	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. BOUL/0016.C1	:	

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 21, 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 Keith M. Tackett on behalf of all attorneys of record.

All attorneys/agents of record 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.

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Say et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,511	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C62	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Joan Olszewski

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Say et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,531	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C63	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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SAY, James et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,542	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **TS-02-26C64**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 by James Say, 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Say et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,558	:	ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C65	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Joan Olszewski

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In re Application of	:	
James SAY, et al	:	
Application No. 12/414,565	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C66	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 made by registered attorney Seong-Kun Oh, 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
James SAY, et al	:	
Application No. 12/414,577	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C67	:	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 March 22, 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 made by registered attorney Seong-Kun Oh, 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Maria e. Wilson et al.	:	
Application No. 12/414,639	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 30, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 090446-0301	:	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 5, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that Antionette F. Konski nor Customer No. 82137 does not have power of attorney or was ever given power of attorney in this patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR § 1.36(b) is not applicable.

It is also noted that the request does not contain the address for the first named inventor nor the assignee of record was not provided in the request. The Office will only accept 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 or, the most current address of the first named inventor.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the address of record until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

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

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Application No. 12/414,708	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 31, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **8036-2-2**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed November 24, 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) 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 1618 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

JoAnne Burke
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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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Attorney Docket No. JCLA28849	:	

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 filed September 30, 2009. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

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. The petition is **GRANTED**.

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.

This file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the Kimberly Inabinet at (571) 272-4618.

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BAKHUIS, JAN W. et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/415,105	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 31, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 222091	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: RETROFIT SLEEVE FOR WIND TURBINE BLADE		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 14, 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 416/223.00R) 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/

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BAKHUIS, JAN W. et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/415105	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: March 31, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 222091	:	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.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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Attorney Docket No. 986973-81092	:	

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 December 4, 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 currently 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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Application No. 12/415,179
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Attorney Docket No. **04-449.1**

: DECISION GRANTING
: PETITION

This is a decision on the filing date petition filed April 29, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.57(a). The petition is treated under 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2).

The application was filed on March 31, 2009. However, on April 15, 2009 the Office of Data Management mailed a Notice of Incomplete Application stating that, *inter alia*, the application had not been filed with drawings and thus, the application could not be accorded a filing date.

In response, the present petition was filed. Petitioner contends that the instant application, upon filing, properly claimed priority to previously filed non-provisional U.S. Application No. 11/094,526 which was incorporated by reference.

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 and 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 applications.

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. 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 July 22, 2008 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no petition fee is due and none has been charged.

Pursuant to this decision, the application has been referred to Office of Patent Application Processing for:

- correction of the filing date to March 31, 2009
- 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 should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Patricia Faison-Ball at (571) 272-3212.

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Application No. 12/415,184	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 31 March 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. D-299 (DRI0078US)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 11 February 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 Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2834 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/415,222 : ON PETITION
Deposited: March 31, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. DE 2006/036 US CNT :

This is in response to the "PETITION FOR GRANTING A FILING DATE 37 CFR 1.17(f)," filed May 3, 2010, requesting that the above-referenced application be accorded a filing date of March 31, 2009. This petition is being treated pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2)[1].

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on March 31, 2009. However, on March 3, 2010, 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.

Petitioners assert that drawings were intentionally omitted and that no drawing figures should be necessary to the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Petitioners further contend that the corresponding PCT App. No. WO 2008/040478 was published without drawing figures. Petitioners further advise that the certified copy of the foreign priority application has no drawing figures. Thus, petitioners argue the application should be accorded the filing date of March 31, 2009 without drawings.

Petitioners' argument that drawings are not necessary since application WO 2008/040478 published without drawings is not persuasive. The instant application before the USPTO is not governed by the laws and procedures that may have applied to the international application. Nonetheless, while original clams 27 and 40 are not presented in conventional form, they are construed as method claims.

MPEP 601.01(f) provides that:

[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.

> 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).

Accordingly, in this instance, the filing of drawings is not required to obtain 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[.]

Although this application could be filed without drawings and still comply with the first sentence of 35 USC 113, drawings may still be required by the examiner under the second sentence of 35 USC 113 in accordance with the procedures set forth in MPEP 608.02 IV."

Petitioners are reminded that drawings may be submitted by way of an amendment filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a) without the need of a petition. The amendment must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17. Any amendment to include the drawing(s) will be considered by the examiner.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of March 31, 2009 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, petitioners are entitled to a refund of the previously submitted petition fee of $400.00. A refund will issue in due course.

Pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to Office of Patent Application Processing for:

- **correction of the filing date to March 31, 2009**;
- **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 Alesia M. Brown, Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3205.

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Application No. 12/415,374	:	DECISION
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Attorney Docket No. H-US-00894 CIP (203-5467	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed 10 June, 2009, seeking to have accorded a filing date of 31 March, 2009, for the above-identified application based upon a showing that the omitted drawing/figures were present in the prior-filed co-pending provisional and/or international applications to which this application claimed benefit (under 37 C.F.R. §1.78 and/or §1.55) on deposit.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The instant application was deposited on 31 March, 2009.

On 10 April, 2009, the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because it had been deposited without drawing as required under 35 U.S.C. §113 (first sentence). The Office indicated that Petitioner could demonstrate on petition the presence of the drawings/figures by presentation of evidence of deposit (e.g., date-stamped receipt card, EFS Acknowledgement Receipt); or submit the drawings/figures and accept the date of submission as the filing date.

The Office gave Petitioner two (2) months within which to reply.

On 10 June, 2009, Petitioner filed, *inter alia*, filed a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.57 seeking a filing date of 31 March, 2009, for the application.

Petitioner appears not to have filed an amendment under the rule—in order to expedite the matter, Petitioner may wish to overcome this deficiency without delay and any determination as to that amendment will be made by the Examiner.

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/process/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 applications.

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.

The express incorporation by reference entitled Petitioner to file an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.57(b) to add the subject matter of the non-provisional application into the disclosure of this application. Please note that no petition is required for that purpose, but that an amendment must be filed, and that the amendment must comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.57(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (*See*: MPEP §201.06(c)(IV).)

Any amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawing(s) will be considered by the Examiner.

The Petition fee is waived and refunded *via* Deposit Account 21-0550. Should Petitioner later find that a petition fee was not refunded, Petitioner should request a refund from the Office of Finance and enclose therewith a copy of this decision.

Pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for:

- **correction of the filing date to 31 March, 2009**;
- **indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing** and
- **issuance of a filing receipt.**

Application No. 12/415,374

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to John J Gillon, Jr., attorney, at (571) 272-3214. Inquiries regarding initial patent application processing should be directed to OPAP at (703) 308-9210.

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In re Application of:
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Application No. 12/415,415
Filed: March 31, 2009
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE FACILITY CLIENT-BASED PRESENTATION OFFER MANAGEMENT

: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR
: NEW APPLICATION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a Decision on the Petition filed on March 31, 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 herein being **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.5.2, and II.6.2.

Condition II.5

As per Condition II.5.1, it is noted that the class/subclass search of 705/1, 26, 37 was reported as performed "using broad keywords". This does not qualify as a search of the US classification and is considered a text search. A classification search involves reviewing each of the documents in the

indicated class/subclass listed. Note that the search document in parent application 11/843,864 filed 8/23/07 properly indicated the classification search.

Condition II.5.2

As per Condition II.5.2, while the Applicant has herein provided a detailed search query, it appears that the search does not include the important keyword or synonym "bid$4" for the "auction" concept in the EAST search. In 705/37 alone, many documents use variations on the term "bidding" without literally using the word "auction" that are still auction-style systems.

Condition II.6.2

As per Condition II.6.2, although the AESD (Support Document) includes a mapping of the independent claims, namely claims 1, 11 and 18, with respect to each cited reference, the dependent claims are not included or identified in the mapping. In other words, the Applicant does not show where the cited references individually address the limitations of the dependent claims. Note that the support document in the parent application 11/834864 addressed each of the dependent claims.

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 Business Practice Specialist Robert Weinhardt at (571) 272-6633 or to Primary Examiner Jean D. Janvier at (571) 272-6719.

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In re Application of : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Bloomfield : **TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/415,415 : **NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: March 31, 2009 : **UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE FACILITY CLIENT-BASED PRESENTATION OFFER MANAGEMENT

This is a decision on the petition filed on March 31, 2009 and the supplemental petition documents filed May 26, 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 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 C. Michelle Tarae, Business Practice Specialist, at (571) 272-6727.

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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	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
HOTTA et al.	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/415,513	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 31 March 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 8616P665	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: ANTENNA DEVICE AND	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	

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 16 December 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.

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.

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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 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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MURAKAMI, MANABU, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/415,608	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 31, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.378AUS	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed October 29, 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	:	
Elliott, Grant Arthur John	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/415,627	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: March 31, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. ELABP049	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed October 21, 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 items (1) and (5) as 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 Grant Arthur John Elliott, 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 Grant Arthur John Elliott. 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 Grant Arthur John Elliott'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. Elliott'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.

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, petitioner has failed to disclose whether Mr. Grant Arthur John Elliott has been provided with the complete application papers (i.e. the specification, claims and drawings). Only the declaration has been mentioned as being provided to the applicant.

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. When an inventor has agreed in writing to assign an invention described in an application deposited pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(b), a copy of that agreement should be submitted. When such an agreement is relied on, it must be established by a statement of a person having firsthand knowledge of the facts that the invention was made by the employee while employed by the37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant.

The Declaration from Craig Garber states, "Further, on June 1, 2008, Dr. Elliott signed an employment agreement with Visomo in which Dr. Elliott agreed in writing in section H to assign to Visomo, a division of Element Labs, all his inventions made during his employment." A copy of the employment agreement has not been provided.

Further, a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must also be submitted (see MPEP 324).

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

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Telephone inquiries should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206.

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12/415,657	03/31/2009	Takashi YAJIMA	TOSH/0026US	3050

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In re Application of	
YAJIMA et al.	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Application No.: 12/415,657	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Filed: 31 March 2009	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Attorney Docket No.: TOSH/0026US	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
For: ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
METHOD FOR COPING WITH	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
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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 May 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, 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).

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 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 this application's formality reviews have been completed.

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DOI, AKIHIKO	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/415,696	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: March 31, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **SUTOSH.379AUS**	:	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 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 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 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 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.

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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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Kenichi KANAI, et *al.*	:	
Application No. 12/416,047	:	NOTICE UNDER 1.27(c)
Filed: March 31, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. **HE8247P**	:	

This is in response to the request filed September 15, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.27(c) seeking status as a small entity.

A review of the file record discloses that on September 22, 2009, a letter advising the Office that the previous "Petition to Change Entity Status from Large to Small and Request for Refund" was sent in error. As requested, the petition will not be considered. The entity status remains "Large" and no refund will be issued. In view thereof, the request is **dismissed as moot**.

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) 272-7253.

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In re Application of	:	
CHECHIK, JOEL	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/416,168	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: Apr. 1, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 8611.90431	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: ANATOMIC MEASUREMENT	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
DEVICE, METHOD, AND	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)
DOCUMENTATION MEANS		

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed ~~Apr. 17, 2008,~~ MAY 7, 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 DKPTO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the DKPTO application(s);
(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 DKPTO 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 DKPTO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the DKPTO examiner in the DKPTO 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 comply with the above requirements. Receipt of the IDS and a copy of DK patent publications are acknowledged. 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.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Corrine McDermott, SPE of Art Unit 3714, 571-272-4754.

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: MERKEY et al. Serial No.: 12/416,276 Filed: April 1, 2009 Docket: 00095.00017AE2 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR NETWORK PACKET CAPTURE DISTRIBUTED STORAGE 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 April 1, 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 **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 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 conditions I.1 – I.4, II.1 – II.4, and II.6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II.5, II.6.1, II.6.2, II.6.3, 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 requirements of section II , element **5** outlined above, the followings discrepancies are noted:

For the classification search, the petitioner indicates the following classes were searched:

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MPEP 719.05 states that a *classification search* is defined as a complete search of all the documents in a particular subclass, and it is not limited by any text query or other means. **In view of the volume of documents that are classified in the above class/subclasses, Petitioner should clarify whether all references in the class/subclasses were reviewed, or the classification search was limited by any of the text search logic; and if so, how and what specific search logic combination was used.**

Based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class/subclass is required in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: **711/136 (Least recently used)** under which the application is classified. Based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following class and subclasses is also required in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: **Class 711, subclasses 112 (Direct access storage device (DASD)), Class 711, subclasses 161 (Archiving), Class 707, subclasses 205 (File allocation), and Class 709, subclasses 224 (Computer network monitoring).**

The additional search recommendations were confirmed with and recommended by a (primary) examiner in the pertinent art area.

In addition, petitioner should **review the Identification of Limitations disclosed by References and the Detailed Explanation of Patentability** sections **in view of updated search, and changes and clarifications, and provide clarifications, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the requirement of items 6.2 and 6.3 above.**

Regarding **item 6.1** above, Applicant has not filed an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference discussed in the accelerated examination support document, deemed as most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.2 outlined above, the petition fails to identify all of the limitations in the application claims (**each limitation of each claim**) 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. 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.

The petitioner fails to discuss the dependent claims 4 in their entirety with respect to any of the cited references. However in the "Section 9C. Explanation of patentability" section, **none of the dependent claims have been stated to be separately patentable, thereby directing the reviewer to conclude that the limitations recited in these claims are not novel, and hence must be disclosed by prior art references, or be well known**. Further, limitations (h), (i), and (j) of claim 1 have not been mapped to any cited art; neither are these limitations listed as being patently distinguishable from prior art. Applicant must clarify if these limitations are novel, or well-known, or disclosed by cited prior art. The same also applies to limitations (n) and (o) of claim 2.

Petitioner should provide a claim-by-claim mapping of the pertinent subject matter disclosed in each of the references, 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. Note that the mapping with regard to the references cited, must correspond to the limitations of the claim(s). Petitioner is required to clearly point out claim limitations taught by each of the references.

In addition, petitioner should review the Detailed Explanation of Patentability section in view of changes and clarifications and provide clarifications, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3) and item 6.3 above.

Regarding the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I) and **item II 6.3 above**; the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) does not provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). In section 9(C) of the AESD, petitioner asserts that "all of the references identified above" fail to teach or suggest the identified limitations; thus concluded that the claims are patentably distinguished over the references alone or in combination.

By identifying all limitations as those limitations that the reference(s) do not show or suggest, the petition fails to discuss the claimed limitations with respect to the references in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c). That is, the petition does not <u>specifically</u> properly <u>compare/contrast</u> the claimed invention with respect to the

relevant teachings in the prior art in the identified references. A general allegation that "all of the references fail to at least teach ... and therefore patentably distinguish over each of the references alone or in combination" does not comply with the requirements. Petitioner fails to 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. For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of MPEP § 708.02(a)(I.)(I)(3). **Petitioner is requested to clearly point out claim limitations not taught by any of the references and how the limitations are patentably distinguished over the references cited alone or in combination. An explanation furthermore needs to be made to specify whether 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.**

Regarding the requirements of section II element **6.5** outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because Petitioners have failed to show where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. 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 together to the extent possible) in each one of said presently filed claims, by indicating the relevant page and line numbers, and/or the element number in drawings. Corrections are required.

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 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 Mano Padmanabhan, at (571) 272-4210. 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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Chris Milner	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/416,349	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: April 1, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 9008-74	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed June 15, 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 (2, 5 and 6) set forth above.

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

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This is in response to the Petition filed October 19, 2009 for Reconsideration of the decision mailed July 28, 2009, Under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

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:

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(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 (2) set forth above.

It is noted on the declaration submitted with the petition on October 19, 2009, that Robert A. Jones signed the signature block on behalf of nonsigning inventor, Chris Milner, however, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63, all inventors must be identified by name, mailing and/or residence address and citizenship. Note also, MPEP 409.03.

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Filed: April 1, 2009	:	
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This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed December 21, 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(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 pre-examination processing.

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

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In re Application of: SHINAGAWA, TOMOHIRO Serial No.: 12/416,360 Filed: April 1, 2009 Docket: TMCT-13102/08 Title: ENGINE CONTROL DEVICE AND ENGINE CONTROL 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 renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 18, 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 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; and
(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.

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition met all conditions except Item #6 above. The request to participate in the PPH program and petition fail to include a copy of the JPO cited references, namely, JP-08114133-A; JP-2006249998-A; JP-2001041084; and JP-2008057559-A.

Applicant is encouraged to cite and submit all relevant prior art references, if any, to facilitate examination 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 EFS-Web.

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

Petition is **dismissed**.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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In re Application of: SHINAGAWA, TOMOHIRO Serial No.: 12/416,360 Filed: April 1, 2009 Docket: TMCT-13102/08 Title: ENGINE CONTROL DEVICE AND ENGINE CONTROL 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 renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 24, 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;
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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 Steve Cronin, the SPE of Art Unit 3747, and 571-272-4536 for Class 60 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	:	
ATTLESEY, CHAD DANIEL	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/416,399	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: April 1, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 20062.0010USU1	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: CASE AND RACK SYSTEM FOR LIQUID SUBMERSION COOLING OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES CONNECTED IN AN ARRAY		

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 165/067) 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 3744 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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ATTLESEY, CHAD D.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/416399	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: April 1, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 20062.0010USU1	:	PILOT PROGRAM
For: CASE AND RACK SYSTEM FOR LIQUID SUBMERSION COOLING OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES CONNECTED IN AN ARRAY		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 6/3/2010, 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 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 3748 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Harold L. Peterson et al	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/416,471	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: April 1, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 60843.300301	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed June 19, 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.

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). There is no indication herein that joint inventors received a copy of the complete application papers for this application. If the joint inventors never received a copy of the application papers for this application, then the joint inventors 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 joint inventors 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 joint inventors if the inventors are 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 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 inventors , 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.

Petitioner states that the nonsigning inventors **<u>have not refused</u>** to sign such Declarations. Again, a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.147(a) requires 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...

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

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Application No. 12/416,471	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: April 1, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 60843.300301	:	

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 28, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors conduct constitutes refusal 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 pre-examination processing.

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

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In re Application of:
Andrey V. Sobko et al.
Serial No.: 12/416,543
Filed: April 1, 2009
Docket: 2402.0360000
For: **Method for Optimization of Anti-Virus Scan**

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 April 1, 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 **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 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, II 5.1, 5.3, and II 6.1-6.6 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.5.2 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 modified to include reasonable number of synonyms. Here is an example search strategy that would complete this requirement.

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6) periodical$2 same (locat$3 plac$3 transfer$4 mov$3) with (log$4 record) same database

7) (locat$3 find$3 search$3) same (record file) same (((anti$1virus anti$1spyware anti$1malware) (anti near (virus spyware malware))) near3 (cache memory)) same request$3

Or is the default operator. 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.

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 717 Data Processing: Software Development, Installation, and Management,** Subclasses 168, 173, 174, 178 (Software Upgrading or Updating, Software Installation including downloading); **Class 713 Electrical Computers and Digital Processing Systems:Support**, Subclass 189 (Data Processing Protection Using Cryptography), Subclass 194 (Tamper Resistant); **Class 705 Data Processing: Financial, Business Practice, Management, or Cost/Price Determination**, Subclass 51 (Usage Protection of Distributed Data Files) for subject matter related to implement an anti-virus (AV) driver on an operating system to optimize file system scan. This additional search area was confirmed with an examiner in the pertinent art area.

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 Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3612. A second point of contact is QAS Kim Huynh whose number is (571)-272-4147.

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In re Application of: Andrey V. Sobko et al. Serial No.: 12/416,543 Filed: April 1, 2009 Docket: 2402.0360000 Title: Method for Optimization of Anti-Virus Scan	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 15, 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 April 01, 2009 was dismissed in the decision mailed on April 14, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the new Search Document filed on April 14, 2009 meets 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, 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.

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 Tod Swann, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3612.

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Houriet et al.	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/416,747	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: April 1, 2009	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

For: **AUTOMATED IDENTIFICATION OF TASKS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE A CLINICAL TRIAL DATABASE CAN BE LOCKED**

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 1, 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).

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

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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 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.

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Attorney Docket No. 085804-721105	:	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 March 23, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Robert A. Saltzberg and all the attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 76102 has been revoked by the assignee of the above application on April 21, 2010. Accordingly, 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 new correspondence address of record until otherwise notified by applicant.

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

Andrea Smith
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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	:	
Silvana Deana	:	
Application No. 12/417,058	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. P07169US1	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47, filed June 30, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b).[1]

The petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) 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 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) 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 37 C.F.R. § 1.63; (3) the petition fee; (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor; (5) proof that the Rule 47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the

[1] 37 CFR 1.47(b) applies when none of the inventors have signed the declaration. When at least one inventor has signed, then Rule 1.47(a) is applicable.

subject matter to justify the filing of the application; and (6) proof of irreparable damage. The instant petition does not satisfy requirements (2) and (6).

As to requirement (2), Rule 47 applicant has not submitted an acceptable oath or declaration. As set forth in MPEP 409.03(b), the "37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant must make the oath required by 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 or 1.175." The title or position of the person signing must be stated if signing on behalf of a corporation. Where a corporation is the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, an officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chief Executive Officer) thereof should normally sign the necessary oath or declaration. A corporation may authorize any person, including a registered attorney or agent, to sign the oath or declaration on its behalf. Where an oath or declaration is signed by a registered attorney or agent on behalf of a corporation, proof of the attorney's or agent's authority in the form of a statement signed by the appropriate corporate officer must be submitted (i.e. by submitting a Rule 3.73(b) statement), or the attorney or agent can simply state that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation. Here, the declaration submitted was blank - no signature of the person signing on behalf of the Rule 1.47(b) applicant was provided.

As to requirement (6), irreparable damage may be established by a statement that a filing date is necessary to preserve the rights of the party or to prevent irreparable damage. See MPEP 409.03(g).

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

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By FAX: (571)273-8300
Attn: Office of Petitions

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

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Application No. 12/417,058	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. P07169US1	:	

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed September 29, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is **GRANTED**.

Applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) on June 30, 2009. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on July 29, 2009. The petition was dismissed because applicants did not provide a proper 37 CFR 1.63 oath or declaration, and did not establish irreparable damage.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). Accordingly, the above-identified 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 inventors at the last known address provided in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

While Applicant did not provide a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor, it is presumed to be the address listed on the declaration. Applicant should notify the Office if this is not correct.

The application is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2477 for examination in due course.

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

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In re Application of	:	
Silvana Deane	:	
Application No. 12/417,058	:	
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	LETTER
Title: P07169US1	:	

Dear Silvana Deane:

You are named as an 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(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the 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, 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	:	
Soutsada Vongseng, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/417,086	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 02316.1863USC6	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed March 12, 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 March 8, 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 concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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.

/AMW/
April M. Wise
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	:	
Khairallah, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/417,108	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 116995.94	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182, filed October 2, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been changed to reflect that inventor Khairallah is the first named inventor, while inventor Dallaire is the second named inventor.

The application is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3653 for docketing and examination in due course.

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

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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)

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Power of Attorney: The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number 70096

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 61/047,162 04/23/2008

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 04/21/2009

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/417,108**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No
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Title

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A MOVABLE ITEM TO A STRUCTURE

Preliminary Class

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Applicants may wish to consult the USPTO booklet, "General Information Concerning Patents" (specifically, the section entitled "Treaties and Foreign Patents") for more information on timeframes and deadlines for filing foreign patent applications. The guide is available either by contacting the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199, or it can be viewed on the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/index.html.

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In re Application of	:	
CAIRO, RONALD R.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/417,147	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 233217	:	PILOT PROGRAM
Title: BRAIDED WIND TURBINE BLADES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 14, 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 416/230) 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/

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CAIRO, RONALD R.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/417147	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 233217	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 6/10/2010, 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.

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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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Applicant	: STEPHEN H. CLARK	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7682207	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 03/23/2010	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Application No	: 12/417,188	: OF WYETH
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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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In re Application of	:	
Terry L. Cooke et al	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/417,325	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: April 2, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. HI08-075	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed June 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 (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 Clyde B. Mabry III, 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 Clyde B. Mabry III. 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 Mabry'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. Mabry'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.

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.

While petitioner provides an e-mail from Mabry which indicated a refusal to sign certain documents the e-mail does not indicate that the documents were related to this case, i.e., docket number HI08-075.

The combined certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and power of attorney received with the petition on June 17, 2009 is not accepted. In order for an assignee to take action in a case before the Office, compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b) must be satisfied. More specifically, 37 CFR 3.73(b) provides that: (1) when an assignee seeks to take action in a matter before the Office, the

assignee must establish its ownership of the property to the satisfaction of the Commissioner; (2) ownership is established by submitting to the Office, in the Office file related to the matter in which action is sought to be taken, documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (e.g., copy of an executed assignment submitted for recording) or by specifying (e.g., reel and frame number) where such evidence is recorded in the Office; (3) the submission establishing ownership must be signed by a party authorized to act on behalf of the assignee; and (4) documents submitted to establish ownership may be required to be recorded as a condition to permitting the assignee to take action in a matter pending before the Office. A blank Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) accompanies this decision.

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

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By fax: (571) 273-8300
ATTN: Office of Petitions

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

David Bucci
Petition Examiner
Office of Petitions

Attachment: A blank Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) Form

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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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: Helle L.
Application No. 12/417,365
Filed: April 2, 2009
For: Method for operating a wind turbine connected to a utility grid during a utility disturbance, wind turbine and wind pack.

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 PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 15, 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 is
(a) a national stage entry of the corresponding PCT application

Or

(b) a national application which forms the basis for the priority claim in the corresponding PCT application

Or

(c) *a* national stage entry of another PCT application (which can be filed in any competent receiving office) which claims priority to the corresponding PCT application

Or

(d) a national application claiming foreign domestic priority to the corresponding PCT application.
Applications subject to a secrecy order (35U.S.C.181) are excluded and not subject to participation in the PCT-PPH pilot program.

Or

(e) a continuing application (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) of the U.S. application which satisfies one of the above (a) to (d) scenarios.

(2) The latest work product in the international phase of the PCT application corresponding to the U.S. application, namely the WO/ISA, or the WO/IPEA, or the IPER, indicates at least one claim in the PCT application has novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. In case any observation is described in Box VIII of the WO/ISA, or the WO/IPEA, or the IPER which forms the basis for the PCT-PPH request, applicant must identify and explain why the claim(s) is/are not subject to any observation described in Box VIII irrespective of whether an amendment is submitted to correct the observation described in Box VIII. The U.S. application will not be eligible to participate in the PCT-PPH pilot program if applicant does not identify and explain why the claim(s) is/are not subject to the observation described in Box VIII.

Applicant may file a request to participate in the PCT-PPH pilot program on the basis of an International Search Report (ISR) only.

(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to one or more of those claims indicated as having novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability and free of any observation described in Box VIII in the latest work product of the corresponding PCT application and

b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;

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

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. the latest international work product, WO/ISA, or WO/IPEA or PER, which indicated that the claim(s) has/have novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability along with an English translation thereof if the copy of the latest international work product is not in the English language, unless the U.S. application and the corresponding PCT application satisfy the relationship noted in (1)(a) above.

(6) Applicant must submit a copy of:
a. the claims from the corresponding PCT application which were indicated as having novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability in the latest work product of the PCT application,
b. an English translation of the claims and
c. a statement that the English translation is accurate.

If the claims in the U.S. application are identical to the claims from the corresponding PCT application, and are in the English language, applicant may just indicate such in the PCT-PPH request and it will not be necessary for applicant to submit a copy of the claims from the corresponding PCT application.

(7) Applicant must submit:
a. An IDS listing the documents cited in the work products in the international phase of the PCT application corresponding to the U.S. application, namely the WO/ISA, or the WO/IPEA, or the IPER,(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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Quality Assurance Specialist, Technology Center 2100, Workgroup 2180
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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	12417435	Confirmation Number	6433	Filing Date	2009-04-02
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	1442.010A	Art Unit		Examiner	
First Named Inventor	David Allen White				
Title of Invention	SYSTEM FOR BALANCING BATTERY PACK SYSTEM MODULES				

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
Claude	Leonard	Benckenstein	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	/WBUSKOP/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2009-04-02
Name	Wendy Buskop	Registration Number	32202

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

1. The information on this form will be treated confidentially to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Records from this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice to determine whether the Fr eedom of Information Act requires disclosure of these records.

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.

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
David Allen White

Application No. 12417435

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 1442.010A

: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-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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In re Application of: STROTHER, KEVIN D.
Serial No.: 12/417437
Filed: 04/02/2009
Title: TWO-TRACK SYSTEM FOR DUAL CAM COMPOUND BOW

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 April 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 **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 April 13, 2009 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) includes 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.

/Ehud Gartenberg/
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In re Application of	:	
URATA, MASAHIRO, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/417,449	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 02, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. MJK-723-2492	:	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 02, 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:

It is not clear whether petitioner has complied with items 2 and 5 above. Allowed claims and a copy of all office ctions from JPO have been provided for JPO application 2008-274051 and correspondence to the claims of the instant application shown. However, the relationship of the above JPO application and that of JPO applications 2008-181419, 2008-181420, or 2008-181421 for which priority is claimed has not been established. In response to this decision, Requestor should establish the relationship between the application containing the allowed claims and that for which priority is claimed.

Also regarding item 7, petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) is required.

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.

Michael Horabik
Quality Assurance Specialist
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Attorney Docket No. MJK-723-2492	:	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 August 13, 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 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
Daniel J. Freiman
Application No. 12/417,480
Filed: April 2, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 10379-26U1

NOTICE

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

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**.

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

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In re Application of :
Mark A. Weiss et al :
Application No. 12/417,484 :
Filed: April 2, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. 10379-30U1

NOTICE

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

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

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In re Application of :
Marshall MEDOFF :
Application No. 12/417,699 :
Filed: April 3, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. **08895-0070001** :

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 July 17, 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 Marshall Medoff, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing at 571-272-4000.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application is being forwarded to the office of Initial Patent Examination for processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

/Monica A. Graves/
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In re Application of Marshall Medoff Application No. 12/417,707 Filed: April 3, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 08895-0062001	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 June 17, 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) 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 inventor. 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 Office of Patent Application Processing for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

Ramesh Krishnamurthy
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of: GIBBONEY JR, James W. Serial No.: 12/417,721 Filed: April 3, 2009 Title: PUSH ROD SHUNT FOR LIGHT STRING SOCKETS	: : : : : :	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 April 3, 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 **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; 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. 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; 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 1-4 and 6) are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the all the conditions set forth in section II, subsection 5. 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 5.1, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted critical search areas by not searching in class 200 subclasses 51.09, 51.1 and 51.12 and class 439 subclasses 188 and 617 at a minimum to include a coupling actuated switch, coupling members forming switch contacts and a plug having spaced prong-like contacts. Any renewed petition should include the above outlined additional searching.

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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In re Application of: GIBBONEY JR, James W. Serial No.: 12/417,721 Filed: April 3, 2009 Title: PUSH ROD SHUNT FOR LIGHT STING SOCKETS	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 of the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed July 10, 2009. The petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) was dismissed on July 1, 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 Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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In re Application of
Marshall MEDOFF
Application No. 12/417,723
Filed: April 3, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **08895-0086001**

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 July 17, 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 Marshall Medoff, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

Inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing at 571-272-4000.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

The application will be afforded "special" status after pre-examination processing has been completed.

/Monica A. Graves/
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Application No. 12/417,731	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 08895-0075001	:	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 22, 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 processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

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Application No. 12/417,786	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 03, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **08895-0096001**	:	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 Marshall Medoff 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.

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.

Michelle R. Eason
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Application No. 12/417,840
Filed: April 3, 2009
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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 June 17, 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) 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 inventor. 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 Office of Patent Application Processing for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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In re Application of	
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Application No. 12/417,880	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 08895-0085001	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 17, 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) 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 inventor. 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 Office of Patent Application Processing for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Filed: April 3, 2009
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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 March 22, 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 made by registered attorney Seong-Kun Oh, 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Marshall MEDOFF	:	
Application No. 12/417,900	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 08895-0076001	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 22, 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 processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

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Application No. 12/417,904	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 08895-0103001	:	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 17, 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) 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 inventor. 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 Office of Patent Application Processing for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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In re Application of
Chien-Hsing Chang

Application No. 12417917

Filed: April 3,2009

Attorney Docket No. IBC119US3

: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 05-JUN-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. 12/417,924	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C69	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Joan Olszewski

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Application No. 12/417,931	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 4/3/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **EP 2009-1**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/5/2010, 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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James Say, et al.
Application No. 12/417,952
Filed: April 3, 2009
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C70

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 22, 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 Adam Heller'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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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James Say, et al.
Application No. 12/417,975
Filed: April 3, 2009
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C71

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 22, 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 Adam Heller'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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/417,982	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 4/3/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **EP 2009-2**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/5/2010, 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.

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Application No. 12/418,008	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C72	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 22, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/418,047	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C73	:	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 March 22, 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 Adam Heller'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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK et al
Serial No.: 12/418,054
Filed: April 03, 2009

Title: **METHOD FOR SCALABLY ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 April 3, 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 **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 accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) because the application, at the time of filing, was not complete. A Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed on March 19, 2009 due to Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 (d) are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because: The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-7.

Therefore, the petition is denied because the application was not complete at the time of filing as per item 3 above. After the application is considered complete by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE), it will be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

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Attorney Docket No. 03595.002500	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: APPARATUS FOR HEAT-TREATING	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
SUBSTRATE AND METHOD FOR	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)
HEAT-TREATING SUBSTRATE		

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

The request is **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 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 complies with the above requirements. Therefore, 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.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Tu Hoang, SPE of Art Unit 3742, 571-272-4780.

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

Henry C. Yuen, Special Programs Examiner
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PARK, SEUNG WOOK, et al.
Serial No.: 12/418,129
Filed: April 3, 2009

Title: **METHOD FOR SCALABLY ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 April 3, 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 **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, 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 item 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: 375/240.01-240.29. Additionally, the database search string should include terms such as "MPEG$2 and "slice adj1 header".

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 and 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; as well as the necessary updated discussion of patentability for each of the dependent claims (or a statement that claims stand or fall together) as set forth 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:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK, et al.
Serial No.: 12/418,129
Filed: April 3, 2009

Title: **METHOD FOR SCALABLY ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 reconsideration to make the application special filed July 16, 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.

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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	:	
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Application No. 12/418,144	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 03, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **BMR-018 D1**	:	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 08, 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 Ruey Yu, 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 1614 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Hartig, Klaus	:	
Application No. 12/418,151	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 44046.203.442.5	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed June 5, 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 from the applicant's attorney, attesting to the inventor being over 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 571-272-3206. 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 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of
David Richert

Application No. 12418160

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 1695.0300

: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-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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In re Application of
Frederick Sawyer

Application No. 12418231

Filed: April 3,2009

Attorney Docket No. 127923.0109

: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-JUN-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.

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In re application of Pramod Pandey et al Serial No. 12/418,308 Filed: April 3, 2009 For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING AN AERATED FOOD PRODUCT COMPRISING PROTEIN AND FIBER	: : : : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 3, 2009 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

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;

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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;

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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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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 condition II, subsection 6.

With respect to the references discussed in the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) on pages 7-15, while petitioner discusses the cited references in detail, petitioner has failed to identify where each and every limitation of the claims are disclosed in the cited references. Applicant is required to show how the cited references correspond to the present claims, for example by mapping each and every claim limitation to the corresponding teaching in the cited reference. Specifically, it is unclear which limitations of present claim 1 are actually taught by the cited references.

Furthermore, while petitioner has discussed claim 1 of the present application, it is unclear whether the cited references disclose limitations which are present in the dependent claims. Applicant is required to show how the cited references correspond to all of the present claims.

The statement showing support for the present claims on page 26 of the AESD is not sufficient. It is required that petitioner provide a showing of where each limitation of each of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the present application, as well as parent applications 11/488,819 and 60/700,326 as applicant has claimed priority to each of these applications.

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 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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re application of Pramod Pandey et al Serial No. 12/418,308 Filed: April 3, 2009 For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING AN AERATED FOOD PRODUCT COMPRISING PROTEIN AND FIBER	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on July 6, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

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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Application No. 12/418,354	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 05156-P0003B	:	

This is a decision on the petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 filed April 3, 2009, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT.**

The Office record shows the order of the names of the inventors are the following:

1. Christopher N. Jobdevairakkam
2. Jayaraman Kannappan
3. Jagadeesh B. Rangisetty

The $400 submitted with the petition on April 3, 2009 is being credit to petitioner's credit card.

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

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This application is a DIV of 11/296,178 12/07/2005 PAT 7,531,653

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/418,354**

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Title

Manufacture of Pure Hydralazine Salts

Preliminary Class

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In re Application of	:	
Carpenter	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/418,356	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 4/3/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **QSINC.024CP1**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 6/24/2010, 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 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.

As set forth at numeral 8 above, the petition to make special must be accompanied by a request for early publication and the publication fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d). Petitioner's deposit account has been charged the $300 early publication fee in accordance with this notice.

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.

/Tom Dunn/

Tom Dunn
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In re Application of:
Bal et al.
Serial No.: 12/418,367
Filed: April 3,, 2009
Docket: 33849-241
For: **Systems and Methods for Correlating Meta-Data Model Representations of a Production Asset with the Asset Logic Models**

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 April 3, 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 **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 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;

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Bal et al.
Serial No.: 12/418,367
Filed: April 3, 2009
Docket: 33849-241
For: **Systems and Methods for Correlating Meta-Data Model Representations of a Production Asset with the Asset Logic Models**

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

On June 3, 2009 a petition decision was mailed out. A review of the IFW file indicates that only 3 pages of the decision have been scanned into the file. The petition decision had a fourth page. This paper is a re-mailing of a complete decision to clarify the record.

This is a decision on the 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 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:

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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;

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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);

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(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 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. The Notice to file correct application papers mailed on April 13, 2009 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 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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In re Application of: BAL, Rajpaul S. et. al.
Serial No.: **12/418,367**
Filed: April 03, 2009
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Title of Invention: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CORRELATING META-DATA MODEL REPRESENTATIONS AND ASSET-LOGIC MODEL REPRESENTATIONS

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 08/06/09 for previous decision mailed 06/11/09 on a petition 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);
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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;
5. The petition must be filed with the application

DECISION

The facts on this request for reconsideration have been thoroughly reviewed and considered. The application as filed is not eligible for the accelerated examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) because the application fails to meet the requirement at the time of filing as being complete under 37 C.F.R. 1.51 and in condition for examination, namely, I. 3. (MPEP §708.02(a) I. (D.)).

More specifically in accordance with the MPEP §708.02(a) VIII (C) Conditions for examination: The application must be in condition for examination at the time of filing. This means the application must include the following: **§ 1.51 General requisites of an application.** Include ...(b) A complete application filed under § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) comprises: ...***(3) Drawings, when necessary, see §§ 1.81 to 1.85***; and

The petition to make special will be denied 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.

The **Notice of File Corrected Application** papers of the instant application filed April 13, 2009 and the subsequent **Notice of Incomplete Reply** mailed July 13, 2009 are evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing.

As stated in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121(d) was required. The drawings as filed do not comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121(d) making the case not in condition for examination at the time of filing.

See **ACCELERATED EXAMINATION FAQs**
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PD 7. What would cause a petition to be denied?

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For the above-mentioned 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 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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Serial No.: **12/418,367** ::
Filed: April 3, 2009 :
Atty Docket No.: 33849-241 ::
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CORRELATING META-DATA MODEL REPRESENTATIONS AND ASSET-LOGIC MODEL REPRESENTATIONS

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 second request for reconsideration filed 10/09/09 regarding petition filed on August 06, 2009. Request for reconsideration was filed on August 06, 2009 for reconsideration on denial decision to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) mailed June 10, 2009.

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 published "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" 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 Missing Parts or a Notice of Incomplete Application or Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is evidence that the application was incomplete and not in condition for examination at the time of filing. The drawings submitted 4/03/09 contain illegible and tiny sized wording failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d) and 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). The illegible and tiny sized wording in the drawings do not comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p) making the case not in condition for examination at the time of filing.

The undersigned did have a telephone conversation with applicant (William O. Jensen, Reg. No 36, 833) about September 15, 2009, through which Applicant indicated that if he would provided evidence that Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was in error (or rescinded) and that the drawings **were** in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) and 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3), he would request reconsideration on the decision dated 09/15/09.

Applicant request via second request for reconsideration that Office reconsider denial decision on the above mentioned application based on email notification sent by Office dated 9/29/09. According to Applicant (p. II. of second request for reconsideration):

> On September 29, 2009, an Updated Filing Receipt was issued. See Tab F. The Updated Filing Receipt confirms that Figure 6 was accepted and the Notice of Incomplete Reply was effectively withdrawn because the Updated Filing Receipt now shows a projected publication date.

Applicant's interpretation of the ***Updated Filing Receipt*** has been considered. However, Applicant relies upon an Automated [Updated] Filing Receipt part of the EFS-Web system, which upon EFS submission, generates a *valid filing receipt that is equivalent of an Express Mail receipt.* One of the benefits of EFS-Web is that patent application and documents can be submitted and a receipt can be obtained in basically in minutes. The automated electronic notification confirms that your submission has been received.
(see www.uspto.gov/ebc/efs_faq.htm What is EFS-Web?)

The projected publication date thereon refers to eighteen months publication. The Filing Receipt of an application filed on or after November 29, 2000, including a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed on or after November 29, 2000 in an application filed before May 29, 2000, includes the projected publication date (PPD) that has been assigned to a patent application, or if a nonpublication request was filed, that the request is acknowledged and confirming that there is no PPD. The projected publication date of an application is the Thursday after the date that is eighteen months after the earliest filing date claimed by the applicant. Accordingly, if the application does not claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, 120 or 365, then the projected publication date is eighteen months after the filing date of the application.
(see http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2001/week34/pathint.htm)

For information regarding the official filing receipt for a patent application, please call Office of Initial Patent Examination, Customer Services between 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on normal business days. The number is (571) 272-4000.

The Updated Filing Receipt dated 09/29/09 contains **no** mention of Figure 6, nor does it state that Figure 6 was accepted, nor it states that the Notice of Incomplete Reply was effectively withdrawn, as Applicant claims.

For the above-stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**. This decision is **FINAL.**

The application will therefore be taken up by the examiner for action in its regular turn.

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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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.

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	:	
Shokrollahi, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/418,378	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 3, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)
Attorney Docket No. 091839C1C1C1	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed November 3, 2009, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to prior-filed application 11/104,391, filed April 11, 2005, set forth in the Application Data Sheet 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.

This instant petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

With respect to requirement (1), the priority claim set forth in the specification does not match the priority claim that petiitoner has submitted in the Application Data Sheet. Before the petition

under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3) can be granted, petitioner needs to amend the specification such that the priority claims in the ADS is consistent with the specification.

While petitioner has not provided 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, applicant's statement is being interpreted as such. If this is not correct, petitioner must promptly notify the Office.

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

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at (571) 272-3207.

Anthony Knight
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SAY, JAMES et al.	:	
Application No. 12/418,394	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 03, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C74	:	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 March 22, 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 by an attorney or agent of record certified having evidence that shows the inventor listed above 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 Miranda Le at (571) 272-4112 or in her 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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SAY, JAMES. et al.
Application No. 12/418,423
Filed: April 03, 2009
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C75

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 22, 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 by an attorney or agent of record certified having evidence that shows the inventor listed above is 65 years of age, or more. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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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. 12/418,462	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 03, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C76	:	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 March 22, 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 by an attorney or agent of record certified having evidence that shows the inventor listed above 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 Miranda Le at (571) 272-4112 or in her 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Filed: April 03, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-26C77	:	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 March 22, 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 by an attorney or agent of record certified having evidence that shows the inventor listed above 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 Miranda Le at (571) 272-4112 or in her 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/418,499	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 49783.0217	:	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 10, 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(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, 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 Tammara Peyton at 571-272-6052.

All other inquires 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 2115 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/418,514	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. **CA1731**	:	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 18, 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) thru (3) noted in the above-identified certifications have been performed. See PTO/SB/83 (11-08).

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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Applicant	: Christopher Raymond	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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Issue Date	: 12/29/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Appliction No	: 12/418,535	: 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 :
Durand Whitney :
Application No. 12/418,544 :
Filing: April 3, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. PA4883US :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 3, 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 Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) at (571) 272-4000.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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In re application of Yoshiaki Takahashi Application No. 12/418,572 Filed: April 4, 2009 For: FRICTIONAL RESISITANCE REDUCTION SHIP	: : : : : :	**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 4, 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 the latest Office action 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 fail to include:
(2) & (5) There needs to be submitted a copy of the original claims found allowable by the JPO, a copy of those claims translated, and a statement that the English translation is accurate. The same is needed for any JPO Office actions. The Applicant has not submitted a copy of the allowable patent claims from the JPO application. There is a copy of claims but they are unlabelled so it is not clear what those claims are. There is a single statement of certification of the translation but it is not known what the signer is certifying as being translated since it is not specific to any document. Assuming that the unlabelled claims are a translated copy of the patent claims they would correspond, and would be acceptable if a labeled copy is provided as required above.

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. All replies to a decision to dismiss must be submitted by EFS-Web using the document description "Petition to make special under Patent Prosecution Highway."

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 Yoshiaki Takahashi Application No. 12/418,572 Filed: April 4, 2009 For: FRICTIONAL RESISITANCE REDUCTION SHIP	: : : : : :	**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 renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed April 27, 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 latest Office action 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).

In light of renewed petition, which included a copy and certified translation of the Reasons for Refusal of June 17, 2008, and a copy of the claims determined allowable by the JPO along with a certified translation, 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.

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 Yoshiaki Takahashi Application No. 12/418,587 Filed: April 4, 2009 For: FRICTIONAL RESISITANCE REDUCTION SHIP AND OPERATION 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 April 4, 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;
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(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
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(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition fail to include:
(2) & (5) There needs to be submitted a copy of the original claims found allowable by the JPO, a copy of those claims translated, and a statement that the English translation is accurate. The same is needed for any JPO Office actions. The Applicant has not submitted a copy of the allowable patent claims from the JPO application. There is a copy of claims but they are unlabelled so it is not clear what those claims are. There is a single statement of certification of the translation but it is not known what the signer is certifying as being translated since it is not specific to any document. Assuming that the unlabelled claims are a translated copy of the patent claims they would correspond, and would be acceptable if a labeled copy is provided as required above.

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. All replies to a decision to dismiss must be submitted by EFS-Web using the document description "Petition to make special under Patent Prosecution Highway."

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 Yoshiaki Takahashi Application No. 12/418,587 Filed: April 4, 2009 For: FRICTIONAL RESISITANCE REDUCTION SHIP AND OPERATION 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 renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed April 27, 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 latest Office action 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).

In light of renewed petition, which included a copy and certified translation of the Reasons for Refusal of September 30, 2008, and a copy of the claims determined allowable by the JPO along with a certified translation, 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.

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	:	
Sabbadini, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/418,597	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: April 5, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. LPT-3011-UT	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed December 15, 2009.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The petition and declaration have been reviewed and determined to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a).

The application is hereby accorded Rule 47 status.

As provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(c), the Office will provide notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the last known address provided in the petition. Notice will also be provided in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 1644 for docketing and examination in due course.

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

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In re Application of :
Sabbadini, et al. :
Application No. 12/418,597 :
Filed: April 5, 2009 : LETTER
Title: Pharmaceutical Compositions for Binding Sphingosine-1-Phosphate

Dear Ms. Hansen:

You are named as an 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 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, 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	:	
MORNINGSTAR, RANDY L.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/418,616	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: Apr. 6, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2007058-US	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: IMPLANTABLE FLUID DEVICES	:	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 under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 11, 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 DKPTO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the DKPTO application(s);
(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 DKPTO 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 DKPTO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the DKPTO examiner in the DKPTO 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 comply with the above requirements. Receipt of the IDS statement6 is acknowledged. 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.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Charles Marmor, SPE of Art Unit 3735, 571-272-4730.

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 Niem, et al. Application No. 12/418,706 Filed: April 6, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 4699	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47, filed September 21, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

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). No additional petition fee is due on request for reconsideration.

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 (3) above.

With respect to requirement (3), Rule 47 applicant has not submitted the $200 petition fee. Rather, Rule 47 applicant has only submitted the $130 late surcharge for the oath or declaration, together with the $1110 fee for a three month extension of time. No authorization to charge any additional fees to a deposit account was found in the petition or accompanying papers.

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

By mail: Mail Stop Petitions
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Attn: Office of Petitions

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

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In re Application of	:	
Niem, et al.	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Application No. 12/418,706	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: April 6, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 4699	:	

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47, filed October 21, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

Applicants filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on September 21, 2009. However, because applicants did not submit the petition fee, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on

Petitioner has shown that the inventor Anhaeupl has refused to sign the declaration. In support thereof, petitioner has included a copy of a written refusal from Anhaeupl. While petitioner has not provided a statement of the last known address of Anhaeupl, it is presumed to be the address listed on the declaration. Petitioner should notify the Office if this is not correct.

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 address provided in the declaratoin. 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 :
Niem, et al. :
Application No. 12/418,706 :
Filed: April 6, 2009 :
Title: Method, Device, and Computer :
Program for Reducing the Resolution of :
an Input Image

LETTER

Dear Mr. Anhaeupl:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent reissue 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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Virgile Javerliac, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/418,747	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 6, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 17082.4002	:	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 **NOT APPROVED** because it is moot.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 17, 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.

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
IBBETSON et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/418,816	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 6 April 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. P1043US-7	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 29 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 **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 9 above.

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 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 2811 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
Quality Assurance Specialist
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Filed: 6 April 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. P1043US-7	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 29 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 decision mail 23 February 2010 is whereby **VACATED**.

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.

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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.

The publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d) has been charged.

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 2811 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Chien-Hsing Chang

Application No. 12418877

Filed: April 6,2009

Attorney Docket No. IBC120US1

: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 24-JUL-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. 12/418,963	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 4/6/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **H0018726-01**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/11/2009, 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.

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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 208/017.000) 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 1797 for action in its regular turn.

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Application No. 12/418,963	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
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Attorney Docket No. **H0018726-01**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed 3/10/2010, 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 **DENIED**.

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.

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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.

Applicants arguments regarding the suggested classification have been considered but are not deemed to be persuasive. While applications are routinely cross referenced in multiple related classes/subclasses, the Original classification is determined by the following factors:

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Applicant argues that the instant claims should be classified in Class 44, Subclass 589 or 605. Subclasses 589 and 605 both fall out in Class 44 under Subclass 550 which is directed to Consolidated Solids (e.g., Briquette, etc.). The instant claims are not directed to Consolidated Solid Fuels from Vegetation or refuse (Subclass 589) or Consolidated Solid Fuels From Vegetation or Refuse (Subclass 605).

Based on the criteria above, the current Original classification should be in Class 585/14 (Product Blend for fuel use). This Class/Subclass is not classified in one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice.

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 1797 for action in its regular turn.

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The petition lacks item(s) 1.

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The petition is **DENIED**.

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This is a decision in response to applicant's "Petition for Revival of An Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 06 April 2009.

BACKGROUND

On 17 November 2005, applicant filed international application PCT/MX06/00031. The application did not claim priority. Thus, the deadline for entry into the U.S. national stage and filing the basic national fee was thirty months from the filing date or 17 May 2008.

On 06 April 2009, applicant filed a specification, claims and drawings via Electronic Filing System indicating the filing was a "Utility under 35 USC 111(a)" patent application, filing the international application in United States as a utility application along with a petition to revive the international application.

DISCUSSION

37 CFR 1.137(b) permits the filing of a petition to revive an abandoned application where the abandonment resulted from an unintentional delay. A grantable petition under this section must include: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee required by law; (3) a statement that the "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional".

With respect to Item (1), as set forth in MPEP section 711.03(c)(II)(A), the required reply is generally "the reply sufficient to have avoided abandonment, had such reply been timely filed." The MPEP notes that the filing of a continuation-in-part application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) is considered an appropriate "required reply" under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

In the present circumstances, the "required reply" needed to revive international application PCT/MX06/00031 would be the filing of a U.S. national stage application of this international application under 35 U.S.C.371 (accompanied by, at least, the basic national fee) or a proper continuation-in-part of the international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Applicant has submitted a utility application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). The present application includes the proper continuity reference required for the application to be considered a continuation-in-part of the international application. Accordingly, the present application is a proper continuation of the international application, and the filing of this application, therefore, is treated as the "required reply" necessary to revive the international application.

Based upon the above, applicants have satisfied Item (1) for a grantable petition. Applicant paid the required petition fee, satisfying Item (2). Item (3) above is satisfied because the present petition includes the statement that "the entire delay in filing such a U.S. National Phase application from the due date for such filing until the filing of a grantable petition, namely this Petition, under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), was unintentional" has been interpreted as meaning that "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of this petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" as required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) at the time of filing this petition. If this is an incorrect interpretation in view of the rules, petitioner is required to promptly notify this office. In light of the above, the petition to revive is granted.

International application PCT/MX06/00031 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 12/418,993.

The specification and claims filed on 06 April 2009 complete the requirements for a filing date under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Accordingly, this application will be accorded a filing date of 06 April 2009.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the "Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" is **GRANTED.**

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 10, 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.

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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 4 as explained below.

In regard to item 1, Petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 208/017) 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 4, it is noted that the instant invention relates to "PRODUCTION OF BLENDED GASOLINE AND BLENDED AVIATION FUEL FROM RENEWABLE FEEDSTOCKS." 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.

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 Tammara Peyton at 571-272-6052.

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 1797 for action in its regular turn.

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12/418,994	04/06/2009	Timothy A. Brandvold	H0019537-01	9679

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In re Application of	:	
Brandvold et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/418,994	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 4/6/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **H0019537-01**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed 3/3/2010, 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 **DENIED**.

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.

Applicants arguments regarding the suggested classification have been considered but are not deemed to be persuasive. While applications are routinely cross referenced in multiple related classes/subclasses, the Original classification is determined by the following factors:

1) Hierarchy of categories of subject matter (e.g. method of using claims determine classification over article claims).

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3) Class superiority. All classes in the US Classification system are assigned a relative superiority. This listing of all classes arranged by their relative superiority can be found on the USPTO website on the Classification Home Page under the link entitled "Classes Within the US Classification System Arranged by Related Subjects."

Based on the criteria above, the current Original classification is deemed to be appropriate.

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 1797 for action in its regular turn.

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McCall	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/419,005	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 4/6/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **H0019480-01**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/10/2009, 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.

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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

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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 585/240.000) 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 1797 for action in its regular turn.

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Attorney Docket No. **H0019480-01**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed 3/5/2010, 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 **DENIED**.

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Based on the criteria above, the current Original classification is deemed to be appropriate.

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

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In re Application of	:	
Lynch et al.	:	
Application No. 12/419,034	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Filed: April 6, 2009	:	STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. 15953/72001	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed July 1, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the nonsigning inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

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 nonsigning inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206.

This matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further pre-examination processing. Thereafter, the application will be referred to Technology Center AU 3633 for examination on the merits.

/s/
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In re Application of
Lynch et al.
Application No. 12/419,034
Filed: April 6, 2009
For: WALL PANEL JOINT APPARATUS AND SYSTEM USING SAME

Dear Mr. Taing:

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 Petitions Examiner Liana Walsh at (571) 272-3206. 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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Deforche et al.	: DECISION DISMISSING PETITION
Application Number: 12/419101	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filing Date: 04/06/2009	:
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed on November 17, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The above-identified application was filed on April 6, 2009, without an executed declaration. Accordingly, on April 17, 2009, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed, stating that an executed declaration, the statutory basic filing fee, the application search and examination fees, and a surcharge for their late filing was required. In response, on November 17, 2009, a declaration naming Koen Deforche, Wim Dumon, Juan Bernabeu, and Jan Vercruysse, signed by joint inventors Bernabeu and Vercruysse on behalf of themselves and joint inventors Deforce and Dumon. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and five (5) month extension of time were also filed on even date. Subsequently, on December 1, 2009, a declaration signed by joint inventors Deforche and Dumon was filed.[1]

As a declaration signed by all inventors has been filed, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

[1] It is noted that the transmittal letter accompanying the declaration filed on December 1, 2009 is not signed. However, as an executed declaration has been received, the Rule 1.47(a) petition will nonetheless be dismissed as moot.

The petition is **dismissed as moot**. No petition fee is due and none has been charged.

This application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2182 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3231.

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Application No.: 12/419,114
Filed: April 06, 2009
JPO Application: JP2008-169084
JPO Date: June 27, 2008
For: Information processing apparatus, Granularity adjustment method and program.

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 29, 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 fail to include:

A. Item 3 above. Specifically,

The claims in the US and JPO do not sufficiently correspond.
Applicant provides that Claim 1 of the US corresponds to claim 1 of the JPO, Claim 7 of the US corresponds to claim 8 of the JPO and Claim 8 of the US corresponds to claim 9 of the JPO.

Claim 8 of the US recites "the granularity adjustment program comprising ..." which is not recited in the JPO claims.
Claim 8 of the US recites the steps of "assigning...", "measuring ...", "performing ...", which are not recited in the JPO claims.

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.

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In re Application of: Tanaka, Y.
Application No. 12/419,114
Filed: April 6, 2009
For: Information processing apparatus, Granularity adjustment method and program

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 February 12, 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;

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a. Documentation of prior office action:
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(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:
HAFEMAN ET AL.
Application No. 12/419,126
Filing Date: April 6, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 03-810-1-CON

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 16, 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, mailed April 17, 2009. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application 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 on November 17, 2009. However, the papers filed on November 17, 2009 failed to pay the small entity surcharge of $65.00 for late submission of filing fee, search fee, and examination fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(f) as was specifically noted was due on the bottom of page 1 of 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. Therefore, a Notice of Incomplete Reply was mailed on December 1, 2009. Applicant responded to the Notice of Incomplete Reply on December 3, 2009, but unfortunately there was no time left in the period to respond set by the original Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. Accordingly, the application became abandoned **as of midnight** on November 17, 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 November 17, 2009 Response to the Notice to Filing Missing Parts

including the filing of replacement drawings, the payment of the filing, search, and examination fees, and a five month extension of time fee and the December 3, 2009 payment of the surcharge for late payment of the filing, search, and examination fees, (2) the small entity petition fee of $810.00, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply of December 3, 2009 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Anthony Knight at (571)-272-3687.

This application is being referred to the Office Patent Application Processing.

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Dean HAFEMAN et al	:	
Application No. 12/419,126	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 6, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 03-810-A-CON	:	

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

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a proper reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed April 17, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 18, 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 fees and oath or declaration; (2) the petition fee of $810; 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 April 17, 2009 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Olisa Anwah at (571) 272-6051 or in his absence to the undersigned at (571) 272-7099.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

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FUKAZAWA, SHIGERU	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/419,137	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 06, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 6639P671	:	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 23, 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/

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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK et al
Serial No.: 12/419,159
Filed: April 06, 2009

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING/DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL USING REFERENCE PICTURES**

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 Aril 06, 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 **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, 5.3, and 6.5.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: Petitioner states Entire Class/Subclass Searched: 375/240 and 382/238. It is unclear whether class/subclass 375/240 was intended to mean just subclass 240 or does it include subclasses 240.01-240.21. At a minimum, subclasses 240.12 and 240.25 must be searched. Clarification is required.

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, the instant application also claims benefit to parent application 12/401,318, provisional application 60/670,676 and foreign application 10-2005-0066622. The petitioner has not provided a showing of support for each of these benefit applications. Therefore, an updated accelerated examination support document must be provided which shows where each limitation of the claims finds support in each of these benefit applications as well. It is noted petitioner states "Support for each of the claims 1 and 2 may be found by comparing the subject matter claimed in claims 1 and 2 with the disclosures of the instant application and its parent application, co-pending U.S. Patent Application 11/401,318." However, petitioner goes on to state "In the table below, claims 1 and 2 are cross-referenced against certain portions of the instant application at which support for claims 1 and 2 may be found." Therefore, it appears petitioner has only shown support for the instant application. Clarification and correction is required.

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 Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of Beechie :
Application No. 12/419,181 : Decision on Petition
Filing Date: May 27, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. BEKJ133083 :

This is a decision on the petition filed May 27, 2009, to consider the drawings filed May 27, 2009, to be part of the application and to accord the above-identified application a filing date of May 27, 2009, the date new drawings were filed with the Office.

The petition is **granted**.

The application was filed on April 6, 2009, with five sheets of drawings containing Figures 1-5.

On April 22, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice stating Figure 6 described in the specification did not appear to be included as part of the application filed. The Notice stated that, unless a petition was filed, the application would be examined without the missing drawing.

In response, the present petition supplies the omitted item in the form of a new set of drawings and requests the date that the new drawings are being supplied be the filing date of the application.

The application will be accorded a filing date of May 27, 2009. The drawings filed May 27, 2009, will be entered as part of the application.

The Office of Patent Examination Processing will further process the file with a filing date of May 27, 2009, using the application papers filed on April 6, 2009, and the drawings filed on May 27, 2009.

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	:	
DEANS, David	:	
Application No. 12/419,237	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 06, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **RC 08.01CIP**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 06, 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 attesting that David Deans 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 3754 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/419,237
Filed: April 6, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **RC 08.01CIP**

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 29, 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 declaration of inventor David Deans, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7253.

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 3754 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Monica A. Graves/
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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK et al
Serial No.: 12/419,239
Filed: April 06, 2009

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL USING REFERENCE PICTURES**

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 Aril 06, 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 **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;

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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, 5.3, and 6.5.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: Petitioner states Entire Class/Subclass Searched: 375/240 and 382/238. It is unclear whether class/subclass 375/240 was intended to mean just subclass 240 or does it include subclasses 240.01-240.21. At a minimum, subclasses 240.12 and 240.25 must be searched. Clarification is required.

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, the instant application also claims benefit to parent application 12/401,317, provisional application 60/670,676 and foreign application 10-2005-0066622. The petitioner has not provided a showing of support for each of these benefit applications. Therefore, an updated accelerated examination support document must be provided which shows where each limitation of the claims finds support in each of these benefit applications as well. It is noted petitioner states "Support for each of the claims 1 and 2 may be found by comparing the subject matter claimed in claims 1 and 2 with the disclosures of the instant application and its parent application, co-pending U.S. Patent Application 11/401,318." However, petitioner goes on to state "In the table below, claims 1 and 2 are cross-referenced against certain portions of the instant application at which support for claims 1 and 2 may be found." Therefore, it appears petitioner has only shown support for the instant application. Clarification and correction is required.

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 Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK, et al
Serial No.: 12/419,239
Filed: April 06, 2009

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL USING REFERENCE PICTURES**

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 June 15, 20009 which is a response to the petition decision mailed May 15, 2009. The request for reconsideration filed June 23, 2009 is considered together with the original petition filed April 06, 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 **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 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;

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

PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The petition decision mailed May 15, 2009 set forth that the originally filed petition failed to comply with conditions set forth under section II. items 5.2, 5.3, and 6.5 above.

The requirements in section II, item 6.5 has not been met by the June 15, 2009 Amended Accelerated Examination Support Document. As set forth in the decision mailed June 15, 2009,

> "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, the instant application also claims benefit to parent application 12/401,317, provisional application 60/670,676 and foreign application 10-2005-0066622. The petitioner has not provided a showing of support for each of these benefit applications." (emphasis added)

A review of the Amended Accelerated Examination Support Document filed June 15, 2009 finds that under the heading "SHOWING OF SUPPORT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST PARAGRAPH" support for including a showing of where each limitation of claims 1 and 2 finds support under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 in the written description of benefit applications co-pending application 11/401,317 and Korean priority document KR 10-2005-0066622 is provided. However, there is no showing of where each limitation of claims 1 and 2 finds support under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 in the written description of benefit application, provisional application 60/670,676 as required by the petition decision mailed May 15, 2009. Accordingly, the Accelerated Examination Support Document remains deficient in accordance with item 6.5 above.

The requirements in section II, items 5.2 and 5.3 have been met.

DECISION

Accordingly, the petition taken together with the request for reconsideration 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 Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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Filed: April 06, 2009
Attorney Docket No.: **46500-000529/US/02/COA**
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL USING REFERENCE PICTURES**

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 clarification of the decision on the petition requesting reconsideration of the dismissal filed on June 15, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). On July 21, 2009 a decision, denying the petition to make the application special, was mailed. However, it has been brought to the office's attention that an amendment was filed on June 15, 2009, the same day as the Request for Reconsideration of the dismissal decision was filed. Upon further review of the amendment filed June 15, 2009, it is discovered that the benefit claim for priority to provisional application number 60/670,676 was cancelled from the specification. This is considered as a showing that the applicant is intentionally waiving the benefit claim to the provisional application 60/760,676. See MPEP 201.11(III)(G). The office regrets any confusion this decision may have caused the applicant. As a result, the decision mailed on July 21, 2009 is hereby vacated and replaced by this decision.

This is a decision on the petition filed on June 15, 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 May 15, 2009 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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In re Application of
Lina Karam et al.
Application No. 12/419,294
Filed: April 6, 2009
For: Automatic Cell Migration and Proliferation Analysis

: DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the "Petition to Request Earlier Filing Date" filed on April 7, 2009, and supplemented on October 27, 2009, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of April 6, 2009. The petition is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.183.

On October 20, 2009, Ms. Eugenia Jones informed inventor Lina Karam in a telephone communication that: (1) a $400.00 petition fee was required for the petition, and (2) co-inventor Asaad Said needed to ratify the petition. It is noted that all papers filed in the application must be signed by all of the applicants pursuant to 37 CFR 1.33(b) since the applicants are prosecuting this application without representation by a registered patent practitioner (*i.e.*, *pro se* applicants).

Thereafter, a supplement to the petition was filed on October 27, 2009.[1] The supplement was accompanied by the $400.00 petition fee (paid by credit card) and a ratification of the petition and supporting documents that were filed on April 7, 2009, by the co-inventor Asaad Said.

Petitioners request that the application be accorded a filing date of April 6, 2009, based on a number of reasons detailed in the petition. In summary, petitioners indicate that the following occurred in connection with the filing of the application via the electronic filing system, EFS-Web: (1) when petitioners attempted to submit the Portable Document Format (PDF) files via EFS-Web on April 6, 2009, the EFS-Web message stated "There is a problem with your request. Please contact EBC to resolve this issue" (Support Document 1 of the petition); (2) several submissions were attempted but the same error message was given; (3) the Electronic Business Center (EBC) was contacted by phone, and an automated message recommended sending an e-mail because of problems with the EBC phone lines; (4) an e-mail was sent to EBC requesting assistance in uploading the PDF files, and a folder containing all of the PDF files was attached to the e-mail (Support Document 2 of the petition); (5) a subsequent e-mail was sent to the EBC in

[1] A supplement to the petition was initially filed October 26, 2009, but included credit card information on the supplement. Ms. Jones requested that Ms. Karam resubmit the supplement with the credit card information provided on the USPTO credit card payment form (PTO-2038) so that the credit card information would not become part of the record of the application file. Accordingly, the supplement was resubmitted on October 27, 2009, as requested. The supplement filed October 26, 2009, has been expunged from the record by marking it "closed" and "non-public" in the image file wrapper (IFW) of the application.

which the error messages were copied into the e-mail (Support Document 3 of the petition), and a screen shot of the error was sent in another e-mail in response to EBC's request for the screen shot (Support Documents 4 and 5 of the petition); (6) several more submissions were attempted while waiting for EBC to respond; and (7) the system finally accepted and validated the files on April 7, 2009.

35 U.S.C. 111(a)(4) provides, in part:

> The filing of an application shall be the date on which the specification and any required drawing are received in the Patent and Trademark Office.

37 CFR 1.6(a)(2) provides:

> Correspondence filed in accordance with § 1.10 will be stamped with the date of deposit as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service.

37 CFR 1.6(a)(4) provides:

> Correspondence may be submitted using the Office electronic filing system only in accordance with the Office electronic system requirements. Correspondence submitted to the Office by way of the Office electronic filing system will be accorded a receipt date, which is the date the correspondence is received at the correspondence address for the Office set forth in § 1.1 when it was officially submitted.

37 CFR 1.52(a)(5) provides:

> Papers that are submitted electronically to the Office must be formatted and transmitted in compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements.

37 CFR 1.183 provides:

> In an extraordinary situation, when justice requires, any requirement of the regulations in this part which is not a requirement of the statutes may be suspended or waived by the Director or the Director's designee, *sua sponte*, or on petition of the interested party, subject to such other requirements as may be imposed. Any petition under this section must be accompanied by the petition fee set forth in § 1.17(f).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.52(a)(5), patent applications that are filed electronically must be submitted to the Office via the Office's electronic filing system, EFS-Web, in compliance with the EFS-Web system requirements. The USPTO regulations do not permit patent applications to be submitted electronically via e-mail. Furthermore, patent applications can only be accorded the actual date of receipt in the Office or, if filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.10, the date of deposit as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service.

The undersigned has confirmed with appropriate USPTO officials that there was a USPTO system problem involving a software malfunction which prevented the validation of the files in

the attempted submissions of this particular application on April 6, 2009. In addition, based on a review by the undersigned, the application papers received on April 7, 2009, via EFS-Web are identical to the application papers contained in the files submitted to the USPTO via e-mail on April 6, 2009 to the EBC.

The USPTO will not grant a petition to accord an application filing date based upon a submission of application papers via e-mail except in an extraordinary situation when justice requires waiver of the requirement of the regulations that papers submitted electronically to the USPTO "be formatted and transmitted in compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements." In this case, there was an extremely unusual USPTO system problem that prevented the submission of the application papers via EFS-Web on April 6, 2009, and led to the submission of the application papers via e-mail, as discussed above. It is noted again that petitioners are *pro se* applicants. Furthermore, the application includes a benefit claim to a prior provisional application filed April 4, 2008, and thus the 12-month time period for filing a nonprovisional application claiming benefit of the provisional application ends on April 6, 2009 (since April 4, 2009 was a Saturday).

In view of the unique facts of this case as discussed above, the petition is granted. 37 CFR 1.52(a)(5) is being waived pursuant to 37 CFR 1.183 to accord a filing date to the application papers received in the USPTO via e-mail on April 6, 2009. The copy of the application papers received on April 7, 2009, will be used for the processing and examination of the application.

In the future, applicants are advised to take steps to submit correspondence to the USPTO early enough in the day, and far enough in advance of any due date or needed filing date for the correspondence, to ensure that there is sufficient time to resolve any problems that may occur since it may not be possible to grant relief in similar circumstances. The USPTO does not have the authority to waive any requirement of the statutes and can only waive a requirement of the regulations (which is not also a requirement of the statutes) in extraordinary situations under 37 CFR 1.183.

The above-identified application is being returned to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing with a filing date of **April 6, 2009**, using the copy of the application papers received on April 7, 2009.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272 - 7727.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/419,372	:	PURSUANT TO
Filed: April 7, 2009	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.182
Attorney Docket No. TH2851 (US)	:	
Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING A	:	
DEHYDROGENATION PROCESS	:	

This is a decision on the "RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION under 37 CFR 1.57(a)," filed June 22, 2009, requesting that the above-identified application, including drawings, be accorded a filing date of April 7, 2009, as part of the original disclosure. This submission is being treated as a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.182.[1]

The petition is **GRANTED**, to the extent that this application will be accorded a filing date of April 7, 2009 without drawings.

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on April 7, 2009. However, on April 22, 2008, the Office of Data Management mailed Applicant a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," notifying Applicant that

1 See MPEP § 201.06(c)(IV)(A), which sets forth, in pertinent part: "[I]n an application containing an explicit incorporation by reference statement in the specification or in a transmittal letter (if the transmittal letter was filed prior to September 21, 2004), a petition for the granting of a filing date may be made under 37 CFR 1.182. A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and the required petition fee, including an amendment submitting the necessary omitted material, requesting that the necessary omitted material contained in the prior application and submitted in the amendment, be included in the continuation or divisional application based upon the incorporation by reference statement, is required in order to accord the application a filing date as of the date of deposit of the continuation or divisional application."

the application papers had not been accorded a filing date because the application had been deposited without drawings, and that a filing date would be accorded upon the deposit of the same.

In response, Applicant timely filed this petition. Petitioner has acknowledged the inadvertent omission of drawings, and has set forth that this application incorporates a prior-filed provisional application by reference.

It is noted that this application claims priority to prior-filed provisional application number 61/043,419, and the contents of the same have been incorporated by reference.

Petitioner's arguments and evidence have been considered. However, it is controlling that 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).

Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 601.01(f), a drawing is not considered essential for a filing date. Thus, the application is entitled to a filing date without drawings present in the application.

Accordingly, the Office should have mailed a Notice of Omitted Items and not a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP § 601.01(g), if an application is entitled to a filing date, the mailing of a Notice of Omitted Items will permit *inter alia*:

> If 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, applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a). The amendment should be submitted in response to the Office action and must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17.

Petitioner has not submitted a copy of the drawings that he wishes to have entered into this application. It follows that there are no drawings to enter into the file.

If Petitioner wishes for drawings to be entered into this application, he may wish to submit both a copy of the drawings along with an amendment directing the entry of the same. Any such amendment will, of course, be reviewed by the Examiner for new matter,[2] where the Examiner will compare the drawings to those contained in prior-filed provisional application number 61/043,419, in order to verify that they are an accurate copy of the figures contained therein and that they contain no new matter. The amendment is not new matter if the substance was a part of the disclosure of prior-filed provisional application number 61/043,419.

To the extent the present petition requests a filing date of April 7, 2009 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no petition fee is required, and the petition fee will be refunded to Petitioner's Deposit Account in due course.

The Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) will be advised of this decision. Pursuant to this decision, the application will be referred to OPAP for:

- **correction of the filing date to April 7, 2009**;
- **for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing,** and;
- **for issuance of a filing receipt**.

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.

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

2 See MPEP §§ 608.02(h) and 608.04.

discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.

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In re Application of	:	
Faure et al.	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 12/419,549	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: April 7, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. PLA01 012	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed September 17, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventors have 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.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-6692.

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In re Application of
Sylvain Faure et al.
Application No. 12/419,549
Filed: April 7, 2009
Title: DEMAND CURVE ANALYSIS METHOD FOR DEMAND PLANNING

Dear Mr. Mandal:

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 Christopher Bottorff at (571) 272-6692. 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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Sylvain Faure et al.
Application No. 12/419,549
Filed: April 7, 2009
Title: DEMAND CURVE ANALYSIS METHOD FOR DEMAND PLANNING

Dear Mr. Faure:

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.

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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
Leonard TRINCA
Application No. 12/419,707
Filed: April 7, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **09-039-PTU-CL**

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 August 27, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

The request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record and change of correspondence address is hereby not accepted. Petitioner has not complied with current USPTO requirements, set forth in 37 CFR 10.40 concerning Request for Withdrawal as Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address. Specifically, pursuant to 37 CFR 10.40, 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, that the practitioner(s) intends to withdraw from employment;
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> (2) delivered to the client or duly authorized representative of the client all papers and property (including funds) to which the client is entitled; and
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> (3) notified the client of any replies that may be due and the time frame within which the client must respond.

Petitioner has not complied with items **1** and **3** of the above certifications. It is suggested that petitioner submit a properly completed PTO/SB/83 (effective date May 12, 2008), which provides a section wherein practitioners may certify the completion of the above-listed activities necessary for the request to withdraw from representation to be granted.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272- 7253. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Data Management at 571-272-4200.

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12/419,891	04/07/2009	Stephen L. Rush	1300.005	1470

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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 Stephen L. Rush Serial No.: 12/419,891 Filed: April 7, 2009 Attorney Docket No.: 1300.005	: : 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 April 7, 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 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 TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

Cecilia Tsang

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SPE, Art Unit 1654

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Steven Ross Johnston	:	
Application No. 12/419,903	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 7, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 104303.00002	:	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 18, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

The request was signed by Norman Morales on behalf of the practitioners of record associated with Customer Number 44955.

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

All future correspondence will be directed to inventor Steven Ross Johnson at the address indicated below.

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

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
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cc: Steven Ross Johnston
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12/419,903	04/07/2009	Steven Ross Johnston	104303.00002

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/18/2010.

- 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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Date Mailed: 05/07/2010

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/18/2010.

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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Application No. 12/419,904	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: April 7, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. **082312-0105**	:	

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36, filed December 2, 2009.

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 *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).

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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NIIYA, NORIMASA	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/419,919	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 7, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **6639P674**	:	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 3, 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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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.

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In re Application of: KOSANO et al.
Application No. 12/419,940
Filed: April 7, 2009
For: INFORMATION PROVIDING SERVER, INFORMATION PROVIDING METHOD, AND INFORMATION PROVIDING SYSTEM

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 November 3, 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
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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

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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
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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 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;

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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 fail to include:

A. Item 2 and 5 above. Specifically,

1. Applicant failed to sign the statement verifying that the translation of the claims and notice of rejection of the Japanese application 2008-221782 and allowed claims is/are accurate.

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. 12/419,940
Filed: April 7, 2009
For: Information providing server, Information providing method, information providing system.

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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 06~~ December 21, 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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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
Blenkhorn, et al.
Application No. 12/419,975
Filed: 7 April, 2009
Attorney Docket No. P30839US01 / 21478011

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 24 August, 2009, 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. (*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.")

Petitioner has submitted forms without satisfying the requirements set forth in the regulations and outlined above, with no evidence/showing as to the requirements of the petition under the regulation and no proper supporting documentation/showing/evidence.

These matters *must* be clarified on any renewed petition.

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.

BACKGROUND

The record reflects as follows:

The application was deposited on 7 April, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration

On 22 April, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts requiring, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 24 August, 2009, Petitioner Kristen O. Riemenschneider (Reg. No. 62,772) (with s-signature) with Milan M. Vinnola (Reg. No. 45,979) filed, *inter alia*, a petition (with fee) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47, with an oath/declaration executed by co-inventor O'Hara for himself and on behalf of non-signing inventor Keven P. Blenkhorn (Mr. Blenkhorn), with a statement as to the current/valid/reasonably believed to be last known address for Mr. Blenkhorn and averment of transmission of the oath/declaration to Mr. Blenkhorn, but not the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) by a Dr. Petrov for 21 CSI (apparently averred to be an assignee, however no assignment is apparent of record with the Office as of 25 September, 2009, from the signing co-inventor O'Hara). As is apparent from the transmittals submitted in support of the petition, the only enclosures transmitted to Mr. Blenkhorn were oath/declarations (apparently in the form of a power of attorney)and these deficiencies are not overcome in the additional statements of Danielle Edwards, averred to be a registered practitioner (but with no registration number apparent) and of Plamen V. Petrov for 21 CSI. Thus, Petitioner failed to evidence with documentary support (e.g., transmittal letters) that the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) was sent to the non-signing inventor Blenkhorn and that he has refused to sign or could not be found. Moreover, in light of the extent of the redaction of supporting documents (e.g., employment agreement (roughly seven of eight columns across four pages) and inventory of "applicable inventions" (in its entirety of more than two and one-half pages) it is impossible to ascertain what if any claim 21 CSI may have in this matter with regard to Mr.

Blenkhorn's work in this matter. And the redaction of an Email attributed to Mr. Blenkhorn reads only that hek is "not currently of a mind to let the patent application go forward under the conditions that you describe," which may indicate/evidence Mr. Blenkhorn's concern for a lack of accuracy of the statements contained in the application specification.

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:

[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.

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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).

/John J. Gillon, Jr./
John J. Gillon, Jr.
Senior Attorney
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[2] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:
§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.
All business with the Patent and Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

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Application No. 12/419,981	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 7, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. UITS-01-09	:	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 15, 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.

The assignee indicated in the change of address section of the request to withdraw as attorney, has not established proper ownership of this application. See 37 CFR 3.71 and 3.73(b). Since proper ownership has not been established, the correspondence address cannot be changed and the request cannot be granted.

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.

/Diane Goodwyn/
Diane Goodwyn
Petitions Examiner
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Application No. 12/420,002	:	Application Has Been Accorded
Filed: April 7, 2009	:	Status Under 37 CFR 1.47
Attorney Docket No. 116546-2205CT	:	

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) to Proceed Without Non-Signing Co-Inventor" filed June 24, 2009.

On April 24, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts requiring submission of an oath or declaration. On June 24, 2009, applicants filed several documents. The cover sheet filed with the reply indicated several documents were being filed including a "Declaration (5 pages)" and a "Petition for Unsigned Inventor and Decision from parent Application No. 11/692,101 (14 pages)."

A review of the record indicates the 14 pages of "petition" include a copy of a two-page decision from Application No. 11/692,101 granting the petition.

The instant application is a continuation of Application No. 11/692,101. When a parent application has been accorded status under 37 CFR 1.47, an applicant may submit a copy of the declaration from the parent application and a copy of the parent application's Rule 47 decision letter instead of submitting a new petition under 37 CFR 1.47.[1] Therefore, a separate and new petition is unnecessary.

The declaration filed June 24, 2009, is accepted and the signing inventors may prosecute the application on behalf of the non-signing inventor.

The application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

For the reasons above, the "petition" filed June 24, 2009, is **dismissed as moot**.

[1] 37 CFR 1.63(d)(3) states, "Where the executed oath or declaration of which a copy is submitted for a continuation or divisional application was originally filed in a prior application accorded status under § 1.47, the copy of the executed oath or declaration for such prior application must be accompanied by . . . A copy of the decision granting a petition to accord § 1.47 status to the prior application, unless all inventors or legal representatives have filed an oath or declaration to join in an application accorded status under § 1.47 of which the continuation or divisional application claims a benefit."

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

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Applicant	: Michael Parks	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
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Appliction No	: 12/420,008	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 04/07/2009	: 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
Martin Ballendat
Application No. 12/420,249
Filed: April 8, 2009
Attorney Docket No: **73323**

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),[1] filed January 21, 2010, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned June 30, 2009, for failure to timely reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on April 27, 2009, which set a two (2) month shortened period for reply. No extensions of the time for reply in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained prior to the abandonment. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 27, 2010.

Receipt of the replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 is acknowledged.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

Patricia Faison-Ball
Senior Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions

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[1]Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(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. The Commissioner may required additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

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In re Application of: MYERS, THEODORE J. Serial No.: 12/420,308 Filed: April 8, 2009 Title: **DYNAMIC ENERGY CONTROL**	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 April 8, 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 **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, 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 item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: The US field of search which is to be provided under section 8(A) is not sufficient. In addition to the search areas provided, applicant would also need to search in the following class/ subclasses: 375/130, 140, 146.

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 and 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; as well as the necessary updated discussion of patentability for each of the dependent claims (or a statement that claims stand or fall together) as set forth 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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MYERS, THEODORE J., et al.
Serial No.: 12/420,308
Filed: April 8, 2009

Title: **DYNAMIC ENERGY CONTROL**

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 reconsideration to make the application special filed July 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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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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Zhao et al. :
Application No. 12/420,343 :
Filed: April 8, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. HW704663 :
For: Method and Device for Notification :
Message Processing :

Decision According Status
Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed May 11, 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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Application No. 12/420,367	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 8, 2009	:	
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 8, 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 the applicant's attorney that he is 65 years of age, and is also accompanied with a copy of applicant's passport. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed 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.

This matter is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 2872 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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WIDEN, Bo	:	
Application No. 12/420,378	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 08, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **0091-0263PUS1**	:	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 May 15, 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 inventor's passport as evidence that Bo Widen 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 3673 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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April 30, 2009

In re Application of: ROWE, MICHAEL et al. Application No.: 12/420444 Filed: 04/08/2009 Title: NOTEBOOK COVER WITH EXTENDING HOLE-PUNCHED TABS FOR FACILITATING ATTACHMENT TO RINGED BINDER	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 April 8, 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 **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;
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II. Conditions Regarding the Petition:

The petition must:

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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:

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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, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 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 1-35; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-25, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in support of AESD.

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:

281/7-12, 14, 21.1, 23, 26, 27, 32, 43-45, 47, 48, 50;
283/37, 39, 40, 42, 43;
40/359.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because Petitioner failed to show support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph in the written descriptions of the specifications of parent applications 12/264,630 and 12/392,183. If the following statement applies to the present and the parent applications, it's inclusion in a request for reconsideration will satisfy said requirement:

"The present application is a continuation of applications serial numbers 12/264,630 and 12/392,183, it is substantially identical to said parent applications, and the present claimed limitations are supported under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph in said parent applications in the substantially the same locations as in the present 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 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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Serial No.: 12/420444
Filed: 04/08/2009
Title: NOTEBOOK COVER WITH EXTENDING HOLE-PUNCHED TABS FOR FACILITATING ATTACHMENT TO RINGED BINDER

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 May 22, 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 **DENIED**.

A decision dismissing the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination was mailed on April 30, 2009.

On May 6, 2009, while the petition was in "DISSMISSED" status, the examiner mailed a final rejection for this application. Therefore, with the regular examination concluded, there are no advantages or limitations of accelerated examination to be accorded to the file, and the application is no longer eligible for the accelerated examination program.

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, Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4828.

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In re Application of:
Michael Rowe, et al.
Application No.: 12/420444
Filed: April 8, 2009
Docket: 100041-41337C2
Title: NOTEBOOK COVER WITH EXTENDING HOLE-PUNCHED TABS FOR FACILITATING ATTACHMENT TO RINGED BINDER

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

Reconsideration on the renewed petition filed on May 22, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) is given.

The petition to make the application special is GRANTED.

Further consideration is given to the renewed petition filed on May 22, 2009. It has been reviewed on its merit. Applicant would at least gain the benefits of 1) the examiner having a conference before an office action is prepared and 2) the application would remain special upon filing of a request for continued examination (RCE).

Since the petition is grantable, applicant is entitled to have the application reviewed under the provisions of the accelerated examination program. As such, the examiner's office action mailed on May 6, 2009 is hereby VACATED in order for the examiner to prepare an office action under the accelerated examination guidelines. The petition decision mailed on May 26, 2009 is also vacated in view of this new decision.

The examiner is instructed to prepare an office action in accordance with the accelerated guidelines, including having a conference before preparing an office action and determining whether an interview would be appropriate. See MPEP 708.02(a) III.

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 Linda Sholl, Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391

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Applicant	: Michael Rowe	: DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
Patent Number	: 7628426	: RECALCULATION of PATENT
Issue Date	: 12/08/2009	: TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW
Application No	: 12/420,444	: OF WYETH AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
Filed	: 04/08/2009	: 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.

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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 Gregory L. Verdine, et al. Application No. 12/420,451 Filed: April 8, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 2007233-0087	: : : : :	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, filed May 5, 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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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	:
Daniel Griffith Anderson et al	: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE
Serial No.: 12/420,539	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: April 8, 2009	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: 03845.000900.2	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 08, 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).

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Cecilia Tsang, SPE, TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

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Serial No.: 12/420,602	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: April 8, 2009	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: 105121365233	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 8, 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**.

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Dave Nguyen, QAS TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

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The Request for Recalculation is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated.

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In re Application of
Paul A Newton

Application No. 12420623

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. Newton/Phillippi

: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-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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Attorney Docket No. **2005-IP-017636U5P1D1P1**	:	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 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 attesting that Jiten Chatterji 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.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing to await a reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed May 05, 2009. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

Michelle R. Eason
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In re Application of	:	
Gary L. Weis	:	
Application No. 12/420,657	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 8, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. WEI-001	:	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 August 7, 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 **DISMISSED**.

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 does not include a statement by the applicant and no other evidence, as indicated in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV above, was provided to support the petition.

Petitioner/applicant is cautioned to avoid submitting personal information in documents filed in a patent application that may contribute to identity theft. Personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers (other than a check or credit card authorization form PTO-2038 submitted for payment purposes) is never required by the USPTO to support a petition or an application. If this type of personal information is included in documents submitted to the USPTO, petitioners/applicants should consider redacting such personal information from the documents before submitting them to the USPTO. Petitioner/applicant is advised that the record of a patent application is available to the public after publication of the application (unless a non-publication request in compliance with 37 CFR 1.213(a) is made in the application) or issuance of a patent. Furthermore, the record from an abandoned application may also be available to the public if the application is referenced in a published application or an issued patent (see 37 CFR 1.14).

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

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 2856 for action in its regular turn.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed January 14, 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 Inventor Gary L. Weis stating 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 Irvin Dingle at 571-272-3210. 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 2856 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re application of Joseph P. Kearns et al Serial No. 12/420,677 Filed: April 8, 2009 For: HIGH CAPACITY EXTRUSION DIE ASSEMBLY	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 8, 2009 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

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 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 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 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 1-4 and 6, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsection 5.

It appears that the search is incomplete. Note that a search in Class 426/subclasses 513 and 517 is also required as the specification describes a method of extruding food.

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 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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re application of
Joseph P. Kearns et al
Serial No. 12/420,677
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For: HIGH CAPACITY EXTRUSION DIE ASSEMBLY

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on June 26, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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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 Joseph P. Kearns et al Serial No. 12/420,725 Filed: April 8, 2009 For: EXTRUSION DIE ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH DENSITY PRODUCTS	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 8, 2009 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

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;
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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;

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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 1-4 and 6, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsection 5.

It appears that the search is incomplete. Note that a search in Class 426/subclasses 513 and 517 is also required as the specification describes a method of extruding food.

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 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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Filed: April 8, 2009
For: EXTRUSION DIE ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH DENSITY PRODUCTS

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on June 25, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

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.

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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.

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.

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   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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re Application of: GORUP, JOSEPH D et al.
Application No.: 12/420754
Filed: 04/08/2009
Title: HYBRID E-LEARNING COURSE CREATION AND SYNDICATION

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 April 8, 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 **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 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, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.1, 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 1-4; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-22, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in support of the AESD.

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/subclass combinations:

434/118, 323, 353, 365

The following terms and combination logic must also be searched:

learning near2 (object or element)
course near2 (authoring or publishing)
SCORM
AICC
e-learning adj course
"online course creation"
custom near3 course and 434/$.ccls.
(course lesson) near3 (player interface)
(compensation with author) and 434/$.ccls.
payment near3 (course adj author)
(lesson near2 state) and (learning or education)
"learning management system"
user adj (profile or permissions) and (course near2 edit$3)
re?usable near3 (course object element) and 434/$.ccls.

Online searching:
IEEE database, Google, and Dialog databases:
SCORM standard
AICC standard
learning object or element.

With regard to the requirements of condition II:6.1, the petitioner chose to address only a single reference. According to the policy guidelines, <u>all cited references</u> should be addressed under this element. If the petitioner is of the opinion that said single reference is the only reference that is the most relevant to the patentability of his claimed invention, he should refile his Information Disclosure Statements (IDS), by splitting them between an IDS whose references are the most closely related to the patentability of the claimed invention and addressed under the requirements of section II element 6.2, and an IDS whose references are filed as background information only. A statement should clearly identify which IDS lists references that are closely related to the

claimed invention, and which IDS lists references for background information only. In other words, *if applicant wishes to cite references that are not required in an AESD for the examiner to consider, applicant may submit such references in a separate Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98. Applicant should clearly identify the IDS of the AESD that is in support of the petition to make special and, similarly, applicant should clearly identify the separate IDS that is not in support of the petition. Consistent with 37 CFR §10.18, any reference submitted in a separate IDS that is not part of an AESD will be treated as a representation by applicant to the USPTO that no reference submitted in the separate IDS is deemed closer to the subject matter of at least one claim than the references provided in the AESD.* Note that all references mentioned so for in filings with the USPTO must appear in either one of the two said IDS-es.

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 is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of some of the claims and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may

be found. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. 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 inadvertently omitted. 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 (NOT for comments or summaries of the prior art features that may be relevant to the claimed limitations). 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 fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. 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 name of "Reference A" and the text of the clause and/or the text of the specific "limitation II(b)" 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 indicates reasons for such combination. A conclusion statement should concisely explain what Petitioner believes to be THE limitation(s) that defines the claimed invention over the prior art, accompanied by a pointed explanation, if needed. 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 lack of specificity. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide 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. 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 each discrete limitation (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.

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: Group et al. Application No.: 12/420754 Filed: April 8, 2009 Title: HYBRID E-LEARNING COURSE CREATION AND SYNDICATION	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 June 1, 2009 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 April 8, 2009 and dismissed in the Office letter of April 30, 2009.

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 April 30, 2009 conditions I: 1-4, II: 1-5, 5.1 5.3, 6, and 6.6 were considered to have been met. However, the petition failed to comply with conditions II: 5.2, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5. Upon reconsideration, the petition still fails to meet the requirements of at least condition(s) II: 6.2 and 6.3. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

DISCUSSION

In the dismissal of the petition dated April 30, 2009, the Examiner noted that: all of the limitations in the application claims that are disclosed in each of the reference on the AE IDS must be identified and the patentability of all claims including dependent claims must be discussed. Petitioner does not address all limitations (including limitations in dependent claims) relative to all references. In addition, petitioner did not discuss the patentability of all the claims.

DECISION

For at least the above-stated reason (for failing to meet the requirement of section II: element 6.2 and 6.3), 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 Linda J. Sholl, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4391.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/420,770	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 8, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. RFT 07.01 CIP	:	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 December 18, 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 by inventor Vassilli P. Proudkii attesting to his age. 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 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Kimberly Inabinet/

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In re Application of	:	
Joseph John Fatula, III	:	
Application No. 12/420,780	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: April 8, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. ASTGP177	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed October 29, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

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(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).

The above-identified application was filed on April 8, 2009, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on April 29, 2009, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application," was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration and payment of the surcharge for late filing under § 1.16(e). This Notice set a two-month period for reply, with extensions of time obtainable under § 1.136(a). On October 29, 2009, rule 47 applicant timely filed the instant petition, along with payment of the requisite filing fees, extension fee, petition fee and the late surcharge.

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 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.

Application lacks items (1), (2) and (6).

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 the non-signing inventor, such that a declaration can be accepted under 37 CFR 1.47(b). 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(s).

Petitioner has not demonstrated that all efforts were expended in trying to locate the non-signing inventor. 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). 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 (typically a residence 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 the inventor'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.

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 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 still has not been presented. The declaration of October 29, 2009 does not set forth the inventor's name, residence, citizenship and post office address. A signed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 must be made by the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant. Where a corporation is the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, an officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer) may sign the oath or declaration. Where an oath or declaration is being signed on behalf of an assignee, note MPEP Section 324, which, however, presupposes that an executed assignment by the inventor has been recorded, or submitted for recordation.

As to item (6), Rule 47 applicant failed to provide proof of irreparable damage (see MPEP 409.03(g)). A statement by Rule 47 applicant that the filing is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties would be sufficient.

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.

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

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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William J. McBride

Application No. 12420864

Filed: April 9,2009

Attorney Docket No. IMM193US2

: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-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	:	
Chou, Wenhong	:	DECISION ON
Application No.: 12/420,990	:	
Filing Date: 09 April 2009	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket No.: 14681.1051USW1	:	
For: CUTTING TOOL FOR JUICER	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Applicant's petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 09 April 2009 is **GRANTED**.

BACKGROUND

On 09 April 2009, applicant filed, *inter alia,* a continuation application accompanied by this petition.

DISCUSSION

A petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be filed without intentional delay from the time the application became abandoned and/or applicant first became aware of the abandoned status of the application. A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) 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 was unintentional, (2) a proposed response, (3) the petition fee required by law (37 CFR 1.17(m)), and (4) a terminal disclaimer and fee (if the international application was filed prior to June 8, 1995).

Applicant states that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, as required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). The appropriate petition fee has been paid. A proper response in the form of a continuing application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) has been submitted. A terminal disclaimer is not required as the application was filed on or after 08 June 1995. Accordingly, all requirements under 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied.

CONCLUSION

The petition to revive international application PCT/CN2007/000191 abandoned under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED** as to the National Stage in the United States of America 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 12/420,990.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing as a regular U.S. application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

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In re Application of	:	
MCBRIDE, TROY O. & BOLLINGER, BENJAMIN R.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/421057	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: April 09, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. SUS-001	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 6/08/2010, 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 **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(s) #3 and #4.

In regard to items 3 and 4, 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. The general statement made in the petition is insufficient because the applicant did not explain how the claimed invention would materially contribute to the development of renewable energy resources or conservation of energy resources. The example given by the applicant hat the invention relates to the storage of energy in the form of a compressed gas during off-peak hours and the recovery of stored energy during peak hours. This only indicates a shift of using the stored energy at a later time. The disclosure is not clear how the claimed invention would not materially contribute to the development of renewable energy resources or conservation of energy resources.

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 Yuen at 571-272-4856.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3748 for action in its regular turn.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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In re Application of	:	
Troy Mcbride and Benjamin Bollinger	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12421057	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: April 9, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. SUS-001	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 06/29/2010, 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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ADEKORE et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/421,133	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 09 April 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 3356/108	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 22 January 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 1 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 438/104) 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 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 2812 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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GIBBONEY JR, James W.	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO
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Filed: April 9, 2009	:	APPLICATION UNDER 37
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This is a decision on the petition filed on April 9, 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 **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; 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. 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; 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 1-4 and 6) are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply ith the all the conditions set forth in section II, subsection 5. 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 5.1, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted critical search areas by not searching in class 200 subclasses 51.09, 51.1 and 51.12 and class 439 subclasses 188 and 617 at a minimum to include a coupling actuated switch, coupling members forming switch contacts and a plug having spaced prong-like contacts. Any renewed petition should include the above outlined additional searching.

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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In re Application of: GIBBONEY JR, James W. Serial No.: 12/421,138 Filed: April 9, 2009 Title: MECHANICAL SHUNT FOR LIGHT STRING SOCKET WITH SELF-CLEANING FEATURE	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 of the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed July 10, 2009. The petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) was dismissed on July 1, 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 Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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In re Application of:	:	
GIBBONEY JR, James W.	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO
Serial No.: 12/421,151	:	MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW
Filed: April 9, 2009	:	APPLICATION UNDER 37
Title: ASYMMETRIC SPRING COIL SHUNT FOR	:	C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.2
LIGHT STRING SOCKET	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 9, 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 **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; 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. 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; 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 1-4 and 6) are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with the all the conditions set forth in section II, subsection 5. 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 5.1, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted critical search areas by not searching in class 200 subclasses 51.09, 51.1 and 51.12 and class 439 subclasses 188 and 617 at a minimum to include a coupling actuated switch, coupling members forming switch contacts and a plug having spaced prong-like contacts. Any renewed petition should include the above outlined additional searching.

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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In re Application of: GIBBONEY JR, James W. Serial No.: 12/421,151 Filed: April 9, 2009 Title: ASYMMETRIC SPRING COIL SHUNT FOR LIGHT STRING SOCKET	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 of the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed July 10, 2009. The petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) was dismissed on July 1, 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.

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In re Application of	:	
SANCHEZ, Alfred	:	
Application No. 12/421,165	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 09, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **08-5449-P**	:	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 10, 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 Howard Natter on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 28143. 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 Alfred Sanchez at the address indicated below.

There are no outstanding office actions at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4231.

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In re Application of	:	
Jeffrey L. Wiles et al.	:	
Application No. 12/421,318	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 9, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 025160.174	:	

This is in response to the petition filed July 30, 2009 under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and the request filed August 3, 2009 to withdraw the petition prior to consideration by the USPTO.

A Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed May 1, 2009 noting that the oath or declaration filed with the application was unsigned. The Notice set a two month period for response. A proper response to a Notice to File Missing Parts can be either an executed oath or declaration or a petition under 37 CFR 1.47. A timely petition was filed July 30, 2009 with a one month extension of time request, however, prior to consideration of the petition, petitioners have now provided an oath or declaration executed by the previously non-signing inventor, Jeffrey L. Wiles, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, and in view of petitioner's request that the petition filed July 30, 2009 not be decided, no consideration of the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is necessary.

Therein, the petition filed July 30, 2009 is **DISMISSED** as involving moot issues. No petition fee is due and none has been charged.

This application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This matter will be referred to Technology Center 2612 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of
TORIGOSHI et al.
Application No.: 12/421,411
Filed: 09 April 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 6639P679
For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, FLEXIBLE PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING FLEXIBLE PRINTED WIRING BOARD

: DECISION ON REQUEST TO
: PARTICIPATE IN THE 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 23 November 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 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;
   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.

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.

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In re Application of: Saijo H..
Application No. 12/421,419
Filed: April 9, 2009
For: Display processing apparatus, Display processing method, and computer program product..

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 November 24, 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: MORITANI ET AL.
Application No. 12/421,437
Filed: April 09, 2009
Atty. Docket No.: 04329.4473
For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS AND CONTENT DATA PROVIDING 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 22, 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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Inventor(s) : Shimmick
Issued : March 17, 2009
Title : **INTEGRATED SCANNING AND OCULAR TOMOGRAPHY SYSTEM AND METHOD**
Docket No. : **018158-011620US**

Re: Request for Reconsideration

Reconsideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.322 and/or 1.323.

***Please refer to the instructions provided for you in the denial letter dated 1/26/2010. A Certificate of Correction will not and cannot be issued unless a petition is filed and granted by an approving official in the Office of Petitions.**

Once again, your request is denied.

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Application No. 12/421,491	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 9, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 09-BON/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 April 9, 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: Bernd Kapahnke et al. Serial No.: 12/421,495 Filed: April 9, 2009 Docket: DE920080218US1 Title: LOTUS NOTES TO CLEARQUEST BRIDGE	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 April 9, 2009 o 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 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 conditions I1-I4, II1-II4, II5,-II5.3, and II6.1-II6.6 above are met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II5.2 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.5.2 above, the pre-examination search must be directed to the (instant) claimed invention. Text searches of section (A) of the Pre-examination Search Document should cover individual features of the claims themselves as well as a combination of features. The text search for US and foreign documents as well as for non-patent literature should include appropriate terms, Boolean operators, truncations, and proximities if applicable.

In addition, MPEP 719.05, a classification search is a complete search of all documents in a particular subclass.

At least some of the strategies included for US Patent Documents in the Statement of Preexamination Search indicates that only the Title, Abstract and Claims were searched, not the complete documents. See for example the strategy provided on page 2 of the Search document. While a portion of some strategies are full text, the remainder of that particular strategy is limited to Title, Abstract and Claim areas of the document. Finally, Petitioner **should note that should cover individual features of the claims themselves as well as a combination of features**. Much of the language provided as part of text search strategy appears to only broadly cover testing and debugging or be limited to terms so specific they would not necessarily be used by the person of ordinary skill in the art to describe the underlying concept. For example, a search of Integrated Testcase Problem Manager is included in L2. However, would the person of ordinary skill in the art use this phrase only to cover that concept or would other more generically accepted terminology be used? Petitioner is encouraged to include use of synonyms to cover the underlying concept where appropriate.

Clarification and/or correction are required.

Examples of various search strategies can be found on USPTO website, using the link http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/ and clicking on "Sample Accelerated Examination Support Document".

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.

[1] MPEP 8th ed. rev 6 September 2007

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 Gail Hayes, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3591.

/Gail Hayes/

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In re Application of: Bernd Kapahnke, et al.
Serial No: 12/421,495
Filed: April 09, 2009
Docket: DE920080218US1
Title: LOTUS NOTES TO CLEARQUEST BRIDGE

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 November 30, 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.

Applicant is reminded that due to the dismissal of the previous 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 Gail Hayes, Quality Assurance Specialist, (571) 272-3591.

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Filed: April 9, 2009
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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 13, 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 must (1) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more corresponding JPO application(s) or to a PCT application that does not contain any priority claim, or (2) is 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;

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(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 all the above requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Hassan Kizou at 571-272-3088

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.

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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 CFR § 1.36(b), filed April 22, 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 to 37 CFR 10.40.

The request was signed by Milagros A. Cepeda on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer Number 83336.

All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 83336 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 "Emisphere Technologies" at the address list listed in the request.

There is an outstanding Office action mailed March 31, 2010, that requires a reply from the applicant.

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

JoAnne Burke
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In re Application of	:	
Cushman et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/421,688	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: April 10, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket: INIT1100-2	:	

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, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that Sprinkle IP Law Group were revoked as power of attorney by the assignee of the patent application on May 12, 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 571-272-6059.

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In re Application of	:
Mark Rowell	:
Application No. 12/421,742	: DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 10, 2009	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)
Attorney Docket No. CRD-08-1367R	:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed September 24, 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 **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 Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 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) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit 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 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 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 applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to April M. Wise at (571) 272-1642. 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 3693 for consideration by the examiner of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the prior-filed applications.

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Petitions Examiner
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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**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 61/096,448 09/12/2008
and claims benefit of 61/046,068 04/18/2008
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Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 04/20/2009

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/421,742**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

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Title

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
TSUKAMOTO et al.	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/421,794	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 10 April 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 03500.154874.	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS AND IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS USING THE SAME	**: 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 14 May 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
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).

Conditions (2) - (7) above are considered to have been met. However, the request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fails meet condition (1).

Regarding the requirement of condition (1), applicant has failed to set forth the relationship between JP 2008-102009 (the priority document of US 12/421,794) and JP 2009-092090 (which contains the allowable claims).

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.PET.652. 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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TSUKAMOTO et al.	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/421,794	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 10 April 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 03500.154874.	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
AND IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS	
USING THE SAME	

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 14 May 2010 and renewed on 14 June 2010, 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.

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.

Lee W. Young
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Filed: April 10, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 0465-2186PUS1	:	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 September 29, 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 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 ISHII, AKIO Application No. 12/422,014 Filed: April 10, 2007 Attorney Docket No. **8073P681**	:	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 July 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);
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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 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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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 10, 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 Abe Karem, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center at 571-272-3600.

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 3644 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Monica A. Graves/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

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12/422,094	04/10/2009	Robert George Prince-Wright	TH3774(US)	5919

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EXAMINER
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ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment will not be 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 dismissed.

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

1. ☐ The petition was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment before an examination has been made of the application. See 37 CFR 1.138(d).
2. ☒ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. ☐ The application is not an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) on or after December 8, 2004.
4. ☐ The petition for express abandonment under 1.138(d) is dismissed because the applicant did not pay any search fee and excess claims fees in the above-identified application.

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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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/422,104	04/10/2009	David Booth Burns	TH3776(US)	5944

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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

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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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12/422,105	04/10/2009	David A. Ferrera	37953-11111	5946

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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	:	
FERRERA, DAVID A.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/422,105	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 10, 2009	:	PCT/PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 37953-11111	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: MONORAIL NEURO-MICROCATHETER FOR DELIVERY OF MEDICAL DEVICES TO TREAT STROKE, PROCESSES AND PRODUCTS THEREBY	:	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 1, 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 disclose an eligible relationship to one or more PCT applications filed in the JPO, EPO or USPTO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the PCT application(s) latest international work product (the written opinion or the IPER) 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 PCT application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest international work product from the PCT application containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate; and
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the PCT examiner in the international work product 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 Mr. Anhtuan Nguyen, the SPE of Art Unit 3731, and 571-272-4963 for Class 606/127 and also accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

Petition is **granted**.

/Henry C. Yuen/

Henry C. Yuen, Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 3700 – Mechanical Engineering,
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571-272-4856

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In re Application of	:	
Bryan T. Oronsky, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/422,156	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 10, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 643262001800	:	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 28, 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 Mika Mayer on behalf of all attorneys of record. 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 Bryan T. Oronsky at 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

cc: **Bryan T. Oronsky**
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12/422,156	04/10/2009	Bryan T. Oronsky	643262001800

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/28/2009.

- 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 Shyam K. Gupta Application No. 12/422,217 Filing: April 10, 2009 Title: Hydroxy Acid Complexes For Antiaging and Skin Renovation	: : : : :	ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 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 (PTO/SB/130 form) by the applicant that he 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 571-272-7751. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing in accordance with this decision on petition.

Joan Olszewski

Joan Olszewski
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of	:	
Say et al.	:	
Application No. 12/422,269	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 11, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-23C01	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 15, 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 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 571-272-7751. 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 3735 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Joan Olszewski

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In re Application of

Ralph D. JAMES et al.
Application No. 12/422,533
Filed: April 13, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 104084 034 C

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 4, 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.

David A. Bucci
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In re Application of	:	
LOWERY, ARTHUR JAMES	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/422,663	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 13, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. WATE-0022	:	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 April 13, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

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 IPAU;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the IPAU application(s);
(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 IPAU 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 IPAU application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the IPAU examiner in the IPAU 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 is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with item 7 above in that the petition fails to include the required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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 by 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.

Michael Horabik
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LOWERY, ARTHUR JAMES et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/422,663	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 13, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. WATE-0022	:	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) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 30, 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 IPAU;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the IPAU application(s);
(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 IPAU 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 IPAU examiner in the IPAU 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.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/422,665	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 13, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 08895-0035008	:	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 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 by the applicant Marshall Medoff. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ron Abelson at 571-272-3165 or 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 1796 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re application of:
Repetto et al.

Application No.: 12/422,667
Filed: April 13, 2008

: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR
: NEW APPLICATION
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

For: COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTING AN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AND ADMINISTERING AN INVESTMENT COMPANY BASED IN PART ON SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING CONSIDERATIONS

This is a Decision on the 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 Petition to make the Application Special is **GRANTED**.

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.

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Decision

For the above stated reasons, the Petition is herein being **Granted.** The Application will therefore be taken up by an examiner for action in an expeditious manner.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Business Practice Specialist Robert Weinhardt at (571) 272-6633 or to Primary Examiner Jean D. Janvier at (571) 272-6719.

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In re Application of	:	
Min Ming Tarng et al.	:	
Application No. 12/422,719	:	ON PETITION
Filed: April 13, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No.	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed on May 4, 2009, which is being treated as a petition requesting that the requirement of 37 CFR 1.16(f) be waived or suspended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.183 in order that the $65 surcharge for filing a properly signed oath or declaration after the date of filing of the application be waived.

The petition is dismissed.

37 CFR 1.183 provides that in an extraordinary situation, when justice requires, any requirement of the regulations which is not a requirement of the statutes may be suspended or waived by the Commissioner. This petition requires a fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f) which is currently $400.

The petition in the above-identified application was not accompanied by payment of the required fee. No consideration on the merits can be given that petition until the required fee is received.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Carl Friedman at (571) 272-6842.

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In re Application of	:	
Jean-Pierre Nozieres, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/422,752	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 13, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 17082.4004	:	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 4, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 17, 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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Application No. 12/422,787	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: April 13, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 7949-1-1 (187842)	:	

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, filed March 20, 2010.

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.*

According to a review of current USPTO records petitioner has not requested the address be changed to a properly recorded assignee or the first listed inventor. Porticus Technology, Inc. is neither the first named inventor nor the assignee who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71. As such, all future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

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.

Joan Olszewski

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In re Application of TILTON, JAMES ERIC
Appl. No.: 12/422808
Filed: April 13, 2009
For: OBJECT-AWARE TRANSITIONS

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 April 13, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). One minor item that will be corrected in this decision is the Pre-Examination Search Statement filed concurrently with said petition which inadvertently identifies Class/Subclass 715/500.1 as a "Classes/Subclasses Searched." On July 29, 2009, Mr. John Rariden verified that 715/500.1 should be omitted from the "Classes/Subclasses Searched" list.

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" issued 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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   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.

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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 Eddie C. Lee at (571) 272-1732.

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In re Application of	:	
John Michael Daly	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/422,938	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 13, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. DAVI225.001C1	:	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 April 13, 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 IPAU;
(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 IPAU 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 IPAU 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 IPAU examiner in the IPAU 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. 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.

Ram R. Shukla, Ph.D.
Supervisory Patent Examiner
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In re application of John C. Montgomery Application No. 12/422,943 Filed: April 13, 2009 For: HIGHT IMPACT, MOISTURE RESISTANT WALL PANEL SYSTEM	:	**DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 13, 2009 and supplemented on April 23, 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).

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7045.

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Applicant: Benjamin Meager
Appl. No.: 12/423,193
Filing Date: April 14, 2009
Title: DEVICE FOR CREATING A SEAL BETWEEN FABRIC AND OTHER MATERIALS
Pub. No.: US 2009/0199369 A1
Pub. Date: August 13, 2009

This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b) or (a), received on August 25, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because patent application publication contains typographical errors on page 5 paragraphs 84 and 85 wherein "Fig 9l" is misprinted as "Fig 9i"

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 noted by requestor may be an Office error, but they are not material Office errors under 37 CFR 1.221(b). The typographical errors in mislabeling the figure do not affect the understanding of the application, as the figure is clearly described and "Fig i" was previously described in a preceding paragraph. The misprint 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 of the provisional rights that an

[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).

applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent. The specification and claims, abstract and drawings were accurately published, thus one can read and understand the content of the application.

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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Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to Michael Cygan at (571) 272-7700, or to the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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

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Application No. 12/423,237	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 14, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. ALEX-101	:	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 24, 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 Michael I. Wolfson, 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.

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	:	
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Application No. 12/423,246	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 14, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 358328.00003-U1	:	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 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 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 referred back to the Office of Patent Application Papers to await a reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice) mailed April 28, 2009. This application will be accorded "special" once pre-examination processing is complete.

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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK et al
Serial No.: 12/423,257
Filed: April 14, 2009

Title: **METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 Aril 14, 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 **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, 5.3, and 6.5.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: Petitioner states Entire Class/Subclass Searched: 375/240 and 382/238. It is unclear whether class/subclass 375/240 was intended to mean just subclass 240 or does it include subclasses 240.01-240.29. And for the text/keywords search, they too broad- their search string should also include "reference adj1 index" or "refernence adj1 indices" in them, as well.

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, the instant application also claims benefit to parent applications 12/289,563 and 11/293,167, provisional application 60/632,994 and foreign application 10-2005-0057565. The petitioner has not provided a showing of support for each of these benefit applications. Therefore, an updated accelerated examination support document must be provided which shows where each limitation of the claims finds support in each of these benefit applications as well. It is noted petitioner states "Support for each of the claims 1-4 may be found by comparing the subject matter claimed in claims 1-4 with the disclosures of the instant application and its parent application, co-pending U.S. Patent Application 12/289,563." However, the heading in the table is labeled "SUPPORT FOR CLAIM FEATURES IN THE INSTANT APPLICATION" Therefore, it appears petitioner has only shown support for the instant application. Clarification and correction is required.

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 Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK et al
Serial No.: 12/423,257
Filed: April 14, 2009
Attorney Docket No: 46500-000512/US/COA1
Title: **METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 July 16, 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 June 16, 2009 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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PARK, SEUNG WOOK, et al.
Serial No.: 12/423,309
Filed: April 14, 2009

Title: **METHOD FOR SCALABLY ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 April 14, 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 **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;
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The preexamination search must:

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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, 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 item 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: 375/240.11-240.17. Additionally, the database search string should include terms such as "MPEG$2 and "slice adj1 motion adj1 vector".

If any request for reconsideration is filed, an updated preexamination search must be conducted as per items 5.2 and 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; as well as the necessary updated discussion of patentability for each of the dependent claims (or a statement that claims stand or fall together) as set forth 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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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 reconsideration to make the application special filed July 17, 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.

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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:
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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 Ito, Kaburagi, Sakaue, Nimikata, Takebayashi, Misawa, Iinuma, Kashibuchi, Arakawa, and Sano Application No. 12/423,341 Filed: April 14, 2009 Attorney Docket Number: 00862.150860. Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM THEREOF	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 August 4, 2009.

This petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

On April 14, 2009, the application was filed, identifying Messrs. Ito, Kaburagi, Sakaue, Nimikata, Takebayashi, Misawa, Iinuma, Kashibuchi, Arakawa, and Sano as joint inventors. An executed oath or declaration was not included on filing. On May 4, 2009, 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 each non-signing inventor;
(4) either
  a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to each non-signing inventor for review and proof that each non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
  b) proof that each non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, and;
(5) a declaration which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

With this petition, Petitioner has submitted, *inter alia*, the petition fee, a declaration that has been executed by each of the inventors save Mr. Takebayashi along with the fee associated with the late submission of the same, the last known address of the non-signing inventor, proof that he was provided with a copy of the specification and drawings,[1] and proof that an executed copy of the declaration has not been obtained.[2] Petitioner has further included a one-month extension of time, so as to make timely this response.

37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)(4) requires proof that a complete copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor. Mr. Murai has indicated that "the specification and drawings of the subject application as filed" along with "the Declaration"[3] were sent to the non-signing inventor. The Office is construing this language to mean that a complete copy of Application No. 12/423,341 (including the claims) was sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor. **Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in this petition.**

Each of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) has been satisfied. This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47, this Office will forward

1 Murai declaration of facts, paragraph 2.
2 Id. at 6.
3 Id. at 2.

notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the declaration. 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]

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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 :
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Nimikata, Takebayashi, Misawa, :
Iinuma, Kashibuchi, Arakawa, :
and Sano :
Application No. 12/423,341 :
Filed: April 14, 2009 : LETTER
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00862.150860. :
Title: IMAGE PROCESSING :
APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING :
METHOD, AND MEDIUM STORING :
PROGRAM THEREOF :

Dear Mr Takebayashi:

You are named 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 C.F.R. § 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 C.F.R. § 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, the attorney of record below would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would

entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. 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 Kazuo Kitada et al. Serial No. 12/423,379 Filed: April 14, 2009 For: SET OF MATERIAL ROLLS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF MATERIAL ROLL	: : : : : : :	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 April 16, 2010.

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 independent 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

(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 Blaine Copenheaver, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1156.

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.

/Blaine Copenheaver/

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CHEMEL et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/423,543	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 14 April 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 5788-090875	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 21 January 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 1 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 315/297) 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 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 2821 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Attorney Docket No. 5788-090875	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 21 January 2010 and renewed on 04 June 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 (21 May 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 and amended by 75 FR 28554 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 – 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 2821 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: GHARIB, JAMES et al.
Application No.: 12/423559
Filed: 04/14/2009
Title: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR PERFORMING SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND ASSESSMENTS

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 April 14, 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 **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 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, 6, 6.1, 6.4, and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.2, 6.3 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 1 page; the "accelerated examination support document" (AESD) comprising pages 1-39, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in support of the AESD. Although in the PESD reference is made of further pages, it is believed that no such pages were uploaded into the Electronic Filing System.

Regarding the requirements of section II elements 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, the search should have included the following class/subclasses combinations:

600/554, 546, 547;
606/32, 41, 191;
607/002, 115, 116, 117, 118; and
623/16.11, 17.11-17.16, 908

Appropriate keywords should be searched in the MEDLINE and SCIENCE DIRECT databases.

In the EAST database, or an equivalent, the following keywords search must be performed:

(EMG Electromyograph$) and (spin$5 nerv$4) same (electrode innervat$5)
(EMG Electromyograph$) and innervat$5
(EMG Electromyograph$) and (transpsoas trans-psoas trans adj psoas)
(dilator dialator cannula) with (electrode delectrodes stimulat$4) and (nerve nerves spin$4)
(transpsoas trans-psoas trans adj psoas) with (cannula dilator dialator)
spin$5 and (transpsoas trans-psoas trans adj psoas) and (stimulat$ electric$5 EMG Electromyograph$).

With regard to the requirements of section II: 5, in particular requirement II: 5.3, and with the exception to the statement 8(E) below, the following statements are missing from the PESD submission:

"<u>8(B) Search Directed to the Invention</u>
The pre-examination search was directed to the claimed invention, encompassing all the features of the claim and giving the claim its broadest reasonable interpretation.
<u>8(C) Search Directed to the Disclosure</u>
No disclosed features that are unclaimed at this time are currently seen as features that may be claimed later.
<u>8(D) Search Report from a Foreign Patent Office</u>
No search report from a foreign patent office is provided here as the pre-examination search.
<u>8(E) Statement of Good Faith</u>
All statements above in support of the petition to make special are based on a good faith belief that the search was conducted in compliance with the requirements of this rule."

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 is not specific enough. Petitioner points out some limitations of some of the claims and provides direction to areas of the prior art where the corresponding limitation may be found. Petitioner does not address each discrete limitation (i.e., each single limitation, NOT multiple limitations bundled together) and state where it is (or state that it is not) found in each one of the most closely related prior art. For example, with respect to the following argument reproduced below form p. 6 of the AESD:

Also, the Applicants submit that *Jacobson* fails to at least teach or suggest "inserting an initial dilator cannula in a trans-psoas path through bodily tissue toward a lateral aspect of a spine while an elongate stimulation instrument is disposed within an inner lumen of the initial dilator cannula." Instead, Jacobson discloses that a needle 8 (FIG. 3) intially dilates the trans-psoas path, but the needle 8 is not inserted while an elongate stimulation instrument is disposed within an inner lumen of the initial dilator cannula.

It is believed that Jacobson 4,545,374 teaches most, if not all, the limitations in the clause reproduced above, on col. 6, ll. 32-56, with particular emphasis on the teaching "passed down into the cannula" on l. 36:

> To prevent nerve damage, a nerve stimulator of any conventional type, such as the VARI-STIM III (registered trademark) surgical nerve locator, which is manufactured by Concept, Inc., Clearwater, Fla., may be attached or passed down into the cannula or trocar to indicate if either instrument is hitting one of the spinal nerves or exiting nerve branches. The stimulator will cause motion in one of the patient's legs if it makes nerve contact. If the surgeon sees leg movement, he may back out the cannula and attempt a slightly different insertion position to manipulate around the nerve. FIG. 20 shows a nerve stimulator 80 for use in the procedure. A trocar 12 and a cannula 11 with anchor wires 14 are passed through the skin 82 into a percutaneous channel 9. The nerve stimulator has a ground probe 84 with a needle 85 which is inserted into the skin, and a main probe 86, which transmits an electric current of about 0.5 to 2.0 ma for nerve detection. The probe 86 is applied to the anchor wires 14 and/or the trocar 12, to determine whether the working ends of these instruments are in the vicinity of any nerves. If desired, a nerve stimulator could be used whose main probe is long enough to extend down the cannula to the working ends of the other instruments, or the main probe could be extended by means of a separate wire.

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 inadvertently omitted. 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 (NOT for comments or summaries of the prior art features that may be relevant to the claimed limitations). 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, and in particular in view of the deficiency noted with respect to requirement II: 6.2, the petition fails to provide a detailed, stand alone, explanation of how each one of the claims is patentable over (each of) the reference(s) with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Petitioners should be specific in their explanation and include the identification of specific claim limitations that support their position, where appropriate. Petitioners must distinguish each claim from each piece of prior art cited. General statements that the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the cited references or that the references are not properly combinable will not be acceptable. The Office cannot infer or guess what petitioner believes the differences between the claims and the teachings of the prior art to be. Petitioner's statements must also be consistent and must be related to the claim language. 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 name of "Reference A" and the text of the clause and/or the text of the specific "limitation II(b)" 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 indicates reasons for such combination. A conclusion statement should concisely explain what Petitioner believes to be THE limitation(s) that defines the claimed invention over the prior art, accompanied by a pointed explanation, if needed. 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 6.5 outlined above, the requirements of this section are not met because lack of specificity, with regard to the applications for which priority is claimed. 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 each discrete limitation (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.

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: Gharib et al Application No.: 12/423559 Filed: April 14, 2009	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

A decision dismissing the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination was mailed on May 18, 2009. The decision set a non-extendable time period of one month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, from its mailing date to correct the deficiency/deficiencies in the petition.

As of June 18, 2009, the expiry of the period set, neither a reply nor a renewed petition was received. Accordingly, the application is no longer eligible for the accelerated examination program.

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 Linda J. Sholl, TC 3700 Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-4391.

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In re Application of	:	
HAMEY, BENJAMIN et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/423,593	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 14, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **PIZZE-002PUS**	:	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 April 14, 2009.

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 IPAU;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the IPAU application(s);
(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 IPAU 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 IPAU application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the IPAU examiner in the IPAU 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.

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In re Application of ASO, YUICHIRO Application No. 12/423,631 Filed: April 14, 2009 Attorney Docket No. **NGTOSH.047AUS**	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 January 14, 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 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 TOMONAGA, EIICHIRO Application No. 12/423,683 Filed: April 14, 2009 Attorney Docket No. **TOSH/0028US**	: : : : : : :	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 January 8, 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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LARRY WENDELL WILSON ET AL.	:	
Application No. 12/423,801	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 14, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **LifeNet01**	:	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 April 22, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A review of the file record indicates that James M. Francis or any attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 48821 does not have power of attorney or was ever given power of attorney in the above-identified application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 CFR § 1.36(b) is not applicable.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the address of record until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

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

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In re application of Kevin R. Gibson et al Serial No. 12/423,806 Filed: April 15, 2009 For: SOLAR CELL STRUCTURE INCLUDING A PLURALITY OF CONCENTRATOR ELEMENTS WITH A NOTCH DESIGN	: : : : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 15, 2009 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination program.

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 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 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 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 1-4, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsections 5 and 6.

First, it appears that the search is incomplete. Note that a search in Class 136, subclass 246 is also required.

With respect to the references discussed in the AESD on pages 10-12, while petitioner has identified where each and every limitation of the independent claims is disclosed in the cited references, it is unclear whether the cited references disclose limitations which are present in the dependent claims. Applicant is required to show how the cited references correspond to all of the present claims.

The statement showing support for the present claims on pages 33-38 of the AESD is not sufficient. It is required that petitioner provide a showing of where each limitation of each of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of application 12/360,078 as applicant has claimed priority to this application. Additionally, while applicant states in the first line of the specification and the Application Data Sheet that the present application is "related" to application 11/445,933, which was filed on June 2, 2006, it is unclear if applicant is claiming priority to the '933 application. If so, it is required that petitioner provide a showing of where each limitation of each of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of that application.

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 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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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In re application of Kevin R. Gibson et al Serial No. 12/423,806 Filed: April 15, 2009 For: SOLAR CELL STRUCTURE INCLUDING A PLURALITY OF CONCENTRATOR ELEMENTS WITH A NOTCH DESIGN	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

A decision dismissing the petition to make the above-identified application special was mailed on June 23, 2009. The decision set a non-extendable time period of one month or 30 (thirty) days, whichever is longer, from its mailing date to correct the deficiency/deficiencies in the petition.

As of July 29, 2009, neither a reply nor a renewed petition has been received. Accordingly, the application is no longer eligible for the accelerated examination program.

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 Christine Tierney, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-1055.

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Application No. 12/423,861
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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 April 9, 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 strongly encourages practitioner(s) requesting withdrawal from representation as practitioner of record in an application to review the record to determine whether he or she is, in fact, of record and how he or she was made of record. The practitioner(s) should determine whether he or she was appointed by naming each practitioner individually or through the use of a Customer Number. If the practitioner(s) were appointed by a specific designation, then the request should ask that each specified practitioner be withdrawn and should list each practitioner(s) in the Request. Similarly, if practitioner(s) was appointed by a Customer Number, the practitioner(s) should ensure that the correct number is provided in the Request Additionally, as set forth in MPEP 403(I), the addition or deletion of a practitioner from the list of persons associated with a Customer Number should be done by way of a *Request for Customer umber Data Change* (PTO/SB/124) and not a *Request for Withdrawal As Attorney or Agent and Change of Correspondence Address* (PTO/SB/83).

The request cannot be approved because practitioners were appointed by customer number. Practitioners must withdraw in the same manner that they were appointed.

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request does not include an acceptable current correspondence address for future communications from the Office.

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.

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In re Application of: Guansong Zhang, et al.
Serial No: 12/423,894
Filed: April 15, 2009
Docket: CA920080090US1
Title: OPEN MULTI-PROCESSING REDUCTION IMPLEMENTATION IN CELL BROADBAND ENGINE (CBE) SINGLE SOURCE COMPILER

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 April 15, 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.

Applicant is reminded that due to the dismissal of the previous 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 Gail Hayes, Quality Assurance Specialist, (571) 272-3591.

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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK et al
Serial No.: 12/424,156
Filed: April 15, 2009

Title: **METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 Aril 15, 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 **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, 5.3, and 6.5.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is deficient as follows: Petitioner states Entire Class/Subclass Searched: 375/240 and 382/238. It is unclear whether class/subclass 375/240 was intended to mean just subclass 240 or does it include subclasses 240.01-240.29. And for the text/keywords search, they too broad- their search string should also include "reference adj1 index" or "refernence adj1 indices" in them, as well.

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, the instant application also claims benefit to parent application 11/293,167, provisional application 60/632,994 and foreign application 10-2005-0057565. The petitioner has not provided a showing of support for each of these benefit applications. Therefore, an updated accelerated examination support document must be provided which shows where each limitation of the claims finds support in each of these benefit applications as well. It is noted petitioner states "Support for each of the claims 1-4 may be found by comparing the subject matter claimed in claims 1-4 with the disclosures of the instant application and its parent application, co-pending U.S. Patent Application 12/293,167." However, the heading in the table is labeled "SUPPORT FOR CLAIM FEATURES IN THE INSTANT APPLICATION". It appears petitioner has only shown support for the instant application. Clarification and correction is required.

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 Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of:
PARK, SEUNG WOOK et al
Serial No.: 12/424,156
Filed: April 15, 2009
Attorney Docket No: 46500-000512/US/01/COA
Title: **METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING VIDEO SIGNAL**

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 July 16, 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 June 16, 2009 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

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5. 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.

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.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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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	:	
Craig Rappin	:	
Application No. 12/424,219	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 15, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 21522.01US6	:	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 15, 2009.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Much Shelist Denenberg Ament & Rubenstein has been revoked by the applicant of the patent application on April 15, 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 Williams at 571-272-2991.

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In re Application of :
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Application No. 12/424,224 : DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: April 15, 2009 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. 084554-9305-02 :
For: **LOCK ASSEMBLY**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) August 31, 2009.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **dismissed.**

Any request for reconsideration under 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. Failure to respond will result in the abandonment of this application. Any response should be titled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The above-identified application was filed on April 15, 2009, and was not accompanied by a properly executed oath or declaration. On April 30, 2009, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application was mailed requiring an executed oath or declaration to be filed. The instant petition was filed responsively on August 31, 2009, with a request for an extension of time within the second month.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor(s) 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,

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor,

The instant petition lacks item (2) as set forth above.

As to item (2), the declaration filed August 31, 2009, contains and uninitiated and undated cross-out in inventor Kanaan's signature block. The renewed petition must be accompanied by a declaration wherein the signature block for inventor Kanaan's is corrected.

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 (571) 272-3222.

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Thimmappa, Evan, Rajan, Mahabaleshwara, Pandey, and Kanaan:
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Filed: April 15, 2009 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. 084554-9305-02 :
For: **LOCK ASSEMBLY**

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

The above-identified application was filed on April 15, 2009, and was not accompanied by a properly executed oath or declaration. On April 30, 2009, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application was mailed requiring an executed oath or declaration to be filed. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was filed responsively on August 31, 2009, with a request for an extension of time within the second month. The petition was dismissed by a decision mailed September 25, 2009.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Pandey has refused join the application. 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 addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be 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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In re Application of
Philip R. McKee

Application No. 12424260

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 68925-0024

: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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In re Application of Misawa, Kaburagi, Sakaue, Nimikata, Takebayashi, Iinuma, Ito, Kashibuchi, Arakawa, and Sano Application No. 12/424,296 Filed: April 15, 2009 Attorney Docket Number: 00862.152302. Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	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 August 4, 2009.

This petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

On April 15, 2009, the application was filed, identifying Messrs. Misawa, Kaburagi, Sakaue, Nimikata, Takebayashi, Iinuma, Ito, Kashibuchi, Arakawa, and Sano as joint inventors. An executed oath or declaration was not included on filing. On May 4, 2009, 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 each non-signing inventor;

(4) either

a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to each non-signing inventor for review and proof that each non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or

b) proof that each non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, and;

(5) a declaration which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

With this petition, Petitioner has submitted, *inter alia*, a declaration that has been executed by each of the inventors save Mr. Takebayashi along with the fee associated with the late submission of the same, the last known address of the non-signing inventor, proof that he was provided with a copy of the specification and drawings,[1] and proof that an executed copy of the declaration has not been obtained.[2] Petitioner has further included a one-month extension of time, so as to make timely this response.

The petition fee will be charged to Petitioner's Deposit Account in due course, as authorized on the second page of this petition.

37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)(4) requires proof that a complete copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor. Mr. Murai has indicated that "the specification and drawings of the subject application as filed" along with "the Declaration"[3] were sent to the non-signing inventor. The Office is construing this language to mean that a complete copy of Application No. 12/424,296 (including the claims) was sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor. **Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in this petition.**

Each of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) has been satisfied. This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a)

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1 Murai declaration of facts, paragraph 2.
2 Id. at 6.
3 Id. at 2.

status. As provided in Rule 1.47, this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the declaration. 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/
Paul Shanoski
Senior Attorney
Office of Petitions

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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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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/424,517	04/15/2009	Mark Oliver Harwood	12258-0248	1727

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

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Applicant: Harwood et al.
Appl. No.: 12/424,517
Filing Date: April 15, 2009
Title: METALLIZED SILICON SUBSTRATE FOR INDIUM GALLIUM NITRIDE LIGHT EMITTING DIODE
Attorney Docket No.: 12258-0248
Pub. No.: US 2009/0283747 A1
Pub. Date: November 19, 2009

This is a decision on the request for republication of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), filed on December 22, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request under 37 CFR 1.221(a) is DISMISSED.

37 CFR 1.221(a) requires "a copy of the application in compliance with the Office 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.

The applicant did not supply a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system, as required by 37 CFR 1.221(a) because **the Applicant submitted the papers as a "Document for an existing application", which are entered into the application file, and not as a "Pre-Grant Publication" submission**. The request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, thus republication will not take place.

Any request for republication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), must be submitted via the EFS system, as a Pre-Grant publication submission and must include a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements. The applicant is directed to the following website for additional instructions on how to submit a Pre-Grant Publication submission via the electronic filing system:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/efs/pgpub_quickstart.pdf

Any questions or requests for reconsideration of the decision should be addressed as follows:

By mail to: Mail Stop PGPUB
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By facsimile: 571-273-8300

Applicant is also reminded that the first named inventor was also incorrect on the official filing receipt. Applicant may wish to file a request for corrected filing receipt so that the Office may update the PALM record.

Telephone inquiries regarding this correspondence should be directed to The Office of Data Management at 571-272-4200.

Tammy J. Kantt

Office of Data Management
United States Patent & Trademark Office

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In re Application of	:	
Christopher K. Sortore, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/424,600	:	NOTICE
Filed: April 16, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 1024-040	:	

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

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 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.

/Carl Friedman/
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In re Application of
Soane, et al.
Application No. 12/424,620
Filed: 16 April, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 107835-5

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 1 December, 2009, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47

NOTE:

It appears that Petitioner filed the instant petition in December 2009, and failed thereafter to address the fact that the matter had not been forwarded to the Office of Petitions to be decided and so have the matter resolved.

Petitioner, as one registered to practice before the Office, is well aware that matters pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47 **must** be resolved before examination commences. (*See, generally:* MPEP §409.03, et seq.)

Petitioner's failure to see such matters timely resolved may delay processing of the application.

More problematic is that Petitioner failed to place his name, registration number, contact information and signature on the petition. (Moreover, Petitioner placed only his name and signature and failed to place his registration number and contact information on the accompanying statement/declaration.) While Petitioner exercised the affectation of having two signing inventors sign the petition, Petitioner has represented to the Office:

- that the inventors have assigned the application (assignments filed and recorded on 1 December, 2009), and

- Petitioner is the proper registered practitioner representative of the assignee (statement filed of record 1 December, 2009),

Petitioner nonetheless has failed to comply with the Rules of Practice and sign the petition submitted herein. (*See*: *inter alia*, 37 C.F.R. §1.4, §10.18.)

Thus, the papers submitted herein are unsigned under the Rule.

The petition as considered pursuant to 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 Pursuant to 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. (*See, generally:* MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a)—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 to ensure transmittal to the non-signing inventors a copy of the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) with a copy of the transmittal letter) to the non-signing inventor(s).)

In particular, Petitioner has not as of this writing satisfied the requirement(s) of the petition as listed above and discussed below.

Petitioners always are reminded that for transmission by Email of any document to be accepted by the Office, written acknowledgment of receipt and readability of the message and all applicable attachments of required materials must be provided.

BACKGROUND

The record reflects as follows:

The application was deposited on 16 April, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration

On 1 May, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts requiring, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 1 December, 2009, Petitioner Charlton Shen (Reg. No. 54,442) submitted, *inter alia*: a request and fee for extension of time, a petition, which is unsigned by Petitioner, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) with fee with statement, and with: an oath/declaration executed by co-inventors Soane and Berg for themselves and on behalf of non-signing inventor William A. Mowers (Mr. Mowers). Petitioner set forth an address to which he averred he transmitted papers to the nonsigning inventor, but failed to state expressly and properly that information to the Office pursuant to Petitioner's duty of candor to (with diligent inquiry before) the Office. Petitioner avers and supports with a copy of a transmittal letter transmission of the oath/declaration to the non-signing inventor with a copy of the entire application (description, claims, abstract and drawings), with a failure/constructive refusal to sign by the non-signing inventor. However, as noted above, Petitioner failed to sign the petition and failed to be express in representation to the Office as required under statute, the Rules of Practice and the guidance in the Commentary at MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a), et seq. Out of an abundance of caution, Petitioner should step through the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) (i.e., (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) and satisfy himself that he has complied with these requirements on submission of any renewed petition.

Again, Petitioner has not worked through the requirements of the petition.

Thus, the present incompleteness of the record makes granting of the instant petition inappropriate.

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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By FAX: (571) 273-8300
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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).

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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.

[2] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:

§1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.
All business with the Patent and Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

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Daniel F. Bearer

Application No. 12424665
Filed:

Attorney Docket No. BEA-2.001.PR.PCT.CON

: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-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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Michael V. Lowe et al	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 12/424,717	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: April 16, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. LOWM103DIV	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed September 25, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor Eric Yates 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 matter is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

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

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In re Application of
Michael V. Lowe; Anthony J. Senn; Eric Yates; Robert L. Shaver
Application No. 12/424,717
Filed: April 16, 2009
For: HOLSTER ENHANCEMENTS

Dear Mr. Yates:

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 Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210. 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, DC area).

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In re Application of	:	
LIN, HUAZI	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/424755	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 04/16/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 18007-001	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed April 14, 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 inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Timothy S. Thorpe at 571-272-5377.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3749 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Timothy S. Thorpe/

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In re Application of	:	
CASSIDY, PAUL M.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/424,764	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: April 16, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. P09722US00/DEJ	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: TOY	:	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 under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed December 9, 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 UKIPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the UKIPO application(s);
(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 UKIPO 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 UKIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the UKIPO examiner in the UKIPO 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 comply with the above requirements. Receipt of the IDS and copied of cited references is acknowledged. 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.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Mr. Eugene Kim, SPE of Art Unit 3711, 571-272-4463.

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

/Henry Yuen/

Henry C. Yuen, Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 3700 – Mechanical Engineering,
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In re Application of	:	
Totada SHANTHA, et al	:	
Application No. 12/424,799	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 16, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 8S01-1-041	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 16, 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 Lawrence A. Villanueva, 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.

The Office does not acknowledge receipt of a copy of applicant's driver's license and Social Security card, as indicated in the petition to make special filed April 16, 2009.

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.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3763 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of :
Gary Ramsey, et al. :
Application No. 12/424,869 :
Filed: April 16, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. 1024-041 :

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. **See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. 154 F.3d 1333, 47 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998).**

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 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.

/Carl Friedman/
Carl Friedman
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In Re application of Kenneth Stephen McGuire et al. Application No. 12/424,948 Filed: April 16, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 10842R	: : : : :	ON PETITION

This is a decision on the PETITION TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED VIA EFS IN INCORRECT APPLICATION, filed June 22 2009 which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), to expunge information from the above identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner requests that an amendment filed via EFS on May 15, 2009 be expunged from the record. The amendment includes amendment to the claims and remarks. Petitioner states the amendment was inadvertently filed in the above identified application and was meant for a different application.

The information in question has been determined by the undersigned to not be material to the examination of the instant application. The information was clearly intended to be filed in an unrelated application.

The expunged material has been removed from the official file.

The application is being returned to Technology Center Art Unit 2612.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Carl Friedman at (571) 272-6842.

David Bucci
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of :
ANTONACCI et al. :
Application No. 12/425,082 : ON PETITION
Filed: April 16, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. 865-007con :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a), filed July 1, 2009, requesting that the above-referenced application be accorded a filing date of April 16, 2009.

Petitioners deposited the application papers on April 16, 2009. On May 1, 2009, the Office mailed a "NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION" (Notice), stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. Additionally, the Notice required the submission of a properly signed oath or declaration, the statutory basic filing fee, the search fee, and the examination fee.

On July 1, 2009, petitioners submitted the present petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a), a copy of the inadvertently omitted drawings, a signed declaration, a preliminary amendment, and an authorization to charge the Deposit Account for any necessary fees. Petitioners asserted that they inadvertently omitted the drawings upon filing the present application. Petitioners indicated that the inadvertently omitted drawings were completely contained in prior-filed Application No. 10/500,195. Petitioners requested that the Office accept the copy of the drawings as part of the original application and accord the application a filing date of April 16, 2009, based on the

incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57. Petitioners provided a preliminary amendment with the petition to amend the application to include the inadvertently omitted drawings as required by 37 CFR 1.57(a)(1).

37 CFR 1.57 provides that:

> (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).
>
> > (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:
> >
> > (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;
> >
> > (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
> >
> > (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 application was deposited after September 21, 2004, and thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.57(a) are applicable. A review of the record confirms that the application as deposited on April 16, 2009, included a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 to prior-filed Application No. 10/500,195.

Petitioners have met all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.57(a). Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a), the claim under 37 CFR 1.78 is considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted drawings. In view thereof, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The $400.00 fee set forth in § 1.17(f) will not be refunded as requested as it is necessary for consideration of the petition on the merits. See 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3). The $270.00 search fee and the $110.00 examination fee will be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2825 as authorized.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing to **accord the application a filing date of April 16, 2009**, as an application claiming the benefit of prior-filed Application No. 10/500,195, filed June 24, 2004, including the copy of the drawings from the prior nonprovisional application supplied on July 1, 2009.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Christina Tartera Donnell, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3211.

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In re Application of
Morton F. Arnsdorf

Application No. 12425119

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 19041US02

: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 21-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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In re Application of	:	
Donald E. Weder	:	
Application No. 12/425,174	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: April 16, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 8404.490	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed May 24, 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 non-final Office action mailed November 9, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 10, 2010.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment, (2) the petition fee of $1,620.00, and (3) an adequate 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 3644 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

Joan Olszewski

Joan Olszewski
Petitions Examiner
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/425,246	04/16/2009	William Lucas	001724/0004	2157

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In re Application of	:	
Lucas	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/425,246	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 4/16/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **001724/0004**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/16/2009, 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.

As set forth at numeral 7 in the Requirements section of the Notice, the petition to make special must be accompanied by a request for early publication and the publication fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d). Petitioner's deposit account has been charged the $300 early publication fee in accordance with this notice.

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 1797 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Tom Dunn/

Tom Dunn
Quality Assurance Specialist
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In re Application of	:	
Ohline, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/425,272	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: April 16, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. 11042-704.330	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47, filed November 3, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The petition and declaration have been reviewed and determined to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The application is hereby accorded Rule 47 status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), the Office will provide notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the last known address provided in the petition. Notice will also be provided in the Official Gazette.

The application 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.

Cliff Congo
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In re Application of	:	
Ohline, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/425,272	:	
Filed: April 16, 2009	:	LETTER
Title: Tendon-Driven Endoscope and Methods of Use	:	

Dear Mr. Roth:

You are named as an 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(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the 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, 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 Ki-Sang Kim et al Serial No. 12/425,426 Filed: April 17, 2009 For: MULTI-CHAMBER SYSTEM HAVING COMPACT INSTALLATION SET-UP FOR AN ETCHING FACILITY FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on April 17, 2009 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 it was not complete and in condition for examination, at the time of

filing. Specifically, MPEP 708.02(a), section VIII, C11, requires that no preliminary amendments be present on the filing date of the application. Note that a preliminary amendment, canceling claims 1-4 and adding new claims 5-8, was filed on April 17, 2009, the filing date of this application.

Additionally, 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 April 30, 2009, 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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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of
Yohsuke KAWASAKI
Application No.: 12/425,454
Filed: 17 April 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 03594.003100.
For: PIRANI VACUUM GAUGE

: DECISION ON REQUEST TO
: PARTICIPATE IN THE 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 24 June 2009, 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 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 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;
   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 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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