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Application No. 12/539,309
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Attorney Docket No. 0941/2349PUS2

NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR. 1.28(c)

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 01, 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 Michelle R. Eason at (571) 272-4231.

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In re application of Joseph P. Kearns et al Serial No. 12/539,393 Filed: August 11, 2009 For: EXTRUSION DIE ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH DENSITY PRODUCTS	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 11, 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 426/subclasses 520, 523 and 450 is also required.

Also, the statement showing support for the present claims on pages 34 - 36 of the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) is not sufficient. While petitioner has provided a showing of where each limitation finds support in the present application, it is also required that petitioner provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of parent application 12/420,725 as applicant has claimed priority to this 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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Joseph P. Kearns et al
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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 November 13, 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	:	
Jason TSAO	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/539,426	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 11 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 30059-002001	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 30 December 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of :
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Application No. 12/539,521 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed/Deposited: 11 August, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. AUTO.058A :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 2 November, 2009, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53, requesting a filing date of 11 August, 2009, for drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification of the instant application.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 is **GRANTED**.

A review of the application file reveals that:

The instant application was deposited on 11 August, 2009.

On 27 August, 2009, the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) mailed a Notice of Missing Parts and included therein a Notice of Omitted Items, to wit, drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification, and that the application had been accorded a filing date, but without drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification.

OPAP indicated that Petitioner might:

- contend via petition that the drawing had been submitted on deposit and so evidence that condition with the proper supporting documentation (i.e., a date stamped receipt card (see: MPEP §503)) along with a copy of the drawing; or
- submit the drawing and accept that date of deposit as the date of filing; or
- accept the application as deposited.

OPAP set a two- (2-) month period for reply.

On 2 November, 2009, Petitioner submitted a petition, including therewith, *inter alia*, what was averred to be a true copy of (the single sheet containing) drawing FIG. 10A. Petitioner submitted what is averred to be a true copy of an Electronic Acknowledgment receipt dated "11-AUG-2009" evidencing both content and date received.

The representation to the Office by Petitioner as one registered to practice before the Office is so considered in light of the duty of candor.[1]

ANALYSIS

A search of the official file reveals that:

- Petitioner deposited the instant application on 11 August, 2009.
- The Office record reflects that the drawing FIG. 10A was missing on deposit.

On review of the materials presented on 2 November, 2009, the dated acknowledgment receipt evidences—in pertinent part—the following:

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(Emphasis supplied)

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It is noted that the record before the filing of the instant petition reflects 21 sheets of drawings with no duplicates, and including FIG. 10—on which same sheet Petitioner avers the FIG. 10A is present. And there appear to be no duplicate pages. Thus, Drawing FIGS. 10 and 10A are included in a single sheet of drawings submitted by Petitioner on deposit of the Application on 11 August, 2009, and again as submitted by Petitioner with the petition on 2 November, 2009. (Petitioner also has included replacement drawings and other such replies as he sought to make to the Notice of Missing Parts/Omitted Items of 27 August, 2009.) It also is noted that the drawing FIG. 10A appears to be present on sheet 17 of 21 as deposited on 11 August, 2009, however, the quality of the image indeed may have called into question for OPAP the presence of the FIG. 10A.

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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).

Because Petitioner's acknowledgment receipt adequately itemized the contents of the application as to the elements deposited, it is concluded that the application—including drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification—was deposited with the Office on 11 August, 2009, and that drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification subsequently was misplaced in the Office.

Accordingly, the application, including 50 pages of specification (description, claims and abstract) and 21 sheets of black and white drawing figures—including drawing FIG.10A described in the specification—is entitled to a filing date of 11 August, 2009.

The Notice mailed on 27 August, 2009, was sent in error to the extent that it reflected the drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification was missing on deposit and is hereby **vacated** to the extent that it stated that the application was accorded a filing date without drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification.

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

The petition is **granted**; the petition fee waived and is being refunded *via* deposit account—should Petitioner later find that a fee was not refunded, Petitioner should send a refund request to Office of Finance with a copy of this decision.

This application is released to OPAP for further processing with a filing date of 11 August, 2009, for the entire application including 50pages of specification (description, claims and abstract) and 21 sheets of black and white drawings including drawing FIG. 10A described in the specification using:

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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).

- **pages 1–50 of the specification (description, claims abstract) and 21 sheets of black and white drawings (FIGS. 1 – 10 and 10B – 11A) deposited on 11 August, 2009; and**

- **one (1) sheet of black and white drawing containing FIG10A described in the specification deposited on 2 November, 2009; and further,**

with direction to OPAP to correct Office records and provide to Petitioner a corrected filing receipt setting forth a filing date of 11 August, 2009, and reflecting therein that 50 pages of specification (description claims abstract), and 21 sheets of black and white drawings (FIGS. 1-11A) were present on filing.

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/Caller'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.
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: MOHONEY, Victor L. Serial No.: 12/539,719 Filed: August 12, 2009 Attorney Docket No.: 11134008 Title: DOCKING SYSTEM FOR MP3 PLAYERS AND OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES	: : : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.2

A decision dismissing the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination was mailed on December 10, 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 January 11, 2010, 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.

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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Ian J. Buckley

Application No. 12539787

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. COMP02USU2

: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 12-AUG-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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Samuel Beyme et al	:	
Application No. 12/539,968	:	DECISION ON REQUEST FOR REFUND
Filed: August 12, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 280490US2	:	

This is a decision on the REQUEST filed December 1, 2009, requesting refund of the filing fee.

The request for refund is **DISMISSED**.

Applicant filed the request for refund in the above application. However, the applicant is requesting a refund of the filing fee in **Application No. 12/539,991**. Therefore, the request for refund should be filed in the intended application for a refund.

Applicant is encouraged to note the below regarding filing fees associated with unintended duplicate application filings via EFS-Web:

37 CFR 1.26(a) states, in part: "The Director may refund any fee paid by mistake or in excess of that required. A change of purpose after the payment of a fee, such as when a party desires to withdraw a patent filing for which the fee was paid, including an application, an appeal, or a request for an oral hearing, will not entitle a party to a refund of such fee."

However, the Office may find a mistake pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26, waive the presumption in 37 CFR 1.26 that applications are not entitled to filing fee refunds, and refund the filing fees associated with unintended duplicate application filings via EFS-Web when the following conditions have been met:

(1) Applicant must certify that they had filed the duplicate application(s) prior to receiving appropriate confirmation from the Office that the initial application filing via EFS-Web was received by the Office;

(2) the request for a refund must be filed within three months from the filing date of the first application receiving an appropriate acknowledgement;

(3) the request must include a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director that the duplicate application was intended to be the original application;

(4) the duplicate application must have been filed via EFS-Web on or after March 16, 2006;

(5) the request must list the other application(s) of which the instant application is deemed to be a "duplicate"; and

(6) the request should include a statement of express abandonment of the instant application as it was filed in error.

When the above conditions have been met, the Office will generally accept the statement as an assertion that the duplicate application was filed by mistake without requiring further information.

If, the petition for refund of a duplicate filing fee under 37 CFR 1.181 cannot be granted, note the below:

As an alternative, petitioner may wish to file a declaration of express abandonment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.138(d) to obtain a refund of the search and excess claims fees. Petitioner is advised to file the declaration without delay as the express abandonment can only be processed before an examination has been made of the application. Thereafter, petitioner cannot obtain a refund of such fees except as provided in 37 CFR 1.26.

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) 272-3208.

/KOC/
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Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of

James V. HARON, Sr.
Application No. 12/539,987
Filed: August 12, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **20080631.CII**

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 12, 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 V. Haromon attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3748 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Tredelle D. Jackson/
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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	:	
Masahiro Nambu	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 12/540,055	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: August 12, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. AE2008-012US	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed November 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	:	
Edward Walter, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/540,106	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 12, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 8285-1005	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 5, 2009.

The request is **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 Scott W. Brim 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.

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/05/2009.

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

/tsjohnson/

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In re Application of
Emile A. Samara

Application No. 12540152

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. SAMARA

: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 12-AUG-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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In re Application of	:	
Laurie Taylor	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/540,264	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: August 12, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket: 15812-000002/US/COA	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed February 12, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C. was revoked as power of attorney by the applicant of the patent application on February March 25, 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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Alicia Kelley
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of: Mike Blomquist
Application No.: 12/540,342
Filed: August 12, 2009
Title: ENERGY EFFICIENT MODULAR COOLING 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 August 12, 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 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, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II : 5.1, 5.2, 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" hereinbelow, the received papers under consideration include the PTO/SB/28 form, the "pre-examination search document" including pages 1-5; the "accelerated examination support document" comprising pages 1-16, and an Information Disclosure Statement including form PTO/SB/08A.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in
class 165 subclasses 47, 53, 54, 80.2, 80.3, 104.33, 104.34, 121
class 361 subclasses 694, 696, 701
and class 418 subclass 268.
In addition, the text search is overly narrow as the search is drawn to a microchannel cooler and the claims recite a heat exchanger in general.

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 the independent claims 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. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where <u>each limitation</u> of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The instant petition does not identify the support for each limitation individually. Such support must also be shown for each priority document for which 35 USC benefit is claimed, therefore, support much be shown with respect to application 12/211,060 also.

DECISION

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

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

Petitioner is reminded that, upon granting of the special status of the application on request for reconsideration, the application will be processed expeditiously. However, due to the dismissal

of the instant petition, examination may not be completed within twelve months of the filing date of the application.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Linda J. Sholl, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391.

Linda J. Sholl
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In re Application of: Mike Blomquist Application No.: 12/540342 Filed: August 12, 2009 Docket: OUT-09009 Title: ENERGY EFFICIENT MODULAR COOLING SYSTEM	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on December 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.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Linda Sholl, Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391

Linda Sholl

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

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David G. BELL	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/540,364	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 13 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. PC1-0013US	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 19 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 items 1, 4, and 9 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 318/720) 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.

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 2838 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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David Gordon BELL	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/540,366	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 13 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. PC1-0014US	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 19 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 items 1, 4, and 9 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 318/720) 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.

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 2837 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
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Application No. 12/540,426	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 8/13/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **HHO101.2**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 6/22/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

/Tom Dunn/

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Tim Grant	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/540,562	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: August 13, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 234-002US2	:	

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 17, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

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. For example, the practitioner(s) should determine whether he or she was appointed by naming each practitioner individually with a registration number or through the use of a Customer Number.

In the instant application, the practitioner(s) were not appointed via Customer Number. Therefore, the current request cannot be approved at this time. Any subsequent request must withdraw all associated practitioner(s) in the same manner as appointed.

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

There are no outstanding Office actions that require a reply.

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.

A. Kelley

Alicia Kelley
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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In re Application of
James Davis

Application No. 12540696

Filed: August 13,2009

Attorney Docket No. DL-002

: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-SEP-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	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Adarsh SANDHU	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/540,766	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 13 August 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 091619-0303	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: MAGNETIC PROBE	**: 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 29 October 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

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

1. The U.S. application is
    a. a Paris Convention application which either
        i. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
    b. a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
        iii. contains no priority claim, or
    c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

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

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

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

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to 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.

Lee W. Young .
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In re Application of
Shimon Mizrahi

Application No. 12540771

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 1431-002

: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-AUG-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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Application No. 12/540,865	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 65837-8035US	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) or 37 C.F.R. § 10.40 filed January 7, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

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

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

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

cc: Rimas Lukas
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In re Application of
Wesley Mark McAfee

Application No. 12540924

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. ABTA008US1

: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-AUG-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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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 Hitoshi Nakagawara et al Serial No. 12/541,002 Filed: August 13, 2009 For: PLASMA GENERATING APPARATUS AND FILM FORMING APPARATUS USING PLASMA GENERATING APPARATUS	: : : : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed December 28, 2009.

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 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:
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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 (i) or (ii) 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;

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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 fail because:

(3) All of 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).

Claim 1 of the JPO application requires that "the distribution of intensity of the plasma beam having a deformed cross section into the flat cross section" whereas claim 1 of the present application deletes the term "into the" and instead recites "the distribution of intensity of the plasma beam having deformed cross section flat cross section".

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected within the time period given, the application with await action in its regular turn.

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

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

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In re application of Hitoshi Nakagawara et al Serial No. 12/541,002 Filed: August 13, 2009 For: PLASMA GENERATING APPARATUS AND FILM FORMING APPARATUS USING PLASMA GENERATING APPARATUS	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the supplemental request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed March 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;

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   b. An English translation of the allowable/ patentable claim(s), if applicable; and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate, if applicable;

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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;
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b. Copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application); and

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

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

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

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

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

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In re Application of: CHIBA H..
Application No. 12/541,019
Filed: August 13, 2009
For: Information processing system, Information processing apparatus, and information processing 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 May 06, 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:
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b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
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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;

(6) Applicant must submit:
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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	:	
Gilliam et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/541,055	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 8/13/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **CLRA-040**	:	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 **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 205/637.000) 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.

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).

2) Superiority of types of subject matter (e.g. chemical subject matter controls over electrical subject matter).

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.

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 1795 for action in its regular turn.

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Gilliam et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/541,055	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 8/13/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **CLRA-040**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 4/23/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Xinqi Liu et al.	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Serial No. 12/541,087	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: August 13, 2009	:	PROGRAM AND
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SOY	:	PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
PROTEIN	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed September 08, 2009.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

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

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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 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.

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Frederick W. PIASECKI	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/541,353	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 14 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. PiAC-RJY-0100	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 05 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 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/541,445	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 0290905.00120US4	:	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 February 2, 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 the applicant declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2873 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Terri Johnson

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In re Application of
William J. McBride

Application No. 12541527

Filed: August 14,2009

Attorney Docket No. IMM310US6

: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 15-OCT-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
Marc H. Cohen, et. al.
Application No. 12/541,678
Filed: August 14, 2009
Attorney Docket No. MHC.5004

DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b), or 10.40 filed May 12, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

While it is noted that practitioner/practitioners associated with Customer Number 83981 states "No responses are currently due as has been identified to the client", box 1 on the form was not checked. In this regard, practitioner/practitioners associated with Customer Number 83981 have not certified that they (1) I/We have given reasonable notice to the client, prior to the expiration of the response period that the practioner intend to withdraw from employment. The failure to do so may subject the practitioner to discipline[1]. Additionally, practitioner should note that if a box is left unchecked, the request will likely not be approved (*See USPTO Form No. PTO/SB/83*).

The Office will no longer change the correspondence address to that of a new practitioner unless the Request is accompanied by a power of attorney to a new practitioner (e.g., Form PTO/SB/82).

The request to change the correspondence cannot be accepted since it is not of the first named signing inventor or the intervening assignee that complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b)[2]. Thus, all future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

[1] Practitioner should note that false certification may violate a practitioners' duty under 37 CFR 10.23(b)(4) and (b)(5).

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

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

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DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the renewed request to withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR §§ 1.36(b), or 10.40 filed July 6, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

The request was signed by Mohammad S. Rahman on behalf of himself and all the attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 83981. Therefore, Mohammad S. Rahman and all the attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 839811have been withdrawn.

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

The request to change the correspondence address is not accepted since it is not of the first named signing inventor or the intervening assignee that complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b)[1]. Thus, all future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

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12/541,679	08/14/2009	Seung June Yi	8737.158.20	3888

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In re Application of: Seung June YI , et al.
Application No. 12/541,679
Filed: August 14, 2009
For: **METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING DATA OF RADIO BEARER HAVING PRIORITY IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 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 August 17, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **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 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 failed item (3) above, because the claims in the US application do not sufficiently correspond to the claims allowed in the KIPO patent application. The claims correspondence table in the petition lists claims 15-29 of the US application as corresponding to claims **15-29** allowed in the KIPO application, but there are no claims 15-29 in the KIPO application; the allowed claims in the KIPO application are **1-15**

Accordingly, 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.

Responses must be 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 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.

Hassan Kizou
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Application No. 12/541,679
Filed: August 14, 2009
For: **METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING DATA OF RADIO BEARER HAVING PRIORITY IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

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

This is a decision on the renewed 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 petition is **GRANTED.**

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

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the 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);

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

The original request and petition, filed August 17, 2009, failed item (3) above, because the claims in the US application do not sufficiently correspond to the claims allowed in the KIPO patent application.
This renewed request has addressed this deficiency. The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are now 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 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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In re Application of: MICHAEL CAMPION Serial No.: 12/541,744 Filed: August 14, 2009 Docket: CM09040 Title: **EYE COLORING SYSTEMS**	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 August 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 **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;

Conditions for Examination: The application must be in condition for examination at the time of filing. This means the application must include the following:

(A) Basic filing fee, search fee, and examination fee, under 37 CFR 1.16 (*see* MPEP section 607(I)),

(B) Application size fee under 37 CFR 1.16(s) (if the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper) (*see* MPEP section 607(II));

(C) An executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;

(D) A specification (in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52) containing a description (37 CFR 1.71) and claims in compliance with 37 CFR 1.75;
(E) A title and an abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72;
(F) Drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;
(G) Electronic submissions of sequence listings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e), large tables, or computer listings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.96, submitted via the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS) in ASCII text as part of an associated file (if applicable);
(H) Foreign priority claim under 35
U.S.C. 119(a)–(d) identified in the executed oath or declaration or an application data sheet (if applicable);
(I) Domestic benefit claims under 35
U.S.C. 119(e), 120, 121, or 365(c) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78 (*e.g.*, the specific reference to the prior application must be submitted in the first sentence(s) of the specification or in an application data sheet, and for any benefit claim to a non-English language provisional application, the application must include a statement that: (a) An English language translation, and (b) a statement that the translation is accurate, have been filed in the provisional application) (if applicable);
(J) English language translation under 37 CFR 1.52(d), a statement that the translation is accurate, and the processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (if the specification is in a non-English language);
(K) No preliminary amendments present on the filing date of the application; and
(L) No petition under 37 CFR 1.47 for a non-signing inventor.

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 no in condition for examination as evidenced by Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (August 20, 2009).

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 Michael P. Woodward, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-8373.

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12/541,749	08/14/2009	Chung Hoon LEE	P2782USC1	4051

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In re Application of:
Chung Hoon LEE et al.
Serial No.: 12/541,749
Filed: August 14, 2009
Title: LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE

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

This is a decision on the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed August 14, 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.

Jose' G. Dees, Quality Assurance Specialist
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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	12541805	Confirmation Number	4186	Filing Date	2009-08-14
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	ARL 08-52	Art Unit		Examiner	
First Named Inventor	ALAN S. EDELSTEIN				
Title of Invention	MEMS DEVICE WITH TANDEM FLUX CONCENTRATORS AND METHOD OF MODULATING FLUX				

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
ALAN	S	EDELSTEIN	

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	/LAWRENCE E. ANDERSON/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2010-07-06
Name	LAWRENCE E. ANDERSON	Registration Number	29503

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Filed: August 14,2009

Attorney Docket No. ARL 08-52

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

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 06-JUL-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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In re application of Morris Peterson et al. Application No. 12/541,806 Filed: August 14, 2009 For: TACTICAL FIREARM SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING SAME	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 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 field of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.

The preexamination search must:

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

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

5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.

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

An accelerated examination support document must include:

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

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

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

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

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

function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; if the application claims the benefit of one or more applications under title 35, United States Code, the showing must also include where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in each such application in which such supports exists;

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

REVIEW OF FACTS

The petition fails to comply with conditions II.5.2 and II.6.2 above.

As to condition II.5.2, the petition lacks an indication of a preexamination search that encompasses all of the features of the claims. With respect to the classification search, there is no indication that the preexamination search was conducted involving U.S patent application publications. A classification search must include both the U.S. patents database as well as the U.S. patent application database.

With respect to the text search, the petition lacks an indication that text search included the U.S. patent application database. Additionally, the search logic in the petition appears to lack the incorporation of terms that would constitute "the broadest reasonable interpretation" of the claimed subject matter as is required. The text search appears to be too narrow to encompass the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed invention. For example, the text search contains the term "picatinny"; however, "picatinny" is sometimes referred to in the art as "rails" or "weaver rails". Additionally, the text search reveals that the term "butt" was searched in 2N proximity of the term "stock". However, a "butt stock" is sometimes only referred to as a "stock", and the term "shoulder stock" is known to be used as an alternative to "butt stock". Any text search performed should include the previously noted terms. The USPTO website has an example of the proper manner of performing and documenting a preexamination search for Accelerated Examination petitions at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/.

Given the scope of the claimed invention, the finding of not even a single reference to "a bolt action rifle stock assembly" or the finding of only a single reference which teaches the single limitation of "a butt stock assembly hingedly coupled to the receiver assembly" is an indication that the evaluation of the search results fails to be directed to, an encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation, as is required. For example, claims 1 and 6 appear to contain limitations that are quite common and it strains credulity to assert that nowhere in the prior art are located these additional claimed limitations. Claim 1 recites "a

receiver assembly" and 6 recites "wherein the forend assembly is directly coupled to the receiver assembly." Fig. 2 of Hochstrate clearly show "a receiver assembly" and a forend assembly "wherein the forend assembly is directly coupled to the receiver assembly. It appears that the search may have been completed on the concept of the disclosed invention rather than the "claimed invention " as is required.

In order to provide an adequate search applicant is required to submit an accelerated examination support document (AESD) that includes an IDS in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims (whether in independent or dependent form). Specifically:

(1) Applicant **is not** required to cite the references that are only relevant to the general subject matter of the claims because there are references that are more closely related to the subject matter of the claims. Applicant is also not required to cite a reference that is cumulative to any other reference cited in the IDS.

(2) Applicant **is** required to cite any reference that establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim (see 37 CFR 1.56(b)) in the IDS of the AESD.

(3) Applicant **is** required to cite the reference that discloses the most limitations in the independent claim.

(4) Applicant **is** required to cite any reference that discloses a limitation of an independent claim that is not shown in the other references.

(5) Applicant **is** required to cite any reference that discloses a limitation of a dependent claim that is not shown in the other references.

As to condition II.6.2, there currently is not an adequate explanation clearly specifying whether each of the limitations (or portions thereof) are disclosed in each of the references. An explanation of the structures the references teach is provided and portions of the references are identified, but is not totally clear what portions of the claims are admitted to be taught by each of the references. For example, with respect to the limitation "a forend assembly adapted to house a portion of a barrel associated with the bolt action in a free-float arrangement" of claim 1 and the Hoschstrate reference, the Support Document indicates that this is "not taught" and that "Hochstrate's barrel is not disclosed as being housed in a free-float arrangement." In the right hand column (on page 27 or 40), petitioner makes reference to "Hochstrate's barrel is not disclosed as being...", then it can be assured that Hoschstrate indeed discloses portions of the claimed limitation. A grantable petition requires an indication of all the limitations (or **portions thereof**) in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. 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 (or portions thereof). For each claimed limitation, the examiner would consider the disclosure of the reference and al reasonable portions in the reference where the limitation (or portions thereof) is shown. When preparing the Office action, the examiner would correlate the limitation (or portions thereof) to the portion of reference which best characterizes the limitation (or portions thereof). This analysis should be done for each claim for a grantable petition. Although the prior art references may not teach the full limitations of applicant's claims, many of the portions of the limitations are clearly taught. For example, claim 1 recites "a receiver assembly adapted to directly couple to a bolt action". Petitioner has indicated that this limitation is "not taught"; however, all of the prior art cited by petition have a "receiver assembly". Although the complete limitation may not be fully taught by the prior art, portions of the limitation are taught.

It should be noted that while applicant's detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the cited references is technically acceptable, the finding of only a single reference which teaches only a single limitation of the independent claims is an indication of the inadequacy of the search. It is assumed that after the supplemental search is completed, new references will be found that better read on the claimed invention and will be properly analyzed in the Support Document included with any renewed petition.

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

DECISION

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

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

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

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri P. Luu, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7045.

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In re application of Morris Peterson et al. Application No. 12/541,806 Filed: August 14, 2009 For: TACTICAL FIREARM SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING SAME	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on November 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 **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 Quality Assurance Specialist Teri P. Luu, at (571) 272-7045.

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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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Randall Gwin	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/541,849	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: August 14, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. RG-02	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed September 24, 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 Sean D. Burdick on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer No. 54788.

All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 54788 have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

All future correspondence will be directed to the applicant at the address indicated below.

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

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

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Application No. 12/541,934	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 15, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1)
Attorney Docket No. 1600-19405	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed July 7, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c), to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

37 CFR 1.313(c) provides that:

Once the issue fee has been paid, the application will not be withdrawn from issue upon petition by the applicant for any reason except:

(1) Unpatentability of one of more claims, which petition must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable;

(2) Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114; or

(3) Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application.

Upon payment of the issue fee, an application will not be withdrawn from issue upon petition except for the reasons enumerated in 37 CFR 1.313(c). The circumstances of the above-identified application do not fall within any of those exceptions.

For the reason stated above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c) cannot be granted.

Petitioner is reminded that the filing of any renewed petition to withdraw from issue may not be recognized or effective if not received by the appropriate deciding official in time to act prior to issuance. *Note* 37 CFR 1.313(d). It is recommended that the facsimile number listed below be used to file the renewed petition.

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.

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed July 16, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on July 7, 2010 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

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

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 2723210.

This matter is being refered to Technology Center AU 3672 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

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[1] The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

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In re Application of:	:	
HONG et al.	:	
U.S. Application No.: 12/541,991	:	
Filing Date: August 17, 2009	:	DECISION
Attorney's Docket No.: 70194.0005USWO	:	
For: BEAD FOR STITCHING, VACUUM CAP FOR SUCTION INTERNAL ORGAN AND APPARATUS FOR STITCHING INTERNAL ORGAN USING THE SAME	:	

This decision is issued in response to applicant's "Petition under 37 CFR 1.182" filed March 22, 2010. Applicant requests that the present application be treated as a U.S. National Phase of PCT/KR2007/002809 filed under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On June 11, 2007, applicant filed international application PCT/KR2007/002809 which claimed a priority date of February 23, 2007. The deadline for submission of the basic national fee was thirty months from the priority date, i.e., August 17, 2009.

On August 17, 2009, applicant initiated the present application by filing electronically a "Transmittal Letter for National Stage Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371" requesting entry into the U.S. national stage for international application PCT/KR2007/002809. The Transmittal Letter was accompanied by, among other materials, an Application Data Sheet (ADS) and a $462 fee payment.

During the electronic filing process, applicant identified the present application as a "Utility under 35 USC 111(a)" application, rather than a national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371. Accordingly, the application was processed by the USPTO as a filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

On September 01, 2009, the USPTO issued a filing receipt. The filing receipt listed the following under "Foreign Applications:" Republic of Korea (10-2007-0018632) dated February 23, 2007.

On March 22, 2010, applicant filed the "Petition under 37 CFR 1.182" considered

herein. Applicant requests that the present application be treated as a U.S. National Phase of PCT/KR2007/002809 filed under 35 U.S.C. 371.

DISCUSSION

The USPTO has adopted a bright-line test for determining whether application papers will be processed under 35 U.S.C. 371 or alternatively under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Under this standard, any intended filing of an international application as a national stage application must clearly and unambiguously be identified as such and must satisfy all of the conditions set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(c). See 37 CFR 1.495(g):

> The documents and fees submitted . . . must be clearly identified as a submission to enter the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371. Otherwise the submission will be considered as being made under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

In addition, section 1893.03(a) of the MPEP states that:

> If there are any conflicting instructions as to whether the filing is under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) or 35 U.S.C. 371, the application will be accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

The Transmittal Letter Form electronically filed by applicant on August 17, 2009 identified the application as a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. However, during the electronic filing process, applicants selected the application identifier "Utility under 35 USC 111(a)," rather than the separate application identifier specifically applicable to national stage applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is evident from the Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt generated at the time of filing, which identifies the application as a "Utility under 35 USC 111(a)" application rather than a U.S. national stage application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Applicant's identification of the application during the electronic filing process as a utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) is a conflicting instruction that is not consistent with the intent to file a U.S. national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371. Accordingly, the present application was properly treated by the USPTO as a filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Applicant's request to have the application treated as a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 is therefore appropriately dismissed.

Applicant may wish to consider the provisions under 37 CFR 1.78(a) for claiming benefit to the international application.

CONCLUSION

The petition to convert the application to a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 is DISMISSED without prejudice. The present application was properly treated by the USPTO as a filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter may be filed electronically via EFS-Web selecting the document description "Petition for review and processing by the PCT Legal Office" or by mail addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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In re Application of	:	
Ron Hadar et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/542,632	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 17, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 108144-202001/US (TGY020)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed January 19, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

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

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

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Blaine Copenheaver at 571-272-1156.

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

/Blaine Copenheaver/

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Jonczyk et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/542,760	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 8/18/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **237934 (25229-0046)**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/28/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **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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In re application of Kent Weisenberg Serial No. 12/542,776 Filed: August 18, 2009 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINING PIPES WITH ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPATIBLE IMPERVIOUS MEMBRANE	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 18, 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 1-5, are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with condition II, subsection 6.

The statement showing support for the present claims on pages 20 - 21 of the Accelerated Examination Support Document (AESD) is not sufficient. While petitioner has provided a showing of where each limitation finds support in the present application, it is also required that petitioner provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of parent application 12/476,983 as applicant has claimed priority to this application.

Note also that the statement showing support for the present claims appears to have come from the statement set forth in parent application 12/476,983. Note for example on page 20 of the AESD wherein it is stated that support for the term "heating the liner components in the apparatus " is found in paragraphs 51 and 77 of the present specification. While this may be where support is found for this term in the parent application, it appears that support is actually found in paragraph 52.

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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This is a decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Petition to Make Special under the Accelerated Examination Program filed on October 27, 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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Application No. 12/543,122	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 18, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 552-0001	:	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 19, 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 applicant Charles Glen Franks that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to 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 3654 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
SHERTOK et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/543,125	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 18 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 231094 GECZ 200969US01	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 05 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 an area (USPC 315/250) 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. 231094 GECZ 200969US01	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 05 February 2010 and renewed on 21 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 (May 21, 2010).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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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 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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Application No. 12/543,231	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 324212002110	:	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 17, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Robert A. Saltzberg and all the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 76102, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on April 21, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

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

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In re Application of Jeffrey D. Marsh Application No. 12/543,342 Filed: August 18, 2009 Attorney Docket No. MARJ D432US	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed May 13, 2010, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

The instant petition includes a statement from applicant's representative that he is in possession of proof of applicant's age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3725 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Filed: August 18, 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 266019.00026

: 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 August 18, 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 Cecilia Tsang, SPE, TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

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In re Application of: Dudley et al. Serial No.: 12/543541 Filed: August 19, 2009 Docket: **09195556** Title: **ANDROGEN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING DEPRESSION**	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 August 19, 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

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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.

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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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   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 P. Woodward, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-8373.

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CORONELLA, CHARLES J. et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. UNR08-023	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 18, 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**.

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) #4.

In regard to item 4, 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 general statement made in the petition is insufficient because the applicant did not explain how the claimed invention would (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. The applicant states that this application meets the materiality standard because the invention "relates to a dryer that can, among other things, be used to prepare dried material, such as wastewater sludge, that can in turn be used to produce electrical energy-thus creating a renewable energy source and conserving other resources." The applicant also states that the invention can aid in the use of sludge and other materials as an energy source, which can lead to the conservation of other resources and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. It is noted the claims are directed to fluidized bed dryer for drying or incinerate wet sludge. The applicant did not explain how such claimed conventional fluidized bed drying of wet sludge will generate energy and result in enhancement of the quality of the environment or materially contributes to (2) development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation, or (3) greenhouse gas reduction or 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. The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3749 for action in its regular turn. Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Henry Yuen at 571-272-4856.

/Henry Yuen/

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12/543,711	08/19/2009	Charles J. Coronella	UNR08-023	7911

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In re Application of	:	
CORONELLA, CHARLES J. et al	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/543711	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: Aug. 19, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. UNR08-023	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed July 7, 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 3741 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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In re Application of
Morris D. Patterson

Application No. 12544033

Filed: August 19,2009

Attorney Docket No. pattersonm p5

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

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 09-OCT-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 :
Willard BRESTAL, et al :
Application No. 12/544,054 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 19, 2009 : TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 20003US02 : 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 statement signed by Applicant Willard Brestal. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center at 571-272-3600.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3643 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Diane C. Goodwyn/
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12/544,066	08/19/2009	Supratik Guha	YOR920060365US2	8596

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GUHA et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/544,066	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 19 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. YOR920060365US2	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 30 April 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 2823 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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TOMODA, ICHIRO	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/544,072	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 19, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **TOSH/0057US**	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 25, 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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12/544,338	08/20/2009	Stanton Kee Nethery III	NET001	9167

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In re Application of	:	
NETHERY, STANTON KEE III	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/544,338	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 20 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. NET001	:	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 **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 2836 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
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In re Application of
Chien-Hsing Chang

Application No. 12544476

Filed: August 20,2009

Attorney Docket No. IBC121US1

: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-NOV-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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Peter E. ROSE et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/544,553	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 20, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 19660-4016	:	PILOT PROGRAM

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

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

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

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

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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, 2 and 5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 166/270.000) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

In regard to item 2, petitioner should note that a review of the application claims has been made for the purposes of determining the number of claims contained therein. This application contains more than 3 independent claims and/or more than 20 total claims. In fact, there are 22 total claims. As set forth in the Notice, if the application contains more than 3 independent claims or more than 20 total claims, it will not be eligible to participate in the "Pilot Program for Green Technologies Including Greenhouse Gas Reduction."

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.

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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3676 for action in its regular turn.

/Lanna Mai/

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Application No. 12/544,553	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 20, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 19660-4016	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 16, 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 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 items 2 and 4.

In regard to item 2, petitioner should note that a review of the application claims has been made for the purposes of determining the number of claims contained therein. This application contains more than 3 independent claims and/or more than 20 total claims. In fact, there are 22 total claims. As set forth in the Notice, if the application contains more than 3 independent claims or more than 20 total claims, it will not be eligible to participate in the "Pilot Program for Green Technologies Including Greenhouse Gas Reduction."

In regard to item 4, 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 renewed petition lacks such a statement. Petitioner alleges that the claimed invention directed to the discovery or development of a renewable energy resource. However, oil or gas is not considered a renewable energy source, and the method of selectively blocking fractures in an oil well is not a green technology either because it does not result in the discovery or development of a *renewable* energy source (for example, wind or solar energy). It is not clear how selectively blocking fractures in an oil well is a more efficient use and conservation of an energy resource, or to reduce greenhouse gas emissions when it is well known that uses of oil or gas result in greenhouse gas emissions. Getting oil out of the ground is one of the conventional energy production processes, not an alternative energy production process. Therefore, it is not agreed that the application on its face meets the materiality standard.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3676 for action in its regular turn.

/Lanna Mai/

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In re Application of
Thomas J. Webster et al.
Application No. 12/544,575
Filed: August 20, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 3220-208176

:DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) and 1.48(f)(1) filed February 23, 2010.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED**.
The petition under 37 CFR 1.48 is **DISMISSED** as involving moot issues.

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

The above-identified application was filed with an unsigned oth or declaration. Accordingly, on September 8, 2009, a "Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application" ("Notice To File Missing Parts") was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and a surcharge for its late filing.

In response, the instant petition, a four month extension of time request, and a declaration executed by joint inventor Thomas J. Webster but not by joint inventor Venu Perla has been filed. Petitioner claims that despite applicant' s diligent efforts, they have not been able to locate inventor Venu Perla to obtain his signature on the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.63.

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

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;
(3) the petition fee;
(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The present petition lacks items (1).

While petitioners argue that they have not been able to locate joint inventor Perla, petitioners have not shown however that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor.[1]

Petitioners must present a showing that diligent efforts have been made to locate the non-signing inventor. If in fact Mr. Perla no longer lives at the last known address, petitioners must however provide details, in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person with first hand knowledge of the details, of the additional efforts to locate Mr. Perla such as Internet, e-mail, or telephone directory searches, which have been undertaken to locate him, send or give a copy of the application papers to him, and request that he sign and return the declaration. If repeated attempts to contact Mr. Perla by telephone, mail, and e-mail, are unsuccessful, petitioners will have established that he cannot be found despite diligent efforts.

If Mr. Perla refuses in writing to sign the declaration, petitioners should provide a copy of that written refusal with any renewed petition. If a verbal refusal to sign is made to a person, details should be given in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first hand knowledge of the facts of refusal.

Finally, if it is found that joint inventor Perla is residing at a different address than that listed in the initial petition, petitioners should provide a new statement of the last known address in a renewed petition.

Status under 37 CFR 1.47(a) cannot be accorded this application until such time as the deficiencies have been cured.

Furthermore, petitioners have petitioned under 37 CFR 1.48 to correct joint inventor Venu Perla's name and thus to correct inventorship. Petitioners are advised that since the declaration submitted with the instant petition, is the first executed declaration of record and is found sufficient to correctly identify the inventors pursuant to §1.48(f), the petition is not required and inventorship is set naming Thomas J. Webster and Venu Perla as the inventors. Thus no treatment under 37 CFR 1.48 is required.

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[1] MPEP 409.03(d).

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12/544,606	08/20/2009	Yoshiyuki KAMATA	SUTOSH.463AUS	9660

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In re application of Yoshiyuki Kamata et al Serial No. 12/544,606 Filed: August 20, 2009 For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM	: : : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program filed May 18, 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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Application No. 12/544,915	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 20, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **2005-IP-017636U5P3P1D1**	:	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 21, 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 3676 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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In re Application of	:	
Wang Soo Lee, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/544,951	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 20, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 086121-0040	:	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 4, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Ladas & Parry has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on March 26, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

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

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

Terri Johnson
Petitions Examiner
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Application No. 12/545,041
Filed: August 20, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **058034-012702**

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 August 20 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 W. Jean, 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 1645 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	:	
Saint Victor	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/545,126	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 8/21/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **J-5214**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/8/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

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

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

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

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

The petition lacks item(s) 1.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 510/439.000) 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 1796 for action in its regular turn.

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Weston Arthur Hermann et al.
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Filed: August 21, 2009
Attorney Docket No. TES024

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY 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 items 1 and 5 as explained below.

In regard to item 1, this application has been classified in an area (USPC 429/186) 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 the petition includes a statement explaining how the instant application materially contributes to category (B). The instant invention is directed to a "CELL SEPARATOR FOR MINIMIZING THERMAL RUNAWAY PROPAGATION WITHIN A BATTERY PACK". Petitioner's argument is that (a) use of the instant battery in electric vehicles would potentially prevent destruction of the vehicle due to a thermal runaway event, and (b) the use of the instant battery in electric vehicles "will help to reduce the number of vehicles utilizing internal combustion engines". Petitioner should note the prevention of potential destruction of the vehicle due to a thermal runaway event is a safety issue and the potential reduction in energy consumption via combustion systems depends on the how an end user might use the instant invention. As stated in the notice, the materiality standard does not permit an applicant to speculate as to how a hypothetical end-user might specially apply the invention in a manner that could materially contribute to category (A) or (B). *Also see MPEP § 708.02 (VI).* Accordingly it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute to category (A) or (B).

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4914.

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1795 for action in its regular turn.

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NOTIFICATION DATE	DELIVERY MODE
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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	:	
ZHANG et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/545,358	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 21 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 54907	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 20 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 2811 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Quality Assurance Specialist
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of	:
Mathew W. DAVIS et al	: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE
Serial No.: 12/545,377	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: August 21, 2009	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: MPC0161USC3	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 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 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 Cecilia Tsang, SPE, TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

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In re Application of	:	
YANG, JEONG HYU	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/545,462	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 21, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 19819-0110003	:	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 15, 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 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 is deficient as follows:

Petitioner has not complied with item 2 above. An English translation of the allowed claims from the KIPO application is missing. Also, allowed claims have been provided for KIPO

application 10-2009-7017211 and correspondence to the claims of the instant application shown. However, the relationship of the above KIPO application and that of any of the five KIPO applications 10-2006-0119338; 10-2006-0110337; 10-2006-0037773; 10-2006-0027100; 10-2006-0004956 for which priority is claimed has not been established. In response to this decision, Requestor must establish the relationship between the application containing the allowed claims and that for which priority is claimed.

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/

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In re Application of YANG, JEONG HYU Application No. 12/545,462 Filed: August 21, 2009 Att. Docket No. 19819-0110003	: : : : : : :	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 May 26, 2010 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

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

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition 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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In re Application of:
JUNG, YOUNG-SEOK et al
Serial No.: 12/545,635
Filed: August 21, 2009

Title: **SLIDING MECHANISM WITH UNDULATING SPRING FOR USE IN HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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 August 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 Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/545,701	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: August 21, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)
Attorney Docket No. 71664.	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed July 7, 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 June 9, 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 3711 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
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	:	**DECISION ON PETITION**
McConnell et al.	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/545,818	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: August 22, 2009	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS OF INSURING FERTILITY CARE LIFESTYLE AFFAIRS

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 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 **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 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.6.6.

Since a preexamination search document, an accelerated examination support document and an IDS were not provided with the instant application, the petition fails to meet conditions II.5 through II.6.6. It does not appear that such documents were originally filed with the instant application as evidenced by the Eletronic Acknowledgement Receipt dated August 22, 2009, which does not acknowledge receipt of a preexamination search document, an accelerated examination support document or an IDS.

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

DECISION

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

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

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

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

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Application No.: 12/545,915	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Filed: 24 August 2009	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Attorney Docket No.: 2016-39	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
For: STEREOSCOPIC TFT-LCD WITH	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
WIRE GRID POLARIZER AFFIXED	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
TO INTERNAL SURFACES	
SUBSTRATES	

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 27 September 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

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 KIPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)/365(a) 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 under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) to an application filed in the KIPO, or

ii. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) 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 under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) to an application filed in the KIPO, or
   ii. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) 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 KR application(s);
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s), and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate (if the claims were published in a language other than English);
3. Applicant must:
   a. Ensure that 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 KR application(s), and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
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   b. Copies of all the documents cited in the KIPO office action, except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already filed in this application);
7. A required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

This request to participate in the PPH program and petition is assessed as follows:

Requirements 1, 2, and 4- 7 above are considered to have been met.
However the request to participate in the PPH program fails to meet requirement 3.

Regarding requirement 3, Petitioner has NOT amended the claims of the instant U.S. application to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claims of the Korean applications. The claims clearly differ in scope.

Applicant is given **ONE** opportunity within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be filed via the Electronic Filing System (EFS) with the Document Code PPH.REQUEST. Any preliminary amendments and IDS submitted with the PPH documents must be separately indexed as a preliminary amendment and IDS, respectively.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at (571) 272-4549.

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

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SUBSTRATES	

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 27 September 2009 and renewed 07 December 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

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7. A 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 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
McConnell et al. : **TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/545,984 : **NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: August 24, 2009 : **UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS OF INSURING FERTILITY CARE LIFESTYLE AFFAIRS

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 24, 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 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 II.6.5.

As per condition II.6.5, a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification is required. 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. Applicant has failed to show 35 USC 112, first paragraph support for the provisional application, 61/136,274.

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

DECISION

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

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

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

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

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In re application of Rachel McConnell et al. Application No. 12/545,984 Filed: August 22, 2009 For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS OF INSURING FERTILITY CARE LIFESTYLE AFFAIRS	**DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on November 6, 2009, to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

The renewed 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 Quality Assurance Specialist Steven N. Meyers, at (571) 272-6611.

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In re Application of: RAJA, Murali, et. al.,
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Filed: August 24, 2009
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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING COMPONENTS OR A REMOTE ACCESS SERVER FARM

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

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on October 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 August 24, 2009 was dismissed in the decision mailed on September 03, 2009.

The petition to make the application special is **GRANTED** as the revised Examination Support Document meets the requirements of conditions II 6.2 that were deficient in the original petition.

The application is eligible for accelerated examination and the renewed petition complies with the conditions for granting the application special status pursuant to the "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published June 26, 2006, in the Federal Register. (71 Fed. Reg. 36323) 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:
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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 Beatriz Prieto, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3902. A second point of Contact is Kim Huynh at (571)-272-4147.

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12/546,223	08/24/2009	Murali Raja	2006579-1154 (CTX-375)	3004

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In re Application of: RAJA, Murali, et. al.,
Serial No.: **12/546,223**
Filed: August 24, 2009
Atty. Docket No: 2006579-1154 (CYX-375)
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING COMPONENTS OR A REMOTE ACCESS SERVER FARM

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 August 24, 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 pre-examination search in
compliance with the following requirements, was conducted, including an identification of the filed of search by United States class and subclass, where applicable, and for database searches, the search logic or chemical structure or sequence used as a query, the name of the file(s) searched and the database service, and the date of the search.
The pre-examination search must:
5.1 involve U.S. patents and patent application publications, foreign patent documents, and non-patent literature, unless the applicant can justify with reasonable certainty that no references more pertinent than those already identified are likely to be found in the eliminated sources and includes such a justification with this statement;
5.2. be directed to the claimed invention and encompass all of the features of the claims, giving the claims the broadest reasonable interpretation;
5.3. encompass the disclosed features that may be claimed.
6. must provide in support of the petition an accelerated examination support document.
An accelerated examination support document must include:
6.1. an information disclosure statement (IDS) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of the claims;
6.2. an identification of all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference;
6.3. a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are patentable over the references cited with particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c);
6.4. a concise statement of the utility of the invention as defined in each of the independent claims (unless the application is a design application);
6.5. a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. If applicable, the showing must also identify: (1) each means- (or step) plus-function claim element that invokes consideration under 35 UDC 112, sixth paragraph; and

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

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

REVIEW OF FACTS

The conditions I 1-4, II 1-5, II 5.1-6.1, and II 6.3-6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II 6.2 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Regarding to the requirement of MPEP §708.02(a) (I) (I) (2-3) and item II 6.2, the accelerated examination support document (AESD) must include: an identification of all the **limitations in the claims** that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference.

Regarding the Identification of Limitations of the Claims Disclosed by the Cited References statement, the AESD fails to *identify any of limitations* of the claimed invention that are disclosed by the reference including making reference to *where in the cited references* are the limitations of the claim taught, in accordance with this requirement.

Specifically, the AESD discussion of the ROWE reference (p. 7) with respect to claims 1 and 11, fails to particularly *point out (i.e. identify explicitly) all the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by these references*. For instance, it is unclear which claim limitation of claims 1 or 11 does "*a network test that utilizes known good responses when testing responses from servers under test...*" pertain.

Regarding claims 8 and 18, the AESD discussed that Rowe describes servers that return responses to tests with data in various formats. The formats can include XML, as well as HTML, VRML, and PDF. It is unclear as to whether this means **Rowe teaches** the claim limitation, i.e. "*wherein the interface service comprises an XML service providing the enumerated list of published applications available from a presentation server farm*", and it's unclear **where** in the Rowe reference are these teachings found

The AESD fails to clearly identify any limitation(s) of the claimed invention that are disclosed by the reference including making reference to where in the cited references are the limitations of the claim taught. Petitioner's must provide a detailed discussion of each of the identified references, identifying ***claimed*** subject matter disclosed in the reference, by way of ***figure, page, column and line numbers, as they pertain to each claim limitation of the claim*** of the instant application.

This requirement can be satisfied by listing verbatim all the claim limitations of the single claim invention (by "copy and paste") and indicating where each cited

references teaches (or note) each claim limitation (without bundling limitations together to the extent possible), by indicating the element number and/or the relevant page and line numbers of the respective reference.

An example of an Accelerated Examination support document (AESD) is available at our website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/

DECISION

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

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

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

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3902. If attempts to reach the undersigned by telephone are unsuccessful, Kim Huynh, Quality Assurance Specialist, can be reached at (571) 272-4147.

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In re Application of	:	
Clayton M. GRONDAHL	:	
Application No. 12/546,248	:	NOTICE
Filed: August 24, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. **GRON-0002-CIP**	:	

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 Tredelle Jackson at (571) 272-2783.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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In re Application of: Kurashige, T.
Application No. 12/546,510
Filed: 08/24/2009
For: Nonvolatile semiconductor memory drive and management method of nonvolatile semiconductor memory drive

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

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed January 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
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(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
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(3) Applicant must:
a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
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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;

(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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J. Bradley Groom and Lowell R. Bell
Application No. 12/546,512
Filed: August 24, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 3177-209462

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 December 28, 2009.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that joint inventor Lowell R. Bell 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.

The application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for further processing using the declaration filed December 28, 2009.

Telephone inquires related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Telephone inquiries related to processing at OPAP should be directed to their hotline at (571) 272-4000.

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For: FUEL-DISPENSING NOZZLE INHIBITOR

Dear Mr. Root:

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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Application No. 12/546,532
Filed: August 24, 2009
For: Nonvolatile semiconductor memory drive, Information processing apparatus and management 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 January 9, 2010 to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

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In re Application of: OKA, HIROYUKI
Application No. 12546548
Filed: August 24, 2009
For: BROADCAST RECEIVING APPARATUS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT

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

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 25, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **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 failed items (2) and (5) above. Applicant failed to submit a statement to the fact that the English translation of the JPO allowable/patentable claim(s) and the English translation of the JPO Office action are accurate. The submitted statement indicates that the translator certifies that the attached English language translation is a correct, true and faithful translation of an document attached; but it is not clear what attached document the translator is referring two. The statement does not specifically address the translation of the JPO allowed claims and the JPO Office action.

Accordingly, 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.

Responses must be 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 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.

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In re Application of	:	
Tsung-I WANG, et al	:	
Application No. 12/546,637	:	NOTICE
Filed: August 24, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. ENL-004US	:	

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 Diane C. Goodwyn at (571) 272-6735.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of	:	
Daryoush ALLAEI	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/546,882	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 25 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **102.016US01**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 11 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 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
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In re Application of	:	
Chin et al.	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/546,914	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: August 25, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 55115619.12	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed April 9, 2010 and supplemented on May 26, 2010.

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 (2) set forth above.

Although applicant has provided a declaration executed by former non-signing inventor Chin, the declaration submitted on May 26, 2010 lacks compliance with 37 CFR 1.63(a)(2) in that the declaration does not list all the named inventors. Petitioner's attention is directed to MPEP Section 602, which states:

"Where joint inventors execute separate oaths or declarations, each oath or declaration should make reference to the fact that the affiant is a joint inventor together with each of the other joint inventors indicating them by name. This may be done by stating that he or she does verily believe himself or herself to be the original, first and joint inventor together with 'A' or 'A & B, etc."

Accordingly, a new declaration which lists all the inventors and is signed by all the signing inventor(s) is required.

The address on the petition differs from the correspondence address of record. A courtesy copy is being provided. If appropriate a change of correspondence address should be submitted. All future correspondence will be directed to the correspondence of record until a change of address is submitted.

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

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Beekman et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/547,152	:	PURSUANT TO
Filed: August 25, 2009	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.182
Attorney Docket No. TS1364 02 (US)	:	
Title: PRODUCTION OF ETHYLENE OXIDE	:	

This is a decision on the "Petition Fee 37 CFR 1.57(f)," filed November 4, 2009, requesting that the above-identified application, including six pages of drawings containing Figures 1-11, be accorded a filing date of August 25, 2009, as part of the original disclosure. This submission is being treated as a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.182.[1]

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on August 25, 2009. However, on September 23, 2009, the Office of Data Management mailed Applicant a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," notifying Applicant, *inter alia*, that 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 along with the required fee. Petitioner has acknowledged the inadvertent omission of drawings, and has set forth that this application incorporates a prior-filed non-provisional application by reference.

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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."

It is noted that this application is a division of prior-filed non-provisional application number 11/382,624, and the contents of the same have been incorporated by reference.[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 process 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.

No petition is required. The amendment to include the inadvertently omitted drawings, filed concurrently with this petition on November 4, 2009, will be considered by the Examiner. The Examiner will note that this application is a division of prior-filed non-provisional application number 11/382,624.

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[2] See Preliminary Amendment to the Specification, included on filing.

To the extent the present petition requests a filing date of August 25, 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 Deposit Account number 19-1800 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 August 25, 2009**;
- **for indication in Office records, as appropriate, that "0" sheets of drawings were present on filing,** and;
- **for issuance of a filing receipt**.

Receipt of the concurrently submitted six pages of drawings containing Figures 1-11 is acknowledged. Entry of the same will be determined by the Examiner.

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.[3]

/Paul Shanoski/
Paul Shanoski
Senior Attorney
Office of Petitions

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3 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	:	
NOGAMI, TOSHIZO et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/547,238	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 25, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 1609-0182PUS2	:	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 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 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.

/Michael Horabik/

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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In re Application of: OLSON et al. Serial No.: 12/547,386 Filed: August 25, 2009 Title: SYSTEM AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR PRE-FOCUS OF DIGITAL SLIDES	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) filed August 25, 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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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.57(a), filed on November 17, 2009, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of August 26, 2009.

BACKGROUND

On August 26, 2009, the application was deposited. The application papers consisted of, *inter alia*, two (2) pages of application transmittal letter, six (6) pages of an Application Data Sheet (ADS) including a claim of benefit to prior-filed Application No. 11/457,497, filed on June 30, 2006, six (6) pages of a preliminary amendment, and a copy of 30 pages of specification.

Accordingly, on September 18, 2009, the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, stating the application had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented."

On November 17, 2009, the subject petition was filed, accompanied by a preliminary amendment and 23 sheets of drawings. Petitioners concede that the drawings were inadvertently omitted from the application papers deposited on August 26, 2009, but request a filing date of August 26, 2009, because the application claims the benefit of prior-filed Application No. 11/479,497.

Relying on §1.57(a), applicant asserts that the drawings are effectively incorporated by reference.

OPINION

37 CFR 1.57 states, in pertinent part:

> (a) Subject to the conditions and requirements of this paragraph, if all or a portion of the specification or drawing(s) is inadvertently omitted from an application, but the application contains a claim under § 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under § 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application, that was present on the filing date of the application, and the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) is completely contained in the prior-filed application, the claim under § 1.55 or § 1.78 shall also be considered an incorporation by reference of the prior-filed application as to the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s).
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> (1) The application must be amended to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawing(s) within any time period set by the Office, but in no case later than the close of prosecution as defined by § 1.114(b), or abandonment of the application, whichever occurs earlier. The applicant is also required to:
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> (i) Supply a copy of the prior-filed application, except where the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111;
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> (ii) Supply an English language translation of any prior-filed application that is in a language other than English; and
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> (iii) Identify where the inadvertently omitted portion of the specification or drawings can be found in the prior-filed application.
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> (3) If an application is not otherwise entitled to a filing date under § 1.53(b), the amendment must be by

> way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph, accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f).
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> (emphasis added)

A review of the application as filed reveals that it included, in the Application Data Sheet and the first line of the specification as amended by the preliminary amendment present on filing, both filed with the original application papers deposited on August 26, 2009, a claim to benefit of the prior-filed application, No. 11/479,497 filed on June 30, 2006. Authorization to charge the petition fee has been provided. The petition includes a preliminary amendment requesting entry of the omitted drawings.

In view thereof, the petition under § 1.57(a) is **GRANTED**. The amendment will be entered in due course.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP) for according of a filing date of August 26, 2009, using the application papers received in the Office on that date and the preliminary amendment, including 23 sheets of drawings, filed with the petition, and for an indication in the records of the Office that the application as filed includes 23 sheets of drawings.

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

Receipt is also acknowledged of the request for refund filed with the subject petition. The request for refund must be dismissed, however, because payment of the fee of $400.00 is required by 37 CFR 1.57(a)(3).

The application is referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for further processing. Applicant will receive appropriate notification regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OPAP.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at 571.272.3231.

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12/547,760	08/26/2009	Benjamin C. Chamberlain	14917.0273USC1	5868

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In re Application of:
CHAMBERLAIN, Benjamin et al.
Application No. 12/547,760
Filed: August 26, 2009
For: VARIABLE FORMATTING OF CELLS

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2), filed October 19, 2009, requesting acceptance of color drawings.

The petition requests that the color drawings of Figures 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 9 and 10-12 be accepted in lieu of black and white drawings.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) must be accompanied by a fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), 3 (three) sets of the color drawings in question, and the specification must contain, or be amended to contain, the following language as the first paragraph in that portion of the specification relating to the brief description of the drawings:

"the file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee."

The petition was filed with the required fee and was filed with three (3) copies of color drawings of Figures 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 9 and 10-12. The amendment to the specification filed October 19, 2009 contains the required notification described above.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Eddie C. Lee at (571) 272-1732.

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SCHECK, FRANZ	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/548,028	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: Apr. 27, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 9413.003.NPUS00	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: A STAIR CLIMBING DEVICE	:	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 August 26, 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 DPMA;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the DPMA 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 DPMA 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 DPMA application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the DPMA examiner in the DPMA 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).

It is noted that DPMA examiner did not cite any prior art references in his/her office action. Therefore, no references were cited in the request. Otherwise, the request to participate in the

PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Receipt of the IDS statements is acknowledged. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

The application is undergoing pre-examination processing. Once it is released for examination, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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 LoAn Thanh, SPE of Art Unit 3764, 571-272-4730.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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12/548,036	08/26/2009	Vivek Kumar	235704 (22402-158)	6346

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KUMAR, Vivek et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/548,036	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 26, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 235704 (22402-158)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed January 7, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

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

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

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

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

The petition lacks item(s) 1 and 5 above for the reasons explained in more detail below.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 715/736) 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.

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 Eddie C. Lee at 571-272-1732.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2173 for action in its regular turn.

/Eddie C. Lee/

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KUMAR, Vivek et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/548,036	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 26, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 235704 (22402-158)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 18, 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 2173 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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Patrick J. Walsh, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/548,176	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 26, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. A00579 CON3; 8285/1006	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed October 5, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. 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 Scott W. Brim on behalf of all attorneys of record. All attorneys/agents have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

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

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

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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 10/05/2009.

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

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Application No. 12/548,253	:	PURSUANT TO
Filed: August 26, 2009	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.57(A)
Attorney Docket No. 347514US41CONT	:	
Title: COMPRESSED HEAT INSULATION	:	
HOUSING	:	

This is a decision on the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.57(a), filed on September 28, 2009, requesting that both the above-referenced application and six pages of concurrently filed drawings be accorded a filing date of August 26, 2009.

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on August 26, 2009. However, on September 11, 2009, the Office of Data Management mailed Petitioner a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," notifying Petitioner that the application papers had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings.

In response, Petitioner timely filed this petition, where it is acknowledged that the drawings were inadvertently omitted on submission of the present application. Petitioner has suggested, however, that the inadvertently omitted drawings were constructively present on filing however, due to a benefit claim that was present on filing.

It is noted that the Application Data Sheet (ADS) that was included on filing contains a benefit claim, and as such, this application claims the benefit of prior filed U.S. Non-provisional Application No. 10/483,406.

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 MPEP § 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.

It follows that no petition is required.

It is noted that Petitioner has submitted six pages of drawings, along with an amendment directing the entry of the same. This amendment will, of course, be reviewed by the examiner in due course for new matter,[1] where the examiner will compare the drawing to that contained in prior-filed Application No. 10/483,406 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 Application No. 10/483,406.

To the extent the present petition requests a filing date of

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1 See MPEP §§ 608.02(h) and 608.04.

August 26, 2009 with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee will be refunded to Petitioner's Credit Card in due course.

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

- **correction of the filing date to August 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**.

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.

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Attorney Docket No. HAUS.01USU1	:	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 26, 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 declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1615 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/548,336	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 26, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. HAUS.02US01	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed August 26, 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 declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1796 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No.: 12/548,408
Filed: August 26, 2009
Attorney Docket No: **10443-003**

: DECISION ACCORDING
: RULE 47(a) STATUS

For: MAGNITUDE-SQUARED COHERENCE FILTERING IN A TIME DIFFERENCE OF ARRIVAL (TDOA) OR GROUP DELAY INTERFEROMETRIC GEOLOCATION SYSTEM

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed April 2, 2010.

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-cited application was filed on August 26, 2009, without a properly executed declaration. On September 9, 2009, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application requiring, a proper declaration and payment of a surcharge. The instant petition was filed responsively on April 2, 2010, with a request for an extension of time within the fifth month.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Keel has constructively refused to join the prosecution of 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 :
Finney, White, Keel :
Application No.: 12/548,408 : LETTER
Filed: August 26, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No: **10443-003** :
For: MAGNITUDE-SQUARED COHERENCE FILTERING IN A TIME DIFFERENCE OF ARRIVAL (TDOA) OR GROUP DELAY INTERFEROMETRIC GEOLOCATION SYSTEM

Dear Mr. Keel:

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 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, 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 Attorney Kenya A. McLaughlin at (571) 272-3222. 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
James E. Taylor

Application No. 12549187

Filed: August 27,2009

Attorney Docket No. TAYJ2-25112

: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 23-APR-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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In re Application of XIAO et al. Application No. 11/377,236 Filed: 03/15/2006 Attorney Docket No. 021653-015100US	: : : : :	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed July 27, 2007 (certificate of mailing July 24, 2007).

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

Petitioners showed that the non-signing inventors either refused or could not be located after diligent efforts to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been mailed the application papers.

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 present petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The matter is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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XIAO et al.	:	LETTER
Application No. 11/377,236	:	
Filed: 03/15/2006	:	
Attorney Docket No. 021653-015100US	:	

Dear Mr. Chen:

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.

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 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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In re Application of :
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Application No. 11/377,236 :
Filed: 03/15/2006 :
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LETTER

Dear Mr. Lee:

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.

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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 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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In re Application of	:	
Robert ALONSO, et al	:	
Application No. 12/549,258	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 27, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. YAUP-194US1	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 29, 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 Peter A. Crooks. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

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

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 1627 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
TRIEL, EGON et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/549,364	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2008006US	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: HIGH ASPECT RATIO SURGICAL	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
ANCHOR AND METHOD OF USE	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program 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 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 $130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition comply with the above requirements. Receipt of the requested document is acknowledged and has been entered. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status. Response must be filed via the Electronic Filing System (EFS) with the Document Code PPH.PET.652

Currently, the application is undergoing pre-examination processing. Once it is released for examination, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision. 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 the Supervisory Patent Examiner Chuck Marmor, Art Unit 3735, at 571-272-4730 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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571-272-4856

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12/549,364	08/28/2009	Egon Triel	2008006-US	8883

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TRIEL, EGON et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/549,364	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2008006US	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: HIGH ASPECT RATIO SURGICAL	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
ANCHOR AND METHOD OF USE	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a modified decision to the previous decision mailed on October 9, 2009 in response to request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed October 5, 2009, to make the above-identified application special. The decision of October 9, 2009 in granting the request for participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) is hereby withdrawn for the following reason. The withdrawal of the grant decision is regretted.

The request is 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 DKPTO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the DKPTO application(s);
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(7) The required petition fee $130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition met all conditions except Items #3 above. The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition fail to include:
An amendment to cancel the rejected claim 8 by the DKPTO. Current, there is no formal amendment to cancel claim 8 in the file. In order to participate in PPH program between the DKPTO and USPTO, an amendment to cancel rejected claim 8 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.

Response must be filed via EFS-Web. Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, at 571-272-4856.

Request is dismissed.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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Application No. 12/549,364	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: Aug. 8, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2008006-US	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: HIGH ASPECT RATIO SURGICAL	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
ANCHOR AND METHOD OF USE	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program 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 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);
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(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the 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 Jackie Ho, SPE of Art Unit 3773, 571-272-4696.

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

/Henry C. Yuen/

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/549,451	08/28/2009	Vinay Bhaskar Jammu	237117-2	9028

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In re Application of	:	
JAMMU et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/549,451	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 28 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 237117-2	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 28 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 2 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 702/113) 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 2, petitioner should note that a review of the application claims has been made for the purposes of determining the number of claims contained therein. This application contains more than 20 total claims. As set forth in the Notice, if the application contains more than 3 independent claims or more than 20 total claims, it will not be eligible to participate in the "Pilot Program for Green Technologies Including Greenhouse Gas Reduction."

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 2863 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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JAMMU et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/549,451	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 28 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 237117-2	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 21 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 Request for Renewed Petition filed 21 June 2010 is being considered as a new petition since the Petition file 28 December 2009 was not dismissed solely based on the failure to meet the classification requirement.

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.

Items 5 and 8 were previously satisfied by the petition filed 28 December 2009. Accordingly, the instant petition complies with items 1 – 8 above. 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 2863 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
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In re Application of	:	
Koons et al.	:	
Application No. 12/549,575	:	ON PETITION
Filing: August 28, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 89.3943	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed November 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 (PTO/SB/130 form) by the applicant 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 2442 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re application of	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Takahiro Osuki et al.	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Serial No. 12/549,639	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	PROGRAM AND
For: AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL	:	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 August 28, 2009.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

(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 currently undergoing pre-examination processing, and will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits upon completion of the processing.

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.

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Application No. 12/549,736	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. PBC-0088.01	:	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 01, 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.

Michael Horabik
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In re Application of
Masaya HIRASHIMA
Application No.: 12/549,809
Filed: 28 August 2009
Attorney Docket No.: SUTOSH.454AUS
For: STACKING CONNECTOR AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE

: 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 12 January 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 once the formalities review has been completed.

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Application No. 12/549,822	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 2609-01901	:	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 28, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

The instant petition includes a statement by an attorney on behalf of the applicant that he/she is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to 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 1797 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Kimberly Inabinet
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Application No. 12/549,849	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 25, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. SUTOSH.450AUS	:	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 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 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.

/Michael Horabik/

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CURTIN, Gerald Jr., et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/549,937	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 19441-0375	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 28, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

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

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

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

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

The petition lacks item(s) 1 and 5 above for the reasons explained in more detail below.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 700/286) 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.

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 Eddie C. Lee at 571-272-1732.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2121 for action in its regular turn.

/Eddie C. Lee/

Eddie C. Lee
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Application No. 12/549,937	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
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Attorney Docket No. 19441-0375	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed 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.

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	:	
CARDINAL, Mark et. al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/549,966	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 19441-0379	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 28, 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

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

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

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 700/291) 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.

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 Eddie C. Lee at 571-272-1732.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2121 for action in its regular turn.

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In re Application of CARDINAL, Mark et. al. Application No. 12/549,966 Filed: August 28, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 19441-0379	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed 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.

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
Tatsuyuki Moriya
Application No. 12/550,030
Filed: August 28, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 200277-0030

: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This is a decision on the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(b) on November 24, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED.**

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to respond, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any response should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" and may include an oath or declaration executed by the 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 August 28, 2009. The application named Tatsuyuki Moriya as the sole inventor but was filed without an executed oath or declaration. A Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed September 15, 2009 requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) was filed with a one month extension of time and argues that the inventor refuses to execute the oath or declaration and by his actions to cooperate with the filing of the instant application.

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

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration 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 is accompanied by proof that the application materials have been presented to the non-signing sole inventor, and that he has not returned an executed oath or declaration. The petition is also accompanied by the petition fee, the last known address for the non-signing inventor and a declaration executed by Tokinobu Wakabayashio, General Manager of Intellectual Property Department, Juki Corporation, on behalf of Juki Corporation, and in the absence of a signature by the sole inventor, a copy of the EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT previously executed by the sole inventor to show proprietary interest and a statement that the application is filed to preserve the applicants rights in the application and to prevent irreparable harm.

The petition fails however, because while petitioners have provided a copy of an assignment signed by the non-signing sole inventor, there does not appear to be a valid statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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In re Application of
Tatsuyuki Moriya
Application No. 12/550,030
Filed: August 28, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 200277-0030

: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed March 8, 2010 under 37 CFR 1.47(b).[1]

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was filed on August 28, 2009. The application named Tatsuyuki Moriya as the sole inventor but was filed without an executed oath or declaration. A Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed September 15, 2009 requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration. In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) was filed November 24, 2009 with a one month extension of time and argued that the inventor refused to execute the oath or declaration and by his actions to cooperate with the filing of the instant application.

The petition was accompanied by proof that the application materials had been presented to the non-signing sole inventor, and that he has not returned an executed oath or declaration. The petition was also accompanied by the petition fee, the last known address for the non-signing inventor and a declaration executed by Tokinobu Wakabayashio, General Manager of Intellectual Property Department, Juki Corporation, on behalf of Juki Corporation, and in the absence of a signature by the sole inventor, a copy of the EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT previously executed by the sole inventor to

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show proprietary interest and a statement that the application is filed to preserve the applicants rights in the application and to prevent irreparable harm.

The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed January 15, 2010 because the assignee had not established its right to take action in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

In response thereof, petitioner has filed a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

All requirements under 37 CFR 1.47(b) therefore having been met, as provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

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

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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Hartmut SCHOLTE-WASSINK,	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/550,123	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 28 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 237720 (22402-172)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 14 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.

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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 Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 14 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**.

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Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

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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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Robert E. CAVANAUGH	:	
Application No. 12/550,570	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **58895/P003C1/10907834**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 19, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

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

The request was signed by Thomas Kelton on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with customer No. 29053. All attorneys/agents associated have been withdrawn. Applicant is reminded that there is no attorney of record at this time.

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

There are no outstanding office actions at this time.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4231.

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Applicant: TUSCHL *et al.*
Appl. No.: 12/550579
Filing Date: August 31, 2009
U.S. Publication No.: US 2010/0087512 A1
Pub. Date: April 8, 2010
Title: MICRORNA MOLECULES
Attorney Docket No.: 2923-981

This is in response to the "Petition under 37 CFR 1.14(i)" which was received on March 9, 2010 for the above-identified application.

The petition is before the Office of Patent Legal Administration for decision.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

DECISION

37 CFR 1.14(a) (iii) states:

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Accordingly, because the above identified application published as U.S. Publication No.: US 2010/0087512 A1, on April 8, 2010, the petition is dismissed as moot.

CONCLUSION

1. The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

2. Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7759.

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In re Application of: YAMADA, SHOHEI
Application No. 12550580
Filed: August 31, 2009
For: BASE STATION DEVICE, MOBILE STATION DEVICE, CONTROL INFORMATION TRANSMISSION METHOD, CONTROL INFORMATION RECEPTION METHOD AND PROGRAM

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 February 18, 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;

(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 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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RITTER et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/550,585	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 31 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 237929	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 14 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 1 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 361/055) 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 2836 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Pub. Date: April 8, 2010
Title: MICRORNA MOLECULES
Attorney Docket No.: 2923-984

This is in response to the "Petition under 37 CFR 1.14(i)" which was received on March 9, 2010 for the above-identified application.

The petition is before the Office of Patent Legal Administration for decision.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

DECISION

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Accordingly, because the above identified application published as U.S. Publication No.: US 2010/0087513 A1, on April 8, 2010, the petition is dismissed as moot.

CONCLUSION

1. The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

2. Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7759.

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Title: MICRORNA MOLECULES
Attorney Docket No.: 2923-982

This is in response to the "Petition under 37 CFR 1.14(i)" which was received on March 9, 2010 for the above-identified application.

The petition is before the Office of Patent Legal Administration for decision.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

DECISION

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Accordingly, because the above identified application published as U.S. Publication No.: US 2010/0113561 A1, on May 6, 2010, the petition is dismissed as moot.

CONCLUSION

1. The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

2. Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7759.

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Title: MICRORNA MOLECULES
Attorney Docket No.: 2923-983

This is in response to the "Petition under 37 CFR 1.14(i)" which was received on March 9, 2010 for the above-identified application.

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Accordingly, because the above identified application published as U.S. Publication No.: US 2010/0093837 A1, on April 15, 2010, the petition is dismissed as moot.

CONCLUSION

1. The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

2. Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7759.

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	:	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 18, 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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Applicant: TUSCHL *et al.*
Appl. No.: 12/550704
Filing Date: August 31, 2009
U.S. Publication No.: US 2010/0099748 A1
Pub. Date: April 22, 2010
Title: MICRORNA MOLECULES
Attorney Docket No.: 2923-985

This is in response to the "Petition under 37 CFR 1.14(i)" which was received on March 9, 2010 for the above-identified application.

The petition is before the Office of Patent Legal Administration for decision.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

DECISION

37 CFR 1.14(a) (iii) states:

> *Published pending applications.* A copy of the application-as-filed, the file contents of the application, or a specific document in the file of a pending application that has been published as a patent application publication may be provided to any person upon request, and payment of the appropriate fee set forth in § 1.19(b). If a redacted copy of the application was used for the patent application publication, the copy of the specification, drawings, and papers may be limited to a redacted copy. The Office will not provide access to the paper file of a pending application that has been published, except as provided in paragraph (c) or (i) of this section.

37 CFR 1.14(b) states:

> (b) *Electronic access to an application.* Where a copy of the application file or access to the application may be made available pursuant to this section, the Office may at its discretion provide access to only an electronic copy of the specification, drawings, and file contents of the application.

MPEP § 103 (I) states:

> The USPTO adopted an electronic data processing system for the storage and maintenance of all records associated with patent applications. All new applications filed on or after June 30, 2003 are stored in this system as an Image File Wrapper (IFW), and the IFW is the official record of the application. Similarly, as earlier filed pending applications are loaded into the IFW system, the electronic record will be the official record of the application. There is no corresponding paper file wrapper for IFW applications. When access to IFW applications is available to the public in the File Information Unit (FIU) and/or over the Internet, the public will be able to access pending and abandoned published patent applications pursuant to 37 CFR 1.14(a)(1)(ii) and (iii). If an application is an IFW application and FIU/Internet access is not yet available for IFW applications, then the file itself will not be available to the public for inspection. However, copies of the application file may be obtained pursuant to 37 CFR 1.14(a)(1)(ii) and (iii).

MPEP § 103 (II) states:

> If a patent application has been published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b), then a copy of the specification, drawings, and all papers relating to the file of that published application (whether abandoned or pending) may be provided to any person upon written request and payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.19(b). See 37 CFR 1.14(a)(1)(ii) and (iii). If a redacted copy of the application was used for the patent application publication, the copy of the application will be limited to the redacted copy of the application and the redacted materials provided under 37 CFR 1.217(d).
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> See paragraph I., above, for information pertaining to access to Image File Wrapper (IFW) applications. Published applications maintained in the IFW system are available on the USPTO's Internet website in the public Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. If the published patent application is pending and it is not maintained in the IFW system, the paper application file itself will not be available to the public for inspection. Only copies of the application file may be obtained pursuant to 37 CFR 1.14(a)(1)(iii). If the published patent application is abandoned, the entire application is available to the public for inspection and obtaining copies. See 37 CFR 1.11(a).

Accordingly, because the above identified application published as U.S. Publication No.: US 2010/0099748 A1, on April 22, 2010, the petition is dismissed as moot.

CONCLUSION

1. The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

2. Inquiries relating to this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7759.

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In re Application of	:	
Kumar et al	:	
Application No. 12/550,790	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 236932 (22402-179)	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
	:	PILOT PROGRAM

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 application must be directed to a single invention that either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) that materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed

invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

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

The petition lacks items 1 and 5 as explained below.

This application has been classified in an area (USPC 700/287) 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.

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 Layla Lauchman at 571-272-2418.

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 2121 for action in its regular turn.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

Ramesh Krishnamurthy
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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	:	
KUMAR, Vivek et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/550,790	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 236932 (22402-179)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 18, 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.

/Eddie C. Lee/

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In re Application of
Chik Szeto

Application No. 12550851

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. BARRY 0901

: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 31-AUG-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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Ricky C. BROWN, et al	:	
Application No. 12/550,890	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 2609-01801	:	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 31, 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 Jonathan M. Pierce, 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 Data Management for processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

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In re Application of
Carl J. Witkowski, et al.
Application No. 12/550,963
Filed: August 31, 2009
Attorney Docket No. GIA-09-010C

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed December 30, 2009, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been corrected to reflect the change in the order of the named inventors. A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the desired order of the named inventors, accompanies this decision on petition.

As authorized, the $400 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 has been assessed to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2457 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

Sherry D. Brinkley
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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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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CON of 12/255,319 10/21/2008 PAT 7,590,744
which is a CIP of 10/905,102 12/15/2004 ABN

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 09/10/2009

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/550,963**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No
**** SMALL ENTITY ****

Title

Electronic device and remote computer system and method for controlling remote communications

Preliminary Class

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/550,986
Filed: August 31, 2009
Attorney Docket No. GIA-09-011C

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed December 30, 2009, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been corrected to reflect the change in the order of the named inventors. A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the desired order of the named inventors, accompanies this decision on petition.

As authorized, the $400 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 has been assessed to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2446 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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Foreign Applications

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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 12/550,986**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Simplex communications parameters of remote sessions system and method for controlling remote communications

Preliminary Class

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In re Application of	:	
VITTAL et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/550,988	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 31 August 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 235369 (22402-149)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 28 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 1 above.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been docketed in an area (USPC 702/184) 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 2857 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Attorney Docket No. 235369 (22402-149)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 28 December 2009 and renewed on 17 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 (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 Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2857 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: YAMADA, SHOHEI et al.
Application No. 12551016
Filed: August 31, 2009
For: RADIO COMMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND MOBILE STATION DEVICE

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 May 26, 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:

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

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are now 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.

/Hassan Kizou/

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In re Application of	:	
Carl J. Witkowski, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/551,041	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. GIA-09-014C	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed October 30, 2009, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been corrected to reflect the change in the order of the named inventors. A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the desired order of the named inventors, accompanies this decision on petition.

As authorized, the $400 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 has been assessed to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2457 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

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Filed: August 31, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 1609-0228PUS4	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 15, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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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 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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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 3672 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/551,082	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 29, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Neustel Law Offices, LTD. was filed by the applicant of the patent application on April 08, 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 above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4231.

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In re Application of: UEMURA, KATSUNARI et al.
Application No. 12551125
Filed: August 31, 2009
For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING MOBILE STATION TO BASE STATION, MOBILE STATION, BASE STATION, MULTI-CARRIER MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND RANDOM ACCESS CHANNEL MAPPING METHOD

DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 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 March 12, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **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 failed items (3) above. Claim 5 of the U.S. application does not sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim 1 in the JPO application. Claim 5 of the U.S. application recites: *"the mobile station is configured to: when the communication resource for transmitting the control channel in the uplink line is assigned to the mobile station within the period, use the control channel in the uplink line to request the transmission data of the mobile station to the base station."* Claim 1 of the JPO application on the other hand recites: *"the mobile station is configured to: when the communication resource for transmitting the control channel in the uplink line is assigned to the mobile station within the period, use the control channel in the uplink line to request the communication resource assignment information for the transmission data of the mobile station to the base station."* These two statements are different and give the claims different scopes.

Accordingly, 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.

Responses must be 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 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.

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Application No. 12551125
Filed: August 31, 2009
For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING MOBILE STATION TO BASE STATION, MOBILE STATION, BASE STATION, MULTI-CARRIER MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND RANDOM ACCESS CHANNEL MAPPING 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 May 27, 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 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 were previously dismissed because claim 5 of the U.S. application did not sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim 1 in the JPO application. This deficiency corrected by the preliminary amendment filed May 27, 2010.
The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are now 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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Heller et al.	:	
Application No. 12/551,192	:	ON PETITION
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. TS-02-163C12	:	

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 1657 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: KANNO et al.
Application No. 12/551,213
Filed: 08/31/2009
For: Memory system and control method thereof

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 January 15, 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 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:
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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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(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. Items 2 and 3above. Specifically,

On January 15, 2010, a "Proposed Amendment" appears as part of the Request for Patent Prosecution Highway. In this amendment, claim 17 was amended and claims 41-44 were added. There is no correspondence for these claims in the file.

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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Application No. 12/551,213
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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 April 29, 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:

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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.

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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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Filed: Aug. 31, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ASSEMBLING A PITCH ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN A WIND TURBINE		

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 416/147) 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.

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DANIELS, JEFFREY MICHAEL et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/551248	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 237447 (22402-180)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed June 18, 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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Gunnerman et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/551,264	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 8/31/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **015736-001000US**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/29/2010, 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

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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 208/016.000) 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.

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).

2) Superiority of types of subject matter (e.g. chemical subject matter controls over electrical subject matter).

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.

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. 12/551,264	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
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Attorney Docket No. **015736-001000US**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 5/26/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1797 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: YAMADA, SHOHEI et al.
Application No. 12551290
Filed: August 31, 2009
For: RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND MOBILE STATION DEVICE

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 June 17, 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 Japanese application(s), (b) an English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s), if the claims were published in a language other than English); and (c) a statement that the English translation is accurate.

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and Applicant must submit a claim correspondence table in English.

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

(5) Applicant must submit: (a) a copy of all the office action(s) (which are relevant to patentability), excluding "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the Japanese application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s), (b) an English language translation of the JPO office action(s) (if the office action(s) are not in the English language) 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 filed in this application) and (b) copies of all the documents cited in the JPO office action, except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already filed in this application).

(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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In re Application of: KATO, YASUYUKI et al.
Application No. 12551298
Filed: August 31, 2009
For: MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, BASE STATION APPARATUS AND MOBILE STATION APPARATUS

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

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed June 30, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

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

(1) The U.S. application is:
   (a) a Paris Convention application which either (i) validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and 37 CFR 1.55 to one or more applications filed in the JPO, or (ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
   (b) a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application (i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or (ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or (iii) contains no priority claim, or
   (c) a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111 (a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application (i) validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or (ii) validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or (iii) contains no priority claim.

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

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of: (a) the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the Japanese application(s), (b) an English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s), if the claims were published in a language other than English); and (c) a statement that the English translation is accurate.

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and Applicant must submit a claim correspondence table in English.

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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 filed in this application) and (b) copies of all the documents cited in the JPO office action, except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already filed in this application).

(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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	:	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 5, 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;
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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.

The application is undergoing pre-examination processing. Once it is released for examination, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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. 12/551,351	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 1609-0179PUS2	:	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 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;
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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 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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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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Application No. 12/551,368	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **1609-0179PUS3**	:	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 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 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 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 office actions from JPO have been provided for JPO application 2009-053986 and

correspondence to the claims of the instant application shown. However, the relationship of the above JPO application and that of JPO application 2005-314429 or PCT/JP2006/321563 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.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Any response must be submitted via EFS-web.

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

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

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Attorney Docket No. **1609-0179PUS3**	:	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 February 18, 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;
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(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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

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

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

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

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/551,385	08/31/2009	Yasuhiro Hamaguchi	1609-0179PUS4	2589

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Application No. 12/551,385	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **1609-0179PUS4**	:	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 18, 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:

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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 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	:	
Michael F. Deconcills	:	
Application No. 12/551,521	:	NOTICE
Filed: August 31, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. **0079-US-D1**	:	

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 **NOT ACCEPTED**.

The fee deficiency cannot be accepted because no itemization has been submitted, as required by 37 CFR 1.28(C) (ii) which states:

(2) Payment of deficiency owed. The deficiency owed, resulting from the previous erroneous payment of small entity fees, must be paid.

(ii) *Itemization of the deficiency payment.* An itemization of the total deficiency payment is required. The itemization must include the following information:

(A) Each particular type of fee that was erroneously paid as a small entity, (e.g., basic statutory filing fee, two-month extension of time fee) along with the current fee amount for non-small entity;

(B) The small entity fee actually paid, and when. This will permit the Office to differentiate, for example, between two one-month extension of time fees erroneously paid as a small entity but on different dates;

(C) The deficiency owed amount (for each fee erroneously paid); and

(D) The total deficiency payment owed, which is the sum or total of the individual deficiency owed amounts set forth in paragraph (c)(2)(ii)(C) of this section.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to Tredelle Jackson at (571) 272-2783.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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Michael F. DeConcilis :
Application Number: 12/551525 :
Filing or 371(c) Date: 08/31/2009 :
Attorney Docket Number: 0079-US-D2 :

NOTICE

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 filed on November 17, 2009.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue patent 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 patent is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this patent must be paid at the large entity rate.

The address in the petition is different from the correspondence address. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address in the petition. All future correspondence, however, will be mailed solely to the address of record.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

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Douglas Wood
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Application No. 12/551,533
Filed: August 31, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 0079-US-11

DECISION

This is a decision on the fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28(c), filed November 17, 2009.

The fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 of $628 is hereby **accepted**.

The change of status to large entity has been entered.

The application is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2468 for docketing and examination in due course.

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

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Anthony Karo
Application No. 12/551,597
Filed: September 1, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 202773.00010

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 February 15, 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 Scott M. Oldham on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer Number 21324.

All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 21324 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 Anthony Karo at the address list listed in the request.

There is no outstanding Office action that requires a reply from the applicant.

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

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Filed: September 1, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 210.0005	:	

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 Terri Johnson at (571) 272-2991.

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KADONO, SHINYA, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/551,799	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 1, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **2009_1372**	:	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 10, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
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(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 KADONO, SHINYA, et al. Application No. 12/551,813 Filed: September 1, 2009 Attorney Docket No. **2009_1373**	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed September 10, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
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(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; 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 :
Samuel T. Kelly et al :
Application No. 12/552,060 : NOTICE
Filed: September 1, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. 048044.00002

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: Takahiro OZAKI
Application No. 12552143
Filed: September 1, 2009
For: NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND NODE DEVICE AND MANAGEMENT APPARATUS THEREOF

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

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed March 9, 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;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

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

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(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in

the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

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

The request to participate in the PPH program and petition are found to comply with 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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In re Application of:
VAGELOS, TED
Serial No.: 12/552,170
Filed: September 1, 2009
Docket: CTZ-001C4
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED TELEPHONE SERVICES

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

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

With respect to item II.5.2 above, based upon the claimed subject matter of the instant application, a search in the following classes and subclasses is recommended in order to provide full coverage of where the most pertinent references are most likely to be found: Class 370 subclasses 352-356, 522 and 526 to cover subject matter recited in claims 1-9.

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:
VAGELOS, TED
Serial No.: 12/552,170
Filed: September 1, 2009
Docket: CTZ-001C4
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED TELEPHONE SERVICES

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 16, 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 September 1, 2009 was dismissed in the decision mailed on October 23, 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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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: KITSUNAI K.
Application No. 12/552,422
Filed: September 2, 2009
For: Memory system and control method thereof.

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 19, 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 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 2 above. Specifically,

The Statement of accuracy of Translation is not properly executed. In the statement there are missing and overlapping words. A new statement is required.

The Petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

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

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

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

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

/Mano Padmanabhan/

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In re Application of: EVANS, GREGORY M. et al Serial No.: 12/552,477 Filed: September 2, 2009 Title: **SKIP FEATURE FOR A BROADCASE OR MULTICASE MEDIA STATION**	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 September 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 **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, 6.2 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: 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: 348/24; 386/92,94,96,997,103,104,108; 370/216,270; 381/1,2; 700/94; 455/3.01,3.03,3.04,3.06,150.1; 709/230; 725/86,94,97. Also regarding the search, additional terms should include keywords such as: (tune, select, surf, choose, scan or browse) with (channel, station, program, broadcast, source, radio, television, stream); (break-in, override, alert, warn or notify) with (emergency, priority data/stream/channel/alert); and (shift, timeshift, record, buffer, queue, cache, delay) with (channel, station, program, broadcast, source, radio, television, stream, audio, video, music, song or show).

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.

Regarding the requirement in item 6.2 above, the Accelerated Examination Support Document is deficient in section 9(b) because, for each reference cited in the IDS, applicant has not include an identification for all of the limitations in the claims that are disclosed by the reference specifying where the limitation is disclosed in the cited reference. Only 2 out of 6 references cited on the IDS were discussed in detail.

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 provisional application 61/173624. The petitioner has not provided a showing of support for this benefit application. Therefore, an updated accelerated examination support document must be provided which shows where each limitation of the claims finds support in each of these benefit applications as well.

DECISION

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

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

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

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Doris To, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7629.

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In re Application of: EVANS, GREGORY M., et al Serial No.: 12/552,477 Filed: September 2, 2009 Attorney Docket No: **1116-231** Title: **SKIP FEATURE FOR A BROADCAST OR MULTICAST MEDIA STATION**	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 16, 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 September 17, 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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Application No. 12/552,507	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 2, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. P0036357.00/LG10093	:	

This is a decision on the request filed May 26, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee), requesting refund of the filing fee.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner asserts an unintended duplicate filing via EFS-Web.

37 CFR 1.26(a) states, in part: "The Director may refund any fee paid by mistake or in excess of that required. A change of purpose after the payment of a fee, such as when a party desires to withdraw a patent filing for which the fee was paid, including an application, an appeal, or a request for an oral hearing, will not entitle a party to a refund of such fee."

However, the Office may find a mistake pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26, waive the presumption in 37 CFR 1.26 that applications are not entitled to filing fee refunds, and refund the filing fees associated with unintended duplicate application filings via EFS-Web when the following conditions have been met:

(1) Applicant must certify that they had filed the duplicate application(s) prior to receiving appropriate confirmation from the Office that the initial application filing via EFS-Web was received by the Office;

(2) the request for a refund must be filed within three months from the filing date of the first application receiving an appropriate acknowledgement;

(3) the request must include a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director that the duplicate application was intended to be the original application;

(4) the duplicate application must have been filed via EFS-Web on or after March 16, 2006;

(5) the request must list the other application(s) of which the instant application is deemed to be a "duplicate"; and

(6) the request should include a statement of express abandonment of the instant application as it was filed in error.

When the above conditions have been met, the Office will generally accept the statement as an assertion that the duplicate application was filed by mistake without requiring further information.

The instant petition lacks items (2), (3), (5) and (6) above.

Accordingly, the petition for refund of a duplicate filing fee under 37 CFR 1.181 cannot be granted at this time.

As to item (2), as an alternative, petitioner may wish to file a declaration of express abandonment of the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.138(d) to obtain a refund of the search and excess claims fees. A copy of form PTO/SB/24B is provided for petitioner's convenience. Petitioner is advised to file the declaration without delay as the express abandonment can only be processed before an examination has been made of the application. Thereafter, petitioner cannot obtain a refund of such fees except as provided in 37 CFR 1.26.

Additionally, the request for refund should only be filed in the unintended duplicate application that applicant wishes to be abandoned.

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

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Application No. 12/552,590	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/2/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **H0019744-01**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/9/2009, 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 208/057.000) 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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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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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).

2) Superiority of types of subject matter (e.g. chemical subject matter controls over electrical subject matter).

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." Within each class, the highest appropriate subclass will also be used to determine original classification.

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). It is also pointed out that there are no claims directed to Fuels per se (Class 44) but rather all claims are directed to producing hydrocarbon products.

Based on the criteria above, the current Original classification should be in Class 585/733 (Producing paraffins from non-hydrocarbon feeds). 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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Application No. 12/552,612	:	RESPONSE TO PETITION
Filed: September 02, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. LTC-134-B	:	

This is a response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed September 03, 2009, to expunge information submitted under MPEP 724.05(II).

The petition under CFR 1.59(a) is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner requests expungement of the drawing figures submitted September 2, 2009.

37 CFR 1.59(a)(2) states:

> Information forming part of the original disclosure (i.e., written specification including the claims, drawings, and any preliminary amendment specifically incorporated into an executed oath or declaration under §§ 1.63 and 1.175) will not be expunged from the application file.

MPEP 724.05 IV states:

> A petition to expunge a part of the original disclosure must be filed under 37 CFR 1.183, since such a request requires a waiver of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.59(a). Petitions under 37 CFR 1.183 should be directed to the Office of Petitions. The petition must explain why justice requires waiver of the rules to permit the requested material to be expunged. It should be noted that petitions to expunge information which is a part of the original disclosure, such as the specification and drawings, will ordinarily not be favorably entertained. The original disclosures of applications are scanned for record keeping purposes. Accordingly, the grant of a petition to expunge information which is part of the original disclosure would require that the USPTO record of the originally filed, application be changed, which may not be possible.

As the drawing figures submitted September 2, 2009 form part of the original disclosure petitioner is required to submit a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 requesting waiver of 37 CFR 1.59. See MPEP 724.05 IV, *supra*.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ella Colbert at 571-272-6051 or in her absence David A. Bucci at (571) 272-7099.

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In re Application of	:	
Ricardo D. Roman et al	:	
Application No. 12/552,617	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 2, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. P0036359.00/LG10093	:	

This is a decision on the request filed May 26, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee), requesting refund of the filing fee.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner asserts an unintended duplicate filing via EFS-Web.

37 CFR 1.26(a) states, in part: "The Director may refund any fee paid by mistake or in excess of that required. A change of purpose after the payment of a fee, such as when a party desires to withdraw a patent filing for which the fee was paid, including an application, an appeal, or a request for an oral hearing, will not entitle a party to a refund of such fee."

However, the Office may find a mistake pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26, waive the presumption in 37 CFR 1.26 that applications are not entitled to filing fee refunds, and refund the filing fees associated with unintended duplicate application filings via EFS-Web when the following conditions have been met:

(1) Applicant must certify that they had filed the duplicate application(s) prior to receiving appropriate confirmation from the Office that the initial application filing via EFS-Web was received by the Office;

(2) the request for a refund must be filed within three months from the filing date of the first application receiving an appropriate acknowledgement;

(3) the request must include a statement which attests on a personal knowledge basis or to the satisfaction of the Director that the duplicate application was intended to be the original application;

(4) the duplicate application must have been filed via EFS-Web on or after March 16, 2006;

(5) the request must list the other application(s) of which the instant application is deemed to be a "duplicate"; and

(6) the request should include a statement of express abandonment of the instant application as it was filed in error.

When the above conditions have been met, the Office will generally accept the statement as an assertion that the duplicate application was filed by mistake without requiring further information.

The instant petition lacks items (2), (3), (5) and (6) above.

Accordingly, the petition for refund of a duplicate filing fee under 37 CFR 1.181 cannot be granted at this time.

As to item (2), as an alternative, petitioner may wish to file a declaration of express abandonment of the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.138(d) to obtain a refund of the search and excess claims fees. A copy of form PTO/SB/24B is provided for petitioner's convenience. Petitioner is advised to file the declaration without delay as the express abandonment can only be processed before an examination has been made of the application. Thereafter, petitioner cannot obtain a refund of such fees except as provided in 37 CFR 1.26.

Additionally, the request for refund should only be filed in the unintended duplicate application that applicant wishes to be abandoned.

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

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Attn: Office of Petitions

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

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In re Application of	:	
Casasso et al.	:	
Application Number: 12/552709	:	ON PETITION
Filed: 09/02/2009	:	
Attorney Docket Number: 060.0255US	:	
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This is a decision on the "PETITION TO ADD INADVERTENTLY OMITTED MATERIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.57(a)," filed on November 23, 2009, which is treated as a petition requesting that the above-identified application, without drawings, be accorded a filing date of September 2, 2009. This petition is being treated pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2)[1].

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on September 2, 2009. However, on September 23, 2009, 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. An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 was also required. In response, applicants timely filed this petition, accompanied by one (1) sheet of drawings and an declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63. Petitioners request that the application be amended to include the inadvertently omitted drawings on the basis that the application as filed contained a prior benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.

Petitioners' arguments and evidence have been considered. However, a review of the application confirms that, as filed, the application contained at least one method claim. MPEP 601.01(f) provides that:

> It has been USPTO practice to treat an application that contains at least one process or method claim as an application for which a drawing is not necessary for an understanding of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

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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.

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

Accordingly, the Office should have granted the application a filing date and mailed a Notice of Omitted Items instead of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP 601.01(g) under the section entitled, "Application Entitled to a Filing Date," applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

> [i]f an application was filed on or after September 21, 2004, and contains a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application that was present on the filing date of the application, and the omitted portion of the drawing(s) was inadvertently omitted from the application and is completely contained in the prior-filed application[.]

Please note that no petition is required and that the amendment must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17. Petitioners may wish to consider filing a preliminary amendment to enter the inadvertently omitted drawings. If a preliminary amendment is filed, it will be reviewed for new matter by the examiner.

To the extent the instant petition requests a filing date of September 2, 2009, with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee is being refunded.

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

- **correction of the filing date to September 2, 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 Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (571) 272-3231.

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Shigeo Yoshii et al	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/552,735	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 02 September 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 061352-0271	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: RESISTIVE NONVOLATILE MEMORY ELEMENT, AND PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE SAME	**: 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d), filed 15 September 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

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 <u>not</u> begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
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        i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
        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 C.F.R. 1.17(h).

This request to participate in the PPH program and petition is assessed as follows:

Requirements 1-5 and 7 above are considered to have been met.
However, the request to participate in the PPH program fails to meet requirement 6.

Regarding requirement 6, Petitioner has not submitted an IDS listing all relevant prior art cited in the corresponding JPO decision to grant. Specifically, the following references have neither been listed nor supplied:

WO2005/041303

WO2004/027877
JP2004-281497
JP2006-203178
JP2007-116166

Applicant must submit a supplemental IDS listing the above references, as well as copies of the references, along with a new petition to make special, in the time frame noted below to correct the deficiency in order to be granted special status for the instant application.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the "Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program between the JPO and the USPTO" filed 15 September 2009 is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

Applicant is given a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be filed via the Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Darren Schuberg at 571 272-2044

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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Shigeo Yoshii et al	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
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Filed: 02 September 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 061352-0271	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: RESISTIVE NONVOLATILE MEMORY ELEMENT, AND PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE SAME	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the 2nd request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 30 October 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
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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
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        ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
        iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;

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

This request to participate in the PPH program and petition is assessed as follows:

In light of applicant's IDS filing, along with copies of the foreign references, on 10/30/09, conditions 1-7 are considered to have been met. Therefore, 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 Darren Schuberg at 571 272 2044.

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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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 02, 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 Jack Hillard attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

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

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

This application is being referred 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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In re Application of: Wenpeng Zhao et al.
Application No. 12/552,988
Filed: September 02, 2009
Docket: 11005.0154
For: **METHOD, DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGAING CONTENTS OF VOD SERVICES**

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

This is a decision on the petition to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02 (VIII): filed September 02, 2009.

The petition 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 Christopher Grant, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-7294. A second point of Contact is Chau Nguyen at (571)-272-3126.

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Jay Hyung SONG, et al.	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/553,001	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 02 September 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 2080-3647C1	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 08 September 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED**.

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 KIPO, or
        ii. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)/365(a) 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 under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) to an application filed in the KIPO, or

ii. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) 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 under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) to an application filed in the KIPO, or
   ii. validly claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 365(b) 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 KR application(s);
   b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s), and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate (if the claims were published in a language other than English);
3. Applicant must:
   a. Ensure that 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 KR 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. A copy of all the office actions (which are relevant to patentability), excluding "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the KR application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
   b. An English language translation of the KIPO office action; and
   c. A statement that the English translation is accurate (if the office actions are not in the English language);
6. Applicant must submit:
   a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the KIPO examiner in the KIPO office action (unless already filed in this application); and
   b. Copies of all the documents cited in the KIPO office action, except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already filed in this application);
7. A required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

This request to participate in the PPH program and petition is assessed as follows:

Requirements 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 above are considered to have been met.
However, the request to participate in the PPH program fails to meet requirements 3 and 5.

Regarding requirement 3, Petitioner has amended the claims of the U.S. application to sufficiently correspond to the allowable claims of the Korean application 10-2009-042696 and has submitted a claims correspondence table in English. However, the numbers of the claims in the U.S. application listed in the table are NOT correct.

Regarding requirement 5, Petitioner has submitted a Notice of allowance (or Decision to Grant a Patent) from the Korean application 10-2009-042696, an English translation thereof, and a statement verifying that the translation is complete and accurate, but has NOT submitted a copy of the office action(s). If the stated Korean application is a first action allowance, i.e. there is no office action just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent", then Petitioner should indicate on the request/petition form that no office action from the stated Korean application is submitted since the stated Korean application was a first action allowance.

Applicant is given **ONE** opportunity within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this decision to correct the deficiencies. **NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 IS PERMITTED.** If the deficiencies are not corrected with the time period given, the application will await action in its regular turn.

Response must be filed via the Electronic Filing System (EFS) with the Document Code PPH.REQUEST. Any preliminary amendments and IDS submitted with the PPH documents must be separately indexed as a preliminary amendment and IDS, respectively.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Darren Schuberg at (571) 272- 2044.

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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: PROGRAM AND PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.102(d)

In re Application of
Jay Hyung SONG, et al.
Application No.: 12/553,001
Filed: 02 September 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 2080-3647C1
For: DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD

This is a decision on the 2nd request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 25 September 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 KIPO, 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 KIPO, 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 KIPO, 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 KIPO 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 KIPO 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 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;
    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. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Darren Schuberg at 571-272-2044.

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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CHUJOH, TAKESHI, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/553,111	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 3, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **347672US2SRD DIV**	:	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 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.

Kenneth A. Wieder

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Application No. 12/553,114	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 3, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **347653US2SRD DIV**	:	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 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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Attorney Docket No. **347643US2SRD DIV**	:	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 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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Attorney Docket No. **TS7761 (US)**	:	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.

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 44/437.000) 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. 12/553,212	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/3/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **TS7761 (US)**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 6/18/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1797 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
CHUJOH, TAKESHI ET AL	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/553,235	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 03, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 347664US2SRD DIV	:	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 03, 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.

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Application No. 12/553,247	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 03, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 347638US2SRD DIV	:	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 03, 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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(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.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/553,292	09/03/2009	Williamson Z. Bradford	30481/30030D	6277

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In re Application of	:
Williamson Z. Bradford et al	: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE
Serial No.: 12/553,292	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: September 3, 2009	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: 30481/30030D	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 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 **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 Cecilia Tsang, SPE, TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/553,354	09/03/2009	Benyamin Buller	14920.0121	6413

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In re Application of		
Buller	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/553,354	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/3/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **14920.0121**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 7/1/2010, 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 1795 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/553,389	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 3, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. HYB-10204/03	:	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 11, 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 Allen M. Krass, 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) 272-3600.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 3618 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of	:	
Stefan VOSS	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/553,395	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 03, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 237876 (22402-175)	:	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.

The petition lacks items 1 and 5.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 052/223.500) 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.

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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3635 for action in its regular turn.

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12/553,434	09/03/2009	John Robert Mixter JR.	236358 (22402-178)	6566

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John Mixter Jr.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/553,434	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 03 September 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 236358 (22402-178)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 14 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 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of Brooks, Wang, and Zhang Application Number: 12/553510 Filing Date: 09/03/2009 Attorney Docket Number: CECO-486	: : : : : :	DECISION REFUSING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a) on March 22, 2010.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

The above-identified nonprovisional application was filed on September 3, 2009, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on September 22, 2009, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, requiring an executed oath or declaration, replacement drawings, and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration. A two (2)-month period for reply was set.

In response, on March 22, 2010, the subject petition was filed, accompanied by replacement drawings, the late filing surcharge, a four (4)-month extension of time, a declaration naming Martin T. Brooks, Yue Yun Wang, and Feng Zhang as joint inventors, signed by joint inventor Brooks on behalf of non-signing joint inventors Wang and Zhang, and the subject petition.

Petitioners assert that a copy of the application papers was sent to each non-signing inventor, but the mailings were returned as undeliverable. A copy of the envelope showing the mailings to Wang and Zhang were returned to the sender by the USPS as being unable to forward were provided.

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

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee;

(4) a surcharge of $130 or $65 (small entity) if the petition and/or declaration is not filed at the time of filing the application, and

(5) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition lacks item (1).

Specifically, petitioners have not provided that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings). In this regard, a brief Internet search indicates that joint inventer Wang now resides at a different address in Troy, MI 48098-6609, while joint inventor Zhang now resides in Novi, MI 48375-2368.

Petitioners should verify the last known address of the non-signing inventor, and, if a more recent address is discovered, provide a copy of the application as filed to the non-signing inventor at the inventor's most recent address. In any event, a copy of the subject application and declaration must be sent to the non-signing inventor. Petitioners may show proof that a copy of the application was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review by providing a copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers (specification, including claims, drawings, if any, and the declaration) to the non-signing inventor or details given in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first-hand knowledge of the details.

If the application is returned as undeliverable, petitioners should provide a copy of an envelope showing that a letter sent

to the last known address of the non-signing inventor was returned as undeliverable by the post office. Details of the efforts made to locate the non-signing inventor should be set forth in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first-hand knowledge of the details.

Likewise, before a *bona fide* refusal to sign the declaration can be alleged, petitioners must show that a copy of the application was sent or given to the inventor. If the inventor refuses in writing, petitioners must submit a copy of that written refusal with any renewed petition. If the refusal was made orally to a person, then that person must provide details of the refusal in an affidavit or declaration of fact.

If the inventor cannot be reached at his or her last known address, petitioners must provide details, in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person with first hand knowledge of the details, of the efforts, such as Internet, e-mail, or telephone directory searches, which have been undertaken to locate that inventor, send or give a copy of the application papers to him or her, and request that he or she sign and return the declaration.

If repeated attempts to contact the inventor by telephone, mail, and e-mail, are unsuccessful, petitioners will have established that the inventor cannot be found despite diligent efforts.

The petition fee specified by § 1.17(g) of $200.00 will be charged to counsel's deposit account as authorized in the subject petition.

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

By mail: Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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

By hand: Customer Service Window
Mail Stop Petition
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401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

A reply may also be filed via the EFS-Web filing system of the USPTO.

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

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In re Application of
Hans J. Hansen

Application No. 12553566

Filed: September 3,2009

Attorney Docket No. IMM171US4

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

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 06-NOV-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	:	
STURGESS, Michael A.	:	
Application No. 12/553,648	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 03, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. **07478.00011**	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 11, 2010

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.

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

Accordingly, the request to withdraw from record cannot be approved because the request to change the correspondence address is not that of: (1) the first named inventor; or (2) an assignee of the entire interest under 37 C.F.R 3.71 who has properly intervened.

If an assignee has intervened in this application, then a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) or a copy of the actual assignment must be submitted with a renewed request.

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: Cook	:
Application No. 12/553,788	:
Filed: September 21, 2009	: Decision on
For: System and Method For	: Request
Communication Between Mobile Devices	:
Using Digital/Acoustic Techniques	:

This is a decision on the request for a redacted publication of patent application under 37 CFR 1.217, received on December 23, 2009, for the above-identified application.

The request under 37 CFR 1.217 is Dismissed.

37 CFR 1.217(a) and (b) require a copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements. If the request for redacted publication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the redacted publication will not take place.

The electronic filing system requirements, as set forth in the Legal Framework For EFS-Web require pre-grant publication submissions for redacted publication, republication, amended publication and voluntary publication to include the use of the form fillable ADS (PTO/SB/14) for fulfilling the bibliographic data requirements and use of the "Pre-Grant Publication" radial button on the EFS-Web data collection screen for submission of the documents.

Applicant's representative did not supply a copy of the application and the form fillable Application Data Sheet (ADS) (PTO/SB/14) in compliance with the Office electronic filing system, as required by 37 CFR 1.217 because the Applicant submitted the documents, not including the ADS as a "Document for an existing application", which are entered into the application file, and not as a "Pre-Grant Publication" submission. See EFS Legal Framework.

http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/New_legal_framework.jsp

A guide for filing a request for a Pre-Grant Publication may be found on the link below:

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/tutorials.htm

The application remains scheduled for publication pursuant to 37 CFR 1.215(a) on March 4, 2010.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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Application No. 12/553,788	:
Filed: September 21, 2009	: Decision on
For: System and Method For	: Request
Communication Between Mobile Devices	:
Using Digital/Acoustic Techniques	:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, 37 CFR 1.182 or alternatively 37 CFR 1.183 which request reconsideration of the decision mailed on January 15, 2010 and for a redacted publication of patent application under 37 CFR 1.217, received on December 23, 2009 and supplemented on January 25, 2010 with a new EFS-Web submission.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181, 37 CFR 1.182 or alternatively under 37 CFR 1.183 is dismissed.

On December 23, 2009, a request for Redacted Publication was filed via EFS-Web.

On December 24, 2009, a certified copy of the foreign-filed application which corresponds to the this application, a marked up copy of the US application showing redactions in brackets and certification statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.217(c)(4) were received in the Office. [1]

On January 15, 2010, the Office mailed a letter dismissing the request for Redacted Publication.

On January 25, 2010, the instant petition was filed. [2]

Petitioner concedes that the redacted submission submitted December 23, 2009 in furtherance of 37 CFR 1.217(b) did not include a form-fillable application data sheet (PTO/SB/14) and that the submission was not submitted as a "Pre-Grant Publication", i.e. by selecting the Pre-Grant Publication radial button on the EFS-Web data collection screen.

[1] January 3, 2010 was the last day to file the request based on the September 3, 2008 filing date of the provisional application.

[2] The application would have to be recognized as abandoned by the Office by February 4, 2010, to avoid publication. Applications must be abandoned at least 4 weeks prior to the projected publication date to avoid publication. See MPEP 1125.

Petitioner's have resubmitted a redacted copy of application in furtherance of 37 CFR 1.217(b) including the application data sheet by selecting the Pre-Grant Publication radial button on the EFS-Web data collection screen on January 25, 2010. Petitioners contend that they have complied with the statute and each element of the rule. Petitioner contends that except for filing the application in accordance with the EFS-Web Legal Framework,[3] which requires that Pre-Grant Publication submissions, such as Requests for Redacted Publication be submitted via EFS-Web by selecting the "Pre-Grant Publication" radial button on the EFS-Web screen along with a copy of the form-fillable application data sheet (PTO/SB/14), the submission was proper and that failure to comply with the Office's policies for submission of a Request for Redacted Publication should not prevent publication of a redacted publication. Petitioner argues that the request for redacted publication was timely filed and should be approved.

Petitioner asserts that the Office's position that the Petitioner's Request for Redacted Publication must be in compliance with the Office's Policy as set forth in the Federal Register Notice on the USPTO's policies concerning documents concerning the use of EFS-Web is not reasonable. Petitioner asserts that the image file wrapper (IFW) already contains a copy of the form-fillable application data sheet, which fulfills the bibliographic data requirements. Petitioner asserts that granting the petition is not contrary to statute and that the Office is given authority to interpret its rules and policies and that the Office should view Applicant's request as timely as the formalities have now been corrected. Petitioner assert that Applicant's redacted copy of the application was filed within sixteen months after the earliest effective filing date, so the sole point of contention is whether the electronic filing is in compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements. Thus Petitioner assert that the Office has incorporated material from an October 27, 2009 Federal Register Notice to be part of the rule. Petitioner further wishes to point out that the Office's policies concerning the use of EFS-Web are not in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure or the rules and that the MPEP or the Code of Federal Regulations should be updated to detail such requirements.

Regulations

35 U.S.C. 111 Application
(a) IN GENERAL.-
(1) WRITTEN APPLICATION.-An application for patent shall be made, or authorized to be made, by the inventor, except as otherwise provided in this title, in writing to the Director.
(2) CONTENTS.-Such application shall include-
(A) a specification as prescribed by section 112 of this title;
(B) a drawing as prescribed by section 113 of this title; and
(C) an oath by the applicant as prescribed by section 115 of this title.
(3) FEE AND OATH.-The application must be accompanied by the fee required by law. The fee and oath may be submitted after the specification and any required drawing are submitted, within such period and under such conditions, including the payment of a surcharge, as may be prescribed by the Director.
(4) FAILURE TO SUBMIT.-Upon failure to submit the fee and oath within such prescribed period, the application shall be regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of

[3] Legal Framework for Electronic Filing System – Web (EFS-Web), 74 FR 55200 55207 (October 27, 2009).

the Director that the delay in submitting the fee and oath was unavoidable or unintentional. The filing date of an application shall be the date on which the specification and any required drawing are received in the Patent and Trademark Office....

35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(v) Confidential status of applications; publication of patent applications
If an applicant has filed applications in one or more foreign countries, directly or through a multilateral international agreement, and such foreign filed applications corresponding to an application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office or the description of the invention in such foreign filed applications is less extensive than the application or description of the invention in the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office, the applicant may submit a redacted copy of the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office eliminating any part or description of the invention in such application that is not also contained in any of the corresponding applications filed in a foreign country. The Director may only publish the redacted copy of the application unless the redacted copy of the application is not received within 16 months after the earliest effective filing date for which a benefit is sought under this title. The provisions of section 154(d) shall not apply to a claim if the description of the invention published in the redacted application filed under this clause with respect to the claim does not enable a person skilled in the art to make and use the subject matter of the claim.

37 CFR 1.51 General requisites of an application
(a) Applications for patents must be made to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
(b) A complete application filed under § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) comprises:
(1) A specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112, including a claim or claims, see §§ 1.71 to 1.77;
(2) An oath or declaration, see §§ 1.63 and 1.68;
(3) Drawings, when necessary, see §§ 1.81 to 1.85; and
(4) The prescribed filing fee, search fee, examination fee, and application size fee, see § 1.16 ....

37 CFR 1.217 Publication of a redacted copy of an application
(a) If an applicant has filed applications in one or more foreign countries, directly or through a multilateral international agreement, and such foreign-filed applications or the description of the invention in such foreign-filed applications is less extensive than the application or description of the invention in the application filed in the Office, the applicant may submit a redacted copy of the application filed in the Office for publication, eliminating any part or description of the invention that is not also contained in any of the corresponding applications filed in a foreign country. The Office will publish the application as provided in § 1.215(a) unless the applicant files a redacted copy of the application in compliance with this section within sixteen months after the earliest filing date for which a benefit is sought under title 35, United States Code.
(b) The redacted copy of the application must be submitted in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements. The title of the invention in the redacted copy of the application must correspond to the title of the application at the time the redacted copy of the application is submitted to the Office. If the redacted copy of the application does not comply with the Office electronic filing system requirements, the Office will publish the application as provided in § 1.215(a).
(c) The applicant must also concurrently submit in paper (§ 1.52(a)) to be filed in the application:

(1) A certified copy of each foreign-filed application that corresponds to the application for which a redacted copy is submitted;
(2) A translation of each such foreign-filed application that is in a language other than English, and a statement that the translation is accurate;
(3) A marked-up copy of the application showing the redactions in brackets; and
(4) A certification that the redacted copy of the application eliminates only the part or description of the invention that is not contained in any application filed in a foreign country, directly or through a multilateral international agreement, that corresponds to the application filed in the Office. . . .

Analysis

Petitioner's argument that a redacted copy of the application was received in the Office is not persuasive, as the redacted copy of the application was incomplete.

The electronic filing system requirements, as set forth in the Legal Framework For EFS-Web [4] require that pre-grant publication submissions for redacted publication, republication, amended publication and voluntary publication include the use of the form fillable ADS (PTO/SB/14) for fulfilling the bibliographic data requirements and use of the "Pre-Grant Publication" radial button on the EFS-Web data collection screen for submission of the documents. Submissions for pre-grant (eighteen-month) publication are forwarded to the Pre-Grant Publication Division and are not stored in the IFW or SCORE as part of the official record of the patent application and are then forwarded to the publisher. [5]

As required by 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the Director has established procedures to promptly publish applications 18 months from the earliest filing date from which a benefit is sought. The Director established regulations and procedures to enact the statutory requirements, which require the use of the Office's electronic filing system to request redacted publication. The Office electronic filing system requirements are set forth in the Legal Framework for Electronic Filing System – Web (EFS – Web).

To assist applicants in filing requests for redacted publication, amended publication, republication and voluntary publication, a guide for filing the requests was posted on the "EFS-Web Guidance and Resource" page on the link below (copy provided):

http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/tutorials.htm

Petitioner did not supply a copy of the redacted application and the form fillable Application Data Sheet (ADS) (PTO/SB/14) in compliance with the Office electronic filing system, as required by 37 CFR 1.217(b). Petitioner submitted the copy of the redacted application without the ADS as a "Document for an existing application", which is entered into the application file, and not as a "Pre-Grant Publication" submission. Since, the redacted copy of the application was not submitted in compliance with the Office procedures, the Office could not export the redacted

[4] Legal Framework for Electronic Filing System – Web (EFS-Web), 74 FR 55200 55207 (October 27, 2009).
[5] Legal Framework for Electronic Filing System – Web (EFS-Web), 74 FR 55200 55207 (October 27, 2009)

copy of the application to the publisher. A copy of the application as originally filed was exported to the publisher in accordance with Office procedure. See MPEP 1120. Applications are currently exported to the publisher at approximately 10 weeks prior to the projected publication date. If the Office were to grant Petitioner's requested relief based on the January 25, 2010 submission, the Office would not be able to timely publish the application, as it would be delayed beyond the 18 month statutory mandate set forth in 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Petitioner's assertions that the Office electronic filing system requirements are not in the rules or the MPEP is not persuasive, as the requirements were published in the Federal Register.

The marked up redacted copy of the application submitted to comply with 37 CFR 1.217(c)(3) is incomplete as a copy of the oath/declaration was not included as part of the application. Both 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(v) and 37 CFR 1.217 require a redacted copy of the application to be submitted within 16 months of the earliest effective filing date for which a benefit is sought to be eligible for a redacted publication. The statute 35 U.S.C. 111 and the rule 37 CFR 1.51 both include the oath as a required part of the application. The rule requires a redacted copy of the application and a marked-up redacted copy of the application. Both the originally submitted redacted copy of the application submitted improperly via EFS-Web on December 23, 2009 and the marked-up redacted copy of the application received on December 24, 2009 failed to include a copy of the oath/declaration as part of the submissions. Accordingly, applicant did not comply with the provisions of the statute and the rule. The Office has no authority to waive the requirements of the statute.

With respect to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 or alternatively under 37 CFR 1.182, the application was not filed in accordance with the EFS-Web Legal Framework, and both the redacted copy and the marked up redacted copy of the application are incomplete for failing to include a copy of the oath/declaration. Since, the 37 CFR 1.217 sets forth the requirements for filing a Request for Redacted Publication, 37 CFR 1.182 does not apply.

With respect to the petition under 37 CFR 1.183, suspension of the rules may be granted only "[i]n an extraordinary situation, when justice requires ...." The rule places the determination of whether a situation is "extraordinary," and whether justice requires waiver, within the discretion of the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. *Nitto Chem. Indus. Co. v. Comer,* 39 USPQ2d 1778, 1780 n.4 (D.D.C. 1994). The facts presented on the record do not establish an extraordinary situation within the meaning of §1.183. Petitioner has not established any special circumstances or equities that would require suspension of the rules in the interests of justice.

The application was not filed in accordance with the EFS-Web Legal Framework, and both the redacted copy and the marked up redacted copy of the application are incomplete for failing to include a copy of the oath/declaration. The Office is without authority to waive statutory requirements.

The application remains scheduled for publication pursuant to 37 CFR 1.215(a) on March 4, 2010.

The rules and statutory provisions governing the operations of the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office require payment of a fee on filing each petition. See 35 U.S.C. § 41 (a)(7). The required $400 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 has been paid.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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Filing Documents For Pre-Grant Publication

Quick Start Guide

EFS-Web

(Updated June 23, 2008)

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EFS-Web

Introduction

EFS-Web is the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) easy-to-use, web-based patent application and document filing system. This overview will explain the application process by explaining and demonstrating how to electronically file a Pre-Grant Publication submission i.e., requests for voluntary publication, republication, amended publication, or redacted publication through EFS-Web. For more information about Pre-Grant Publication see MPEP 1120-1135 and 37 CFR 1.211 -1.221.

How to electronically file your Pre-Grant Publication submission
EFS-Web only accepts Portable Document Format (PDF) (.pdf) and text (.txt) files for Pre-Grant Publication submissions i.e., requests for voluntary publication, republication, amended publication, or redacted publication. Text files are accepted only for sequence listings, computer program listings, and tables in text format. Unlike most EFS-Web submissions, Pre-Grant Publication submissions do not become part of the image file wrapper, as they are used only for creating the publication. Pre-Grant Publication submissions can be filed by a registered e-Filer only.

A copy of the application including the fillable application data sheet must be submitted via EFS-Web, as a "Pre-Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211-1.221 and pass electronic application review to be in compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements. Electronic application review is a review performed in the Office of Data Management for Pre-Grant Publication submissions, which is a separate review from the EFS-Web review and is done to determine if the submission is complete and complies with the pertinent rules. See 37 CFR 1.211-1.221.

Steps the e-Filer will take to submit a copy of the application for Pre-Grant Publication:

1. Log-in as a registered e-Filer

2. Choose Existing Application/Patent

3. Choose Pre-Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211 to 1.221.
   Note: *If the e-Filer does not choose "Pre-Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211 to 1.221" and instead chooses "Documents/Fees for an existing application", the submission will not be put into the queue for electronic application review and publication by the Office. The submission will be entered into the image file wrapper as a document and it will be rejected when it is reviewed, as being improperly filed.* The e-Filer will then be required to resubmit the application using the proper procedure. In

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addition, any processing fees that have been paid will be retained by USPTO.

4. The e-Filer is required to enter the application number, confirmation number, and type of Pre-Grant Publication submission.
   i. "Original-publication - Amended" for an original publication
   ii. "Original-publication - Redacted" for an original redacted publication
   iii. "Republication - Amended" for republishing an application
   iv. "Voluntary" for publishing an application that is not subject to publication, for applications filed prior to November 29, 2000

5. *Attach files*: When filing a Pre-Grant Publication submission, the e-Filer is required to file the necessary parts of the application to create the publication, for example a specification, claims, abstract, any necessary drawings or sequence listing and the EFS-Web fillable Application Data Sheet (SB14). If the specification, claims and abstract files and EFS-Web fillable Application Data Sheet are not attached, EFS-Web will not allow the e-Filer to proceed.

   Note: While EFS-Web may accept a Pre-Grant Publication submission without a sequence listing or drawings, if one or both of these elements is part of the application and not attached, the submission will fail electronic application review.

   Once all of the files are attached and validated, the e-Filer will continue to the *Calculate Fees* screen.

6. *Calculate Fees*: EFS-Web automatically provides the Pre-Grant Publication fee that is due based on the type of Pre-Grant Publication selected.

   Note: If an applicant attempts to file a Pre-Grant Publication submission for an amended publication before the application has been published but after the application has been exported to the publisher, the submission will be treated as a request for republication during electronic application review and the submission will be rejected for failure to pay the publication fee and processing fee as required.

   This fee is calculated from the selection chosen on the login screen. After reviewing the fees, the e-Filer will continue to the *Confirm/Pay* screen.

7. *Confirm/Pay*: e-Filer is given a chance to review all attachments and fees before paying for the submission. e-Filer will click *Confirm/Pay* and proceed to the payment screens.

Pre-Grant Publication fees, if required must be paid at time of filing the submission. The e-Filer will not receive an acknowledgement receipt until the fees have been paid using a deposit account, credit card, or electronic funds transfer.

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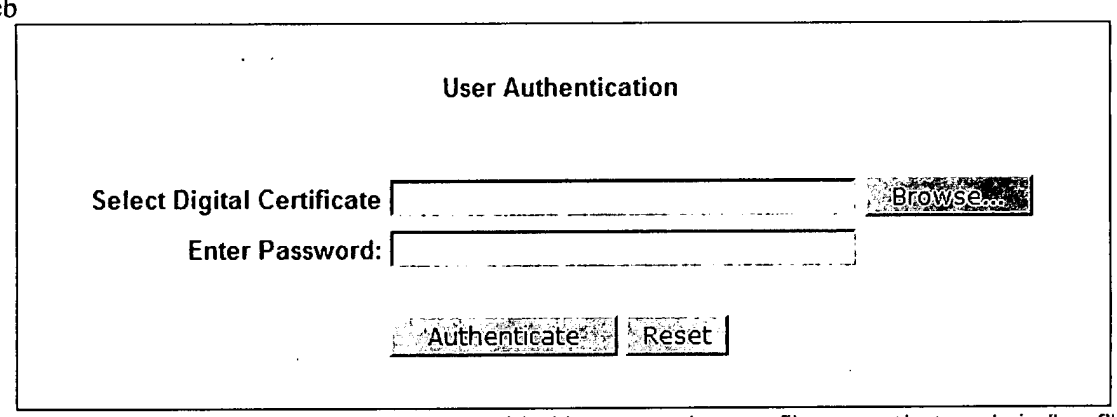
Redacted Publication: A request for redacted publication must include a timely filed copy of the application in compliance with the Office electronic filing system requirements and additionally comply with the other requirements of 37 CFR 1.217. For more information see MPEP 1132 and Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

Corrected Publication: A request for corrected publication may be submitted via EFS-Web, but it is not submitted as a Pre-Grant Publication submission, as it is a document that will become a part of the image file wrapper. It must be submitted by selecting "Document/Fees for an existing application" as the application type and then selecting "Request/Corrected Patent Application Publications" as the Document Description.

The following are screenshots showing the steps to file a Pre-Grant Publication submission in EFS-Web.

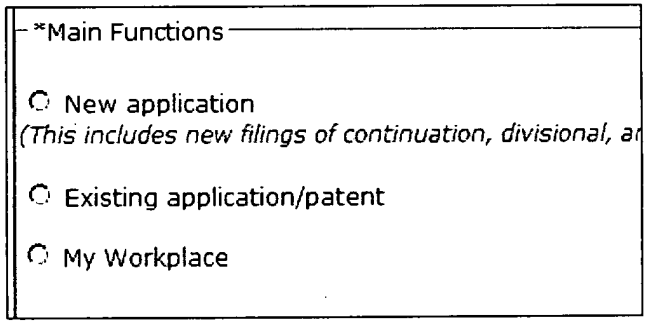
Steps to filing a Pre-Grant Publication submission in EFS-Web

1. Open https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/AuthenticateUserLocalEPF.html in a web browser
2. Login to EFS-Web



* NOTE : DIGITAL CERTIFICATES provided by USPTO have a file name that ends in ".epf"

3. Choose **Existing application/patent** radio button



4. Choose **Pre-Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211 to 1.221** radio button

Existing application/patent

Select Type of Existing Application

Documents/Fees for an existing application

(A request for continued examination (RCE) and continued prosecution application (CPA) are considered existing documents)

Petition

Pre-Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211 to 1.221

5. Enter the application number, confirmation number, and choose the type of Pre-Grant Publication

Pre-Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211 to 1.221

The following information is required if you are filing a Pre Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211 to 1.221

*Application Number (EXAMPLE: 99/999,999; 99999999; 99/999999)

*Confirmation Number (EXAMPLE: 1234)

*Pre-Grant filing type

Original-publication - Amended
Original-publication - Redacted
Republication - Amended
Voluntary

6. Attach the required documents (Specification, claims, abstract, any necessary drawings or sequence listing, and the USPTO fillable application data sheet (SB/14)). For redacted publication submissions see 37 CFR 1.217.

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In re Application of	:	
Hacke et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/553,803	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/3/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **31474-1005-DI**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/13/2010, 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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In re Application of	:	
CHUJOH, TAKESHI, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/553,851	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 03, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 347658US2SRD DIV	:	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 03, 2009 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HINDERLING, THOMAS et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/554,455	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 09/04/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. NOLA-04E3	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 02/10/2010, 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 **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 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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Louis Bilhete, et al.	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Application No. 12/554,499	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: September 4, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 62661.1	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed February 22, 2010.

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).

The above-identified application was filed on September 4, 2009, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on September 22, 2009, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed requiring the basic filing fee, an executed oath or declaration, replacement drawings, additional claim fees, search fee, examination fee and surcharge. A two (2) month period for reply was set. In response, on February 22, 2010, applicant filed, *inter alia*, a partially executed declaration and the present petition under 37 CFR 1.47(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. The petition does not comply with item (1) and (3).

In regard to item (1): It is noted that petitioner submitted an e-mail from Mr. Andrew Bazelevsky indicating that he personally delivered the inventor declaration and other documents to the non-signing inventors and that both inventors refused to sign the documents. However, 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. If there is documentary evidence to support facts alleged in the affidavit or declaration, such evidence must be submitted. An e-mail can serve as such evidence.

In regard to item (3): Petitioner failed to submit the $200 petition fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(g).

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

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In re Application of: Kevin Strother.
Application No.: 12/554520
Filed: September 4, 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 September 4, 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 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, 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, 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" hereinbelow, the received papers under consideration include the PTO/SB/28 form, the "pre-examination search document" including pages 1-4; the "accelerated examination support document" comprising pages 1-7, and an Information Disclosure Statement including form PTO/SB/08A.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in class 124 subclasses 25.6 and 900.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.3 outlined above, the petition fails to identify whether the search encompasses the disclosed features that may be claimed.

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.

First, 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 limitation of every claim and where it is (or state that it is not) found in each closest prior art.

Similarly, with respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are 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. In the instant petition, not all the dependent claims are discussed. A statement that the claims are patentable because they depend on patentable independent claims is not sufficient.

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 the independent claims 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. A grantable petition requires petitioner to provide a showing of where <u>each limitation</u> of the claims finds support under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification. The instant petition does not provide a showing of support for each limitation individually in the specification, the general reference to drawings is insufficient. Such support must also be shown for each priority document for which 35 USC benefit is claimed, therefore, support much be shown for each limitation with respect to applications 12/330871 and 61/062380.

DECISION

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

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

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

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Linda J. Sholl, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391.

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In re Application of: Kevin Strother Application No.: 12/554520 Filed: September 4, 2009 Docket: 3038361 US03 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 renewed petition filed on January 4, 2010 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

Linda Sholl

Linda Sholl, Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 3700

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In re Application of
Richard Hawkins

Application No. 12554677

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. Hawkins-Tamper Proof CIP

: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-SEP-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	:	
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Application No. 12/554,735	:	ON PETITION
Filed: September 4, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. JH03-04U	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 28, 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 she is 65 years of age, and is also accompanied with a copy of applicant's California driver's license. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-7751. 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 3621 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Joan Olszewski
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In re Application of	:	
LEE, MOON-IL, et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/554,811	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 4, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No.: **2101-3347C2**	:	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 12, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to 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
Anthony A. ANTHONY

Application No. 12554976

Filed: September 7,2009

Attorney Docket No. X2YA0023U-USC3

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

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 07-DEC-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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In re Application of	:	
Anthony et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/554,976	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: September 7, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. X2YA0023U-USC3	:	

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 October 30, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent and Change of Correspondence Address submitted herein cannot be approved at this time.

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

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

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

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

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

Alicia Kelley
Petitions Examiner
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In re Application of
Jorge H. ORDONEZ-SMITH
Application No. 12/554,979
Filed: August 7, 2009
Attorney Docket No.

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 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 **GRANTED**.

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

The instant petition includes the certification of inventor Jorge H. Ordonez-Smith, 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/
Petitions Examiner, Office of Petitions

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In re Application of
Lalancette, et al.
Application No. 12/555,071
Filed: 8 September, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 577-908

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 16 November, 2009, pursuant 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 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, inter alia, 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 will be required.

BACKGROUND

The record reflects as follows:

The application was deposited on 8 September, 2009, without, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration

On 24 September, 2009, the Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts requiring, *inter alia*, a fully executed oath/declaration.

On 16 November, 2009, Petitioner Anna-lisa L. Gallo (Reg. No. 50,279) filed, *inter alia*, a petition with fee, and a statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47, with an oath/declaration executed by co-inventors Lalancette and Boucher for themselves and on behalf of non-signing inventor Ian Rubin DeLaBorbolla (Mr. DeLaBorbolla), however, \Petitioner's statement indicates that the party to whom Mr. DeLaBorbolla is averred to have refused to execute the oath/declaration has not provided a statement herein. And while it appears that the entire application (description, claims, abstract, drawings) were transmitted to Mr. DeLaBorbolla as required, the signature on the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is wholly unclear (USPS personnel often require a printed as well as signed identification, but have not done so here); thus it is unclear whether Petitioner has demonstrated diligence brought to the determination of as to current/valid/reasonably believed to be last known address for him—such that these elements of the showing also must be clarified on any renewed petition. Petitioner appears not to have presented to the Office the materials required to make the showing(s) necessary pursuant to the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.47 and MPEP §409.03 et seq. 409.03.

Petitioner must resolve these matters on any renewed petition and is reminded that 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 must satisfy the requirements pursuant to the Rule and the guidance in the Commentary at MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a) 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.

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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[1] See supplement of 17 June, 1999. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting a statement made by Petitioner. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178, 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109)(applicant obligated under 37 C.F.R. §10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing statements to the Patent and Trademark Office). See specifically, the regulations at 37 C.F.R. §10.18.

While telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214—it is noted, however, that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2[2]) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).

/John J. Gillon, Jr./
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[2] The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.2 provide:

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/555,071
Filed: 8 September, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 577-908

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 10 May, 2010, pursuant 37 C.F.R. §1.47.

> **NOTE:** The statement provided by Petitioner sets forth the address of the non-signing inventor as "180 South Greet Street, Memphis, TN 38111," (emphasis supplied). However, it appears that is a typographical error and the correct address (per the delivered mailings) is 180 South Greer Street, Memphis, TN 38111.
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> If this latter reading is incorrect, Petitioner **must** notify the Office at once.

The petition as considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

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.

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On 10 May, 2010, Petitioner re-advanced the petition with a showing, *inter alia*, of a verbal refusal of the non-signing inventor made to G. Andrew Barger (supported by his express statement) after delivery of the entire application to the non-signing inventor at his last known address. As noted above, the statement provided by Petitioner sets forth the address as "180 South Greet Street, Memphis, TN 38111," however, it appears that is a typographical error and the correct address (per the delivered mailings) is 180 South Greer Street, Memphis, TN 38111. If this latter reading is incorrect, Petitioner **must** notify the Office at once. (Thus, Petitioner sought to satisfy the requirements pursuant to the Rule and the guidance in the Commentary at MPEP §409.03, and §409.03(a) et seq.)

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of representations made to the Office and support averments with the appropriate documentation–since all owe to the Office the continuing duty to disclose.[1]

CONCLUSION

The instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) is **granted** (status is accorded pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).)

As provided in 37 C.F.R. §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.

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

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214—it is noted, however, that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2[2]) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).

/John J. Gillon, Jr./
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In re Application of
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Application No. 12/555,071
Filed: 8 September, 2009
Attorney Docket No. 577-908

COMMUNICATION

Dear Ian Rubin de la Borbolla:

You are named as an 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 (Code of Federal Regulations), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as an 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, 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 C.F.R. §1.63.

Should you elect to join in the application, the contact information for Counsel of Record is set forth at the end of this Communication.

Should you seek to identify independent Counsel, you may find the Patent Attorneys/Agents Search engine of assistance (https://oedci.uspto.gov/OEDCI/).

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).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication 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[1]) 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) Moreover, the Office can neither advise you nor recommend Counsel in this matter.

/John J. Gillon, Jr./
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[1] 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 Marinus Graveling et al. Application No. 12/555,097 Filed: September 8, 2009 For: PIPE SECTION FOR USE IN A SUBMERGED PIPELINE SYSTEM, THE SUBMERGED PIPELINE SYSTEM AND THE USE THEREOF	:	**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, 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 EPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the EPO 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 EPO 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 EPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the EPO examiner in the EPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
(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:
(2) A copy of the allowable/patentable claims from the EPO. It is not clear which claims have been allowed by the EPO. The only set of claims provided are those claims which have been rejected by the EPO in the Search Report of December 15, 2008. No separate set of claims clearly indicated as having been allowed by the EPO have been submitted by the applicant.
(3) Claims of the U.S. Application that sufficiently correspond to the allowable claims of the EPO application. Specifically, while applicant indicates that claims 3, 5-9 and 14 are amended to remove multiple dependencies, this is clearly misleading, since applicant has also failed to mention that the claims in question are also amended with alerted claim language that alters the scope of the claims and causes the claims to not sufficiently correspond to the EPO patent claims (The claims of the EPO Search Report have been used to determine correspondence since they are the only set of claims submitted). Claims 1 and 14 have also been altered so as to not correspond to the EPO patent claims.

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.

Steven N. Meyers,
Quality Assurance Specialist
Technology Center 3600

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In re Application of	:	
Goddard, McDonald, Borchardt,	:	
Thorson, Hessenberger, Berg,	:	
and Holly	:	
Application No. 12/555,250	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 8, 2009	:	PURSUANT TO
Attorney Docket No. 020872-	:	37 C.F.R. § 1.47(A)
9019-01	:	
Title: ROUTER	:	

This is in response to the petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), filed December 8, 2009.

This petition is **GRANTED**.

On May 8, 2009, this application was filed, identifying Messrs. Goddard, McDonald, Borchardt, Thorson, Hessenberger, Berg, and Holly as the joint inventors. On September 22, 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, the last known address of the non-signing inventor,[1] proof that he was provided with a copy of the application,[2] and proof that an executed copy of the declaration has not been obtained[3] and that Mr. McDonald has refused to execute the declaration.[4] Petitioner has further included a one-month extension of time so as to make timely this response.

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 notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Application Data Sheet that was included on filing. 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.

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1 Hietpas statement of facts, paragraph 3.
2 Id at 3. See also letter dated September 23, 2009, Appendix A.
3 Hietpas statement of facts, paragraph 6.
4 Id. at 5. See also e-mail from the non-signing inventor, Appendix C.

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.[5]

/Paul Shanoski/
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5 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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Application No. 12/555,250	:	LETTER
Filed: September 8, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 020872-	:	
9019-01	:	
Title: ROUTER	:	

Dear Mr. McDonald:

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).

/Paul Shanoski/
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Filed: September 8, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. H0017668-01	:	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 9, 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(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 application must be directed to a single invention that either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) that materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed

invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

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

The petition lacks item no. 1 above for the reason as explained in more detail below.

This application has been classified (USPC 502/304) in an area that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not be 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.

The petition lacks item no. 4 above for the reason as explained in more detail below.

The instant petition fails to state the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the 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). The petition must be accompanied by a statement by applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. As stated in section III of the Notice, applicant must provide such 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 1793 for action in its regular turn.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

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DAVID A WEGERER et al. :
Application No. 12/555,450 :
Filed: September 8, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. H0020667-01 :

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
37 CFR 1.102(c)(2)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed December 9, 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 application must be directed to a single invention that either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) that materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by

a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

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

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

This application has been classified in an area (USPC 568/917) 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.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4914.

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 1621 for action in its regular turn.

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Jacobs et al.	:	
Application No. 12/555,482	:	ON PETITION
Filed: September 8, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. JAO-6-DIV	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 Declaration from the applicant, Kenneth Martin Jacobs, attesting to his age being 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 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 2851 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/555,545	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 08, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **JAO-7**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 declaration of inventor Kenneth Jacobs, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

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

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Application Processing.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing. This application will be accorded "special" status when pre-examination processing is done.

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In re Application of	:
Anant Madabhushi, et. al.	:
Application No. 12/555,556	: DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 8, 2009	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)
Attorney Docket No. UOP-455US	:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed May 18, 2010, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application set forth in the concurrently filed Application Data Sheet (ADS).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and must be filed during the pendency of the nonprovisional application. In addition, the petition must be accompanied by:

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) to the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
(2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
(3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

All of the above requirements having been satisfied, the late claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

Intermediate PCT Application No. PCT/US2008/081656 was filed within twelve months of provisional Application No. 60/983,553, which was filed on October 29, 2007, for which priority is claimed. A reference to the prior-filed application has been included in the ADS filed with the present petition.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application 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 provisional application, is enclosed with this decision.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2857 for examination in due course and for consideration by the examiner of the claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed provisional application.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

Andrea Smith
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Enclosure: 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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Mark Rosen, Bala Cynwyd, PA;

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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and claims benefit of 60/983,553 10/29/2007

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DEFINING QUANTITATIVE SIGNATURES FOR DIFFERENT GLEASON GRADES OF PROSTATE CANCER USING MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTROSCOPY

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In re Application of	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Masanori NAKANO	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/555,617	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 08 September 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: 6639P785	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS	**: 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 16 March 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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Application No. 12/555,706	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 17, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Robert A. Saltzberg and all the attorneys of record associated with Customer No. 76102, has been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on April 21, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

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

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Petitions Examiner
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Application No. 12/555,718	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 8, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 447582001400	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) filed February 24, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office will no longer approve requests from practitioners to withdraw from applications where the requesting practitioner is acting, or has acted, in a representative capacity pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34. In these situations, the practitioner is responsible for the correspondence the practitioner files in the application while acting in a representative capacity. As such, there is no need for the practitioner to obtain the Office's permission to withdraw from representation. However, practitioners acting in a representative capacity, like practitioners who have a power of attorney in the application, remain responsible for noncompliance with 37 CFR 1.56, as well as 37 CFR 10.18, with respect to documents they file.

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

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

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-4618

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In re Application of	:
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Serial No.: 12/555,806	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: September 8, 2009	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: TVIDA.001C2	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 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 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 Cecilia Tsang, SPE, TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

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Application No. 12/556,043	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/9/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **1239-0032 (W08/010-1)**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/8/2010, 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 1797 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Tom Dunn/

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In re Application of:
PARK, ZHAN, WUZHOU et al
Serial No.: 12/556,048
Filed: September 09, 2009

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING AN ATTENUATION FACTOR**

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 September 09, 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. Item 6.5.

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 11/264,593, and foreign applications CN 200710169618.0 and CN 200710169616.1. 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.

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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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING AN ATTENUATION FACTOR**

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

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 23, 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 September 23, 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).

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Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Michael Horabik, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3068.

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In re Application of
Kagawa, et al.
Application No. 10/512,413
Filed: 9 February, 2007
Attorney Docket No. KAGAWA1/Q103205

DECISION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 26 November, 2008, to revive an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) as having been abandoned due to unintentional delay. (The Revocation/Power of Attorney filed on 12 November is acknowledged and accepted.)

The petition as considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

As to Allegations of
Unintentional Delay

The requirements of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) are the petition and fee therefor, a reply, a proper statement of unintentional delay under the regulation, and, where applicable, a terminal disclaimer and fee. (However, it does not appear that a terminal disclaimer and fee are due here.)

BACKGROUND

The record reflects as follows:

Petitioner failed to reply timely and properly to the non-final Office action mailed on 14 September, 2007, with reply due absent extension of time on or before 14 December, 2007.

The application went abandoned by operation of law after midnight 14 December, 2007.

The Office mailed the Notice of Abandonment on 2 June, 2008.

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12/556,460	09/09/2009	Todd Krajewski	MSOLP016	2579

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In re Application of	:	
Krajewski et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/556,460	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/9/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **MSOLP016**	:	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 **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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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:	:	NOTICE
Harold L. Synder, Jr. et al.	:	
Application No. 12/556,488	:	
Filed: September 9, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 85-0157-1	:	

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 filed June 9, 2010. 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.

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.

The power of attorney filed on June 9, 2010 is not acceptable. The Statement under 3.73(b) does not authorize the person signing the power of attorney to act on behalf of the assignee in this application.

This file is being forwarded to the Technology Center.

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

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Mark BURK et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No.12/556550	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 9, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 066662-0253	:	PILOT PROGRAM

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

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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 1652 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Manjunath Rao/

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In re Application of	:
Kristin Anne Arnold et al	: DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE
Serial No.: 12/556,644	: SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
Filed: September 10, 2009	: UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P.
Attorney Docket No.: MPC0131USC5	: § 708.02

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 10, 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 Cecilia Tsang, SPE, TC1600 at (571) 272-0562.

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In re Application of CHIEN, TE-YEN Application No. 12/556,740 Filed: September 10, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 34087-043	:	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 September 10, 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

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

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. It is noted that two EPO office actions were listed in the IDS filed on 5/27/2009 and the copies of the office actions have been provided. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Ram R. Shukla at 571-272-0735.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system at the http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html.

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

Ram R. Shukla, Ph.D.
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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 31, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that on June 17, 2010 the power of attorney to Dickinson Wright, PLLC was revoked by the assignee of the patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

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

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

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In re Application of
Brian Robert McMillan

Application No. 12556839

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. AEP.100PTXC1

: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-SEP-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 MAIRET, Alain Application No.: 12/556,852 PCT No.: PCT/FR2007/001994 Int. Filing Date: 05 December 2007 Priority Date: 12 December 2006 For: APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A MESSAGE AT THE SPINE	PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicant's "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT DESIGNATING THE U.S. APPLICATION ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 10 September 2009.

BACKGROUND

On 05 December 2007, applicant filed international application No. PCT/FR2007/001994 which claimed a priority date of 12 December 2006, and which designated the United States. The deadline for submission of a copy of the international application (unless previously communicated by the International Bureau) and payment of the basic national fee was set to expire 30 months from the priority date, i.e. 12 June 2009.

On 10 September 2009, applicant filed a transmittal letter to request filing of a utility application in the United States which was accompanied by, inter alia, the specification, claims, drawing and the basic national fee.

Also on 10 September 2009, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application. The petition fee of $810 accompanied the petition.

Application No.: 12/556,852

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requesting that the application be revived the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, (2) the petition fee required by law, (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 this paragraph was unintentional" and (4) any terminal disclaimer and fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c) (where required).

Regarding item (1), applicant has provided the required reply.

Regarding item (2), the $1620 petition fee has been charged to applicant's credit card as authorized.

Regarding item (3), the petition includes a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" satisfies the requirement.

With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

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

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Application No. 12/556,877	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 10, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. H0019186-01	:	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 9, 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(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 application must be directed to a single invention that either: A) materially enhances the quality of the environment or B) that materially contributes to: i) the discovery or development of renewable energy resources, ii) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources, or iii) greenhouse gas emission reduction. If the disclosure is not clear on its face that the claimed

invention materially contributes under category (A) or (B), the petition must be accompanied by a statement by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. 5) A statement that applicant will agree to make an election without traverse in a telephonic interview if a restriction requirement is made by the examiner. 6) The petition to make special must be filed electronically. 7) The petition must be filed at least one day prior to the date that a first Office Action appears in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. 8) The petition must be accompanied by a request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

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

The petition lacks item no. 1 above for the reason as explained in more detail below.

This application has been classified (USPC 568/917) in an area that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not be 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.

The petition lacks item no. 4 above for the reason as explained in more detail below.

The instant petition fails to state the basis for the special status (i.e., whether the 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). The petition must be accompanied by a statement by applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the materiality standard is met. As stated in section III of the Notice, applicant must provide such 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.

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 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 1621 for action in its regular turn.

Ramesh Krishnamurthy

Ramesh Krishnamurthy
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

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In re Application of
Robert C. Yeggy

Application No. 12556878

Filed: September 10,2009

Attorney Docket No. 29790-16

: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 31-DEC-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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WEISSBACH, Herbert et al.	:	
Application No. 12/557,022	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 10, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **16818/1209016-US3**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 Herbert Weissbach attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

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

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

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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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NEGLEY et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/557,036	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 10 September 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 5308-1092	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 30 December 2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2889 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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PARK, SUN JUNG et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/557,249	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 10, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 0465-2332PUS1	:	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 30, 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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In re Application of: Teteriatnikov et al.
Application No.: 12/557,276
Filed: September 10, 2009
Title: Shoe

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 September 10, 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 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, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II : 5.1 and 5.2, 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" hereinbelow, the received papers under consideration include the four page PTO/SB/28 form, the "pre-examination search document" including pages 1-5; the "accelerated examination support document" comprising pages 1-103, and an Information Disclosure Statement including form PTO/SB/08A.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in class 36 subclasses 114.

Petitioner is reminded that an updated accelerated examination support document is required if new references are discovered and are considered closely related.

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 Linda J. Sholl, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391.

Linda J. Sholl
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In re Application of: Teteriatnikov et al. Application No.: 12/557,276 Filed: September 10, 2009 Docket: 210859.20453 Title: Shoe	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 December 18, 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	:	
Michelle K. HALSEY et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/557, 349	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 10, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. M38413-C13589	:	PILOT PROGRAM

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

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 705/315.000) 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.

Petitioner suggests that the instant application be classified in 705/35-45; 405/15; 162/29, 189-191; 164/5; 521/40-49.8; 562/513. However, the application has been assigned to the USPC area of 705/315.000 which is the most appropriate classification and the best examinable area for the claimed invention based upon current U.S. classification guidelines.

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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3629 for action in its regular turn.

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Application No. 12/557,349	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 10, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. M38413-C13589	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed May 25, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must 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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3629 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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Brent CONSTANTZ et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/557,492	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 10, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. CLRA-014	:	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 **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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3691 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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Greg Blodgett	:	
Application No. 12/557,879	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 11, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. PAT001131-002 13721-203-9	:	FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 16, 2010.

The request is **moot because a revocation of power of attorney has been filed**.

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to all attorneys/agents associated with customer number 20583 have been revoked by the assignee of the patent application on April 7, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

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

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

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In re Application of	:	
Craig W. **RODDY et al.**	:	
Application No. 12/558,097	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Effective Date: September 11, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **2005-IP-017636U5P3D1**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 11, 2009, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

The instant petition includes a statement by Jiten Chatterji attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

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

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

This application is being referred 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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In re Application of	:	
Singh et al.	:	
Application Number: 12/558099	:	ON PETITION
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This is a decision on the "PETITION TO ADD MATERIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.57(a)," filed on October 27, 2009, which is treated as a petition requesting that the above-identified application, without drawings, be accorded a filing date of September 11, 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 September 11, 2009. However, on September 29, 2009, the Office of Patent Application Processing mailed applicants a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," notifying applicants that the application papers had not been accorded a filing date because the application was deposited without drawings. In response, applicants timely filed this petition. Applicants request that the application be amended to include the inadvertently omitted drawings on the basis that the application as filed contained a prior benefit claim under 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.

Petitioners' arguments and evidence have been considered. However, a review of the application confirms that, as filed, the application contained at least one method and 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.

[1] Any request for review of a notification pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section, or a notification that the original application papers lack a portion of the specification or drawing(s), must be by way of a petition pursuant to this paragraph accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.17(f). In the absence of a timely (§ 1.181(f)) petition pursuant to this paragraph, the filing date of an application in which the applicant was notified of a filing error pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section will be the date the filing error is corrected.

Accordingly, the Office should have granted the application a filing date and mailed a Notice of Omitted Items instead of a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application. As stated in MPEP 601.01(g) under the section entitled, "Application Entitled to a Filing Date," applicant may submit an amendment to include the inadvertently omitted portion of the drawing(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.57(a):

> [i]f an application was filed on or after September 21, 2004, and contains a claim under 37 CFR 1.55 for priority of a prior-filed foreign application, or a claim under 37 CFR 1.78 for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional, nonprovisional, or international application that was present on the filing date of the application, and the omitted portion of the drawing(s) was inadvertently omitted from the application and is completely contained in the prior-filed application[.]

Please note that no petition is required and that the amendment must comply with 37 CFR 1.57(a) and 37 CFR 1.121. See MPEP § 201.17.

Petitioners may wish to consider filing a preliminary amendment to enter the inadvertently omitted drawings. 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 September 11, 2009, with no drawings present in the application, the petition is **GRANTED**.

Given the basis for granting this petition, the petition fee is being refunded.

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

- **correction of the filing date to September 11, 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 Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (571) 272-3231.

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12/558,117	09/11/2009	Howard W.H. LEE	026335-005910US	5799

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Howard W.H. LEE	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/558,117	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 11 September 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 026335-005910US	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 02 July 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009) and amended by 75 Federal Register Notice 28554 (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 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed under 35 USC 111(a) or be a national stage entry under 35 USC 371, exclusive of any reissue applications and be filed prior to the date of the notice, December 8, 2009.

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

request for early publication in compliance with 37 CFR 1.219 and include the publication fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(d).

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

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

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Lee W. Young at 571-272-4549.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2812 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Quality Assurance Specialist
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James V. Maher, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/558,199	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 11, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 2609-02001	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed January 5, 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 the attorney record declaring that he is in possession of such evidence that proves the applicant, Edward E. Horton is 65 years of age or older and will retain such in the application file record. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

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

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

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3672 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of Harrison et al. :
Application No. 12/558,386 : Decision Dismissing Petitions
Filing Date: September 11, 2009 : Under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and (a)(6)
Attorney Docket No. 3222.672000A :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6), filed February 2, 2010, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional and provisional applications set forth in the concurrently filed amendment and application data sheet.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Background

The application was filed September 11, 2009.

An amendment to the specification was filed December 14, 2009. The amendment replaced the priority claims with the following priority claims:

(1) Application No. 12/558,386 is a continuation of Application No. 11/461,392;
(2) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399;
(3) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639;
(4) Application No. 11/275,399 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514;
(5) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/523,812; and
(6) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/541,548.

A supplemental application data sheet ("ADS") was also filed December 14, 2009. The ADS replaced the priority claims with the following priority claims:

(1) Application No. 12/558,386 is a continuation of Application No. 11/461,392;
(2) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399; and
(3) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639;

Petitioner currently wishes to have the application include the following priority claims:

(1) Application No. 12/558,386 is a continuation of Application No. 11/461,392;
(2) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399;
(3) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639;

(4) Application No. 11/275,399 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514;
(5) Application No. 11/275,399 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639;
(6) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/523,812; and
(7) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/541,548.

The instant request is accompanied by a supplemental application data sheet and an amendment to the specification. In addition to making changes to the priority claims, the amendment includes a a statement expressly incorporating by reference Application Nos. 10/904,639, 11/275,399, 60/697,514, and 11/461,392.

Relevant Facts Involving Other Applications

Application No. 11/461,392 (Patent No. 7,590,557)

The last document changing priority information filed prior to the application issuing as a patent was an ADS filed October 26, 2006. The ADS sought to change the priority information to state,

(1) Application No. 11/461,392 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514;
(2) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399; and
(3) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639.

Application No. 11/461,392 issued as Patent No. 7,590,557 on September 15, 2009.

The first page of the patent indicates:

(1) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399;
(2) Application No. 11/275,399 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639; and
(3) The application claims the benefit of 60/697,514.[1]

The first two paragraphs of the specification in the patent assert:

(1) Application No. 11/461,392 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514;
(2) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399; and
(3) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639.

A request for a certificate of correction, *but not a petition under 37 CFR § 1.78*, was filed December 7, 2009. The requested certificate of correction does not seek to make any change to the language in the specification. Instead, the requested certificate of correction seeks to change the first page of the patent to indicate,

(1) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399;
(2) Application No. 11/275,399 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514;
(3) Application No. 11/275,399 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639;
(4) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/523,812;
(5) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/541,548; and

[1] The first page of the patent does not indicate whether or not the patent is claiming the benefit of the provisional directly or via another application.

(6) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639.

Application No. 11/275,399

Application No. 11/275,399 was filed December 9, 2005. The specification and ADS filed December 9, 2005, assert,

(1) Application No. 11/275,399 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514; and
(2) Application No. 11/275,399 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639.

The application was published on July 27, 2006, as Publication No. US20060167720A1.

The application is currently pending.

Application No. 10/904,639

The application issued as Patent No. 7,213,750 on May 8, 2007, and claims the benefit of Application Nos. 60/523,812 and 60/541,548.

Discussion

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(3) and 1.78(a)(6) must include the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e) and 37 CFR §§ 1.78(a)(2)(i) and 1.78(a)(5)(i) unless the reference has been previously submitted.

Unfortunately, the amendment and the ADS are unacceptable in this case because the amendment and the ADS include improper priority claims and the amendment improperly seeks to incorporate by reference Application No. 11/461,392.

Many of the Priority Claims are Improper Because the Priority Claims are not Supported by Appropriate Priority Claims in Prior Intermediate Applications.

A benefit claim to a chain of prior applications will only be effective if each prior application actually includes a proper benefit claim. *See also Claiming the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, 121, and 365(c)*, 1268 OG 89 (March 18, 2003).

MPEP 201.11 sets forth the following example, with emphasis added:

> 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.

A review of the record in this case indicates appropriate references were not made in all of the intermediate applications.

Intermediate Application No. 11/461,392

Application No. 11/461,392 issued as Patent No. 7,590,557. The first page of the patent indicates:

(1) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399;
(2) Application No. 11/275,399 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639; and
(3) The application claims the benefit of 60/697,514.

The first page of the patent does *not* include the following priority claims:

(1) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639;
(2) Application No. 11/275,399 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514;
(3) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/523,812; and
(4) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/541,548.

Since Patent No. 7,590,557 does not include the four priority claims set forth above, any attempt to add the priority claims in the instant application is improper.

The Office notes a request for a certificate of correction to add and correct priority claims was filed December 7, 2009. However, a request under 37 CFR § 1.78 was not filed.

If a patent is based on an application filed after November 29, 2000, any attempt to add or correct a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120, unless based solely on Office error, must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR § 1.78. *See* MPEP 1481.03(II)(B). Since the request for a certificate of correction was not accompanied by a request under 37 CFR § 1.78, the request appears improper.

Even if a request under 37 CFR § 1.78 had been filed with the request for a certificate of correction on December 7, 2009, the request for a certificate of correction would remain improper. A party cannot use a certificate of correction to add or correct priority claims to provisional applications under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). As stated in MPEP 1481.03(II),

> Under no circumstances can a Certificate of Correction be employed to correct an applicant's mistake by adding or correcting a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for an application filed on or after November 29, 2000.... A Certificate of Correction is NOT a valid mechanism for adding or correcting a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) after a patent has been granted on an application filed on or after November 29, 2000.

The Office notes Petitioner can file a request for a certificate of correction to correct some of the priority information without filing a request under 37 CFR § 1.78. Specifically, a request under 37 CFR § 1.78 is unnecessary when filing a request for certificate of correction based on Office error. A review of the file for Application No. 11/461,392, as well as the first two paragraphs of the specification in the patent, appear to indicate the first page of the patent should have stated,

(1) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399; and
(2) Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639.

Based on the prior facts, if Petitioner files a future request for a certificate of correction which only seeks to add a priority claim asserting Application No. 11/461,392 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639, *while at the same time* deleting the priority claim asserting Application No. 11/275,399 is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639, a request under 37 CFR § 1.78 will not be necessary.

If Petitioner wishes for Patent No. 7,590,557 to include a priority claim based on Application No. 11/461,392 being a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399 *and* also include a priority claim based on Application No. 11/275,399 being a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/904,639, Petitioner will need to file a request under 37 CFR 1.78 along with an appropriate request for a corrected filing receipt.

Intermediate Application No. 11/275,399

The inability to add or correct priority claims involving provisional applications via a certificate of correction currently limits Petitioner's ability to properly include the following priority claims in the instant application:

(1) Application No. 11/275,399 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/697,514;
(2) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/523,812; and
(3) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/541,548.

The Office notes Petitioner may be able to avoid the limitation by adding a claim of priority in the instant case asserting the instant application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399. The addition of the priority claim would allow Petitioner to properly include priority claim (1) listed directly above in the instant application.

Application No. 11/275,399 does not currently include any priority claim involving Application No. 10/904,639 claiming the benefit of any provisional application. Therefore, the addition of a priority claim in the instant application asserting the instant application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/275,399, would not automatically allow Petitioner to include priority claims (2) and (3) listed above in the instant application. In order to include the additional two priority claims, Petitioner would also need to file a request under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(6) and an amendment or ADS to include the following priority claims in Application No. 11/275,399:

(A) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/523,812; and
(B) Application No. 10/904,639 claims the benefit of Application No. 60/541,548.

The Amendment Improperly Incorporates by Reference Application No. 11/461,392.

An incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (*see* 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)). Therefore, when a benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is submitted after the filing of an application, the reference to the prior application cannot include an incorporation by reference statement of the prior application. *See Dart Industries v. Banner*, 636 F.2d 684, 207 USPQ 273 (C.A.D.C. 1980). *Note* MPEP §§ 201.06(c) and 608.04(b).

The amendment seeks to expressly incorporate by reference Application No. 11/461,392. However, the original specification filed September 11, 2009, did not incorporate by reference Application No. 11/461,392. Therefore, the amendment is improper.

Conclusion

In view of the prior discussion, the instant request cannot be granted.

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In re Application of	:	
Walukiewicz et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/558,446	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/11/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **105163-010700**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 3/12/2010, 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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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/558,455	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 11, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 085026-0014	:	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 13, 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 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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AHN, JOON KUI et al	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/558,460	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 11, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2101-3679C1	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

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

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the KIPO;
(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the KIPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the KIPO application(s);
(4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
(5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the KIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
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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 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	:	
Alex Prilutsky et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/558,494	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 12, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. TES026	:	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

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 regards to item 1, Petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 429/062) 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 "**ACTIVE THERMAL RUNAWAY MITIGATION SYSTEM FOR USE WITHIN A BATTERY PACK**." In the statement accompanying the instant petition, petitioner states that in addition to being eligible for consideration as materially enhancing the environmental quality standard by contributing to the development of renewable energy resources or energy conservation. 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, when compared with available alternatives. The instant petition fails to explain how the instant invention that is directed to keeping a cell undergoing thermal runaway within its predetermined location within a battery pack will further contribute in a significant, substantial or noticeable manner to contribute to "the reduction in energy consumption via combustion system, and thereby reducing green house gas emission reduction", as disclosed in the statement accompanying the instant petition. 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 1795 for action in its regular turn.

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In re application of Takanori Aoki Application No. 12/558,636 Filed: September 14, 2009 For: POWER OUTPUT APPARATUS, VEHICLE WITH POWER OUTPUT APPARATUS, AND CONTROL METHOD OF POWER OUTPUT APPARATUS	: : : : : : :	DECISION ON REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN PATENT PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed April 30, 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

(1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;

(2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);

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

(5) Applicant must submit a copy of the Office action from the JPO application just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" (e.g., the latest "Notification of Reasons for Refusal") from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claims that are the basis for the request along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

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

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

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: Richard Jay LANGEY Serial No.: 12/558,666 Filed: September 14, 2009 Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTEGRATING DUPLICATE CHECKS WITH EXISTING COMPUTER SYSTEMS	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 September 14, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

A review of the Pre-Examination Search Document indicates that 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 707, subclass 3 (Query processing/searching and subclass 6 (Pattern matching access). This additional search area was confirmed with a Supervisory Patent Examiner in the pertinent art area (Class 707). In the interest of expediting an examination on the instant accelerated examination application, this search will be performed and provided by the examiner of record.

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

examiner will treat the first claimed invention (invention defined by claim 1) as having being constructively elected without traverse for examination.

3. Office action:
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4. Time for Reply:
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 concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

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In re Application of: SHAH, Nayan Appl. No.: 12/558,821 Filed: September 14, 2009 For: PRESENTING NOTIFICATIONS RELATED TO A MEDICAL STUDY ON A TOOLBAR	**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 September 14, 2009 to make the above-identified application special for accelerated examination procedure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The instant application is a continuation of 12/397,165, now abandoned, and referred hereinafter as the parent application. The Accelerated Examination Support Document fails to provide a showing of where each limitation of the claims finds support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, in the written description of the specification of the parent application pursuant to section II6.5 of "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). However, Mr. Gabriel Olander verified via a telephone interview that support for the claim limitations can be found on the same page and line numbers of the specification of the parent application as those identified in the Support Document for the instant application.

Accordingly, 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).

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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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Nayan Shah, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/558,821	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 14, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 23851-0002002	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed May 13, 2010, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been corrected to reflect the change in the order of the named inventors. A corrected Filing Receipt, which sets forth the desired order of the named inventors, accompanies this decision on petition.

As authorized, the $400 fee for the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 has been assessed to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-2991.

Terri Johnson

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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 application is a CON of 12/397,165 03/03/2009 ABN
which claims benefit of 61/033,391 03/03/2008

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 09/21/2009

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 12/558,821**

Projected Publication Date: Request for Non-Publication Acknowledged

Non-Publication Request: Yes

Early 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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Application No. 12/559,306	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: September 14, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 076565-0168	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed January 22, 2010.

The request is **APPROVED**.

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

The request was signed by Adam M. Gustafson on behalf of all attorneys/agents of record who are associated with Customer Number 26371.

All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 26371 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, Allen G. Timm, at the address indicated below.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206. All other inquires concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

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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 Waltman Application No. 12/559,460 Filed: September 14, 2009 Attorney Docket No. 002-001	: : : : :	DECISION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed May 17, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED.**

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. For example, the practitioner(s) should determine whether he or she was appointed by naming each practitioner individually or through the use of a Customer Number.

In the instant application, the practitioner(s) were appointed via Customer Number however the request does not designate a Customer Number to be withdrawn by. Therefore, the current request cannot be approved at this time. Any subsequent request must withdraw all associated practitioner(s) in the same manner as appointed.

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

There are no outstanding Office actions that require a reply.

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. 12/559,754	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 15, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. BACKA-004XX	:	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 18, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that the power of attorney to Daniel J. Bourque, Esquire and all the attorneys of record, has been revoked by the applicant of the patent application on April 20, 2010. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to 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 04/20/2010.

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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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

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In re Application of :
Selbrede, et al. :
Application No. 12/559,928 : ON PETITION
Filed: September 15, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. AGX-60-DIV :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed January 7, 2010.

The petition is **GRANTED.**

Petitioners have submitted a copy of the declaration filed in Application No. 10/413,507, of which the instant filing is a divisional application. A decision, mailed on October 6, 2003, granted Rule § 1.47 status to Application No. 10/413,507.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d), petitioners have obtained Rule § 1.47 status in the present application.

No petition fee is due in connection with this matter. The $200.00 fee submitted with the present petition will be credited to petitioners' credit card.

The Office will not forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor because notice regarding the filing of the previous application was given.

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be returned to the Office of Patent Application Processing for continued pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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In re Application of	:	
POLLACK, Shirley et al.	:	
Application No. 12/560,484	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 16, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **SHP-10402/03**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 19, 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 filed was blank.

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 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 2875 for action in its regular turn.

Tredelle D. Jackson
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In re Application of
Benjamin J. FELDMAN et al.
Application No. 12/560,484
Filed: September 16, 2009
Attorney Docket No. **SHP-10402/03**

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

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 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 by Shirley Pollack, 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 2875 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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In re Application of	:	
Teichmann et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/560,564	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/16/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **19441-0378**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/28/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

/Tom Dunn/

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In re Application of	:	
SASAKI, TAIJI et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/560,845	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 16, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2009_1445A	:	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 May 21, 2010 to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

(1) The U.S. application be (a) a national stage entry of the corresponding PCT application, or (b) a national stage entry of another PCT application which claims priority to the corresponding PCT application, or (c) a national stage application that claims domestic/foreign priority to the corresponding PCT application, (d) a national application which forms the basis for the priority claim in the corresponding PCT application, or (e) a continuation application of the U.S. application which satisfies one of the above (a) to (d) scenarios.
(2) A copy of the latest international work product (WO/ISA, WO/IPEA, or IPER) in the corresponding PCT application(s) which indicates at least one claim in the PCT application has novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.
(3) A copy of all claims which were indicated as having novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability in the corresponding PCT application(s).
(4) English translations of the documents in (2) and (3) (if the documents are not in the English language).
(5) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the claims which were indicated as having novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability in the corresponding PCT application(s).
(6) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;

(7) An information disclosure statement listing the documents cited in the international work products (ISR, WO/ISA. WO/IPEA, IPER) of the corresponding PCT application(s) and
(8) The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Michael 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: SULLIVAN, JOHN T. et al Serial No.: 12/560,851 Filed: September 16, 2009 Title: **PIT ROAD DISPLAY**	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 September 16, 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 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 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 2, 3, 4, 5, 5.2-5.3, and 6:6.1-6.5.

Regarding items 2-4 above, the petition fails to:

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.

Regarding item 5 above, the preexamination search is deficient as follows: No statement made based on a good faith belief, that a preexamination search in compliance with the requirements outlined in items 5:5.1-5.3, was conducted. There is no indication of any search logic or search strings used for the database searches. No indication of the names of any files within the databases used in the search. No dates provided when the search took place.

Regarding the requirement in item 5.2 and 5.3 above, the preexamination search document provided with the instant petition is also deficient as follows: The US field of search and database searches which are to be provided are not sufficient. In addition to the search areas provided, applicant would also need to search the following class/subclass: 340/439, 461, 691.6, 815.56; and 362/28, 29, 489, 97.2.

Regarding the requirement in items 6:6.1-6.5 above, petitioner does not provide an accelerated examination support document at all. 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 petition 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

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

For these reasons cited above, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Applicant should note that a petition to make special filed on or after August 25, 2006 will only be granted if it is based upon applicant's health or age or is under the PPH pilot program, or if it complies with the requirements set forth in MPEP 708.02(a). See also MPEP 708.02 for details.

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; an Information Disclosure Statement should be filed to cite any previously and newly found prior art in support of the petition for accelerated examination, and an Accelerated Examination Support Document must be filed and include the necessary discussion of any previously and 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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Application No. 12/560,967	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
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Attorney Docket No. **DE258-68877/DP-318415**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/28/2010, 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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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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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 11, 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 Priya Cloutier 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 Ng at the address indicated below.

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

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

- 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	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Kenji YOSHIDA	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Application No.: 12/561,251	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Filed: 16 September 2009	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
Attorney Docket No.: TOSH/0063US	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
For: RUN LENGTH LIMITER AND	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
RUN LENGTH LIMITING METHOD	

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 18 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.

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In re Application of	:	
MORNINGSTAR, RANDY L.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/561,472	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: August 28, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2008042US	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
REINFORCEMENT OF PENILE	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)
CYLINDERS		

This is a decision on the renewed request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed October 5, 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 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 $130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition do not comply with the above requirements. The request to participate in the PPH program and petition fail to include Items #7. The applicant failed to pay the petition fee $130.00.

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. Currently, the application is undergoing pre-examination processing. Once it is released for examination, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for action in its regular turn.

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 is accessible in the PAIR system at http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html.

Petition is **dismissed**.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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In re Application of	:	
MORNINGSTAR, RANDY L.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/561472	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: Sept. 17, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. 2008042-US	:	PILOT PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
REINFORCEMENT OF PENILE	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)
CYLINDERS		

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed July 17, 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 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); and
(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.

The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition comply with the above requirements. Receipt of the IDS statement 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 undergoing pre-examination processing. Once it is released for examination, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Petition is **granted**.

/Henry C. Yuen/

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Application No. 12/561,645	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 17, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No.	:	PILOT PROGRAM
238166/GECZ200979		

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed February 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 **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 above for the reasons explained in more detail below.

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.

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 Eddie C. Lee at 571-272-1732.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2115 for action in its regular turn.

/Eddie C. Lee/

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NERONE, Louis et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/561,645	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 17, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No.	:	PILOT PROGRAM
238166/GECZ200979		

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration, filed March 23, 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 Eddie C. Lee at 571-272-1732.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2121 for action in its regular turn.

/Eddie C. Lee/

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In re application of	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Seiichiro Takahashi et al.	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Serial No. 12/561,715	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: September 17, 2009	:	PROGRAM AND
For: ZINC-OXIDE BASED TARGET	:	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) to make the above-identified application special filed October 08, 2009.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

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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 (i) or (ii) 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;
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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 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.

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Application No. 12561747

Filed: September 17,2009

Attorney Docket No. P-2144

: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 23-FEB-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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Application No. 12/561790	:	37 CFR 1.47(a)
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This Decision is in response to the correspondence filed January 8, 2010, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor(s). The correspondence is properly treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). See, MPEP 409.03.

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.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Mark A. O'Neill, refuses to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), 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.

The application file is being referred to technology Center Art Unit 2475 for examination in the normal course of business.

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

/Derek L. Woods/

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Dear Mr. O'Neill:

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 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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In re Application of	:	
JAMES A. BILLMAIER ET AL.	:	
Application No. 12/561,893	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 17, 2009	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 34395/435	:	FROM RECORD
	:	

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed May 12, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because it lacks the name of the first inventor or the assignee of record that is associated with the address listed in the request. Therefore, the change of correspondence address is considered improper.

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) 272-4584.

/JoAnne Burke/
JoAnne Burke
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In re Application of	:	
Yasukata Takeda et al	:	
Application No. 12/562,005	:	DECISION ON REQUEST FOR REFUND
Filed: September 17, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 2936-0152PUS2	:	

This is a decision on the Request For Refund filed January 28, 2010.

The request is **GRANTED- IN PART**.

Applicant requests a refund of $2010 to have been charged on September 29, 2009 in the above identified application. However, a review of Office finance records for the above application, only show a charge of $1,040.00 to deposit account no. 02-2448 on September 29, 2009. Therefore, a refund of $1,040.00 is being credited to deposit account no. 02-2448 as authorized.

Additionally, applicant submitted with the above request for refund; a copy of the acknowledgement receipt for the filing of Application No. 12/562,004, with notation as being an incorrect application. However, a request to remove (abandon) Application No. 12/562,004 and a request for refund has also been filed in Application No. 12/562,004 on January 28, 2010.

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

/KOC/
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/562,086	09/17/2009	Howard W.H. Lee	026335-005710US	3533

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In re Application of	:	
Lee	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/562,086	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/17/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **026335-005710US**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 7/2/2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

/Tom Dunn/

Tom Dunn
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In re Application of
Andrew V Schally

Application No. 12562096

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. SHAL3.0-037

: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-SEP-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	:	
Waymon Burton Reed	:	
Application No. 12/562,425	:	ON PETITION
Filed: September 18, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 080098.0102	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed December 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 applicant is 65 years of age, and a statement from applicant that applicant is 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Additionally, 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. 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 3634 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Joan Olszewski

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12/562,453	09/18/2009	Mikine ISHIGURO	062807-0607	4272

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McDermott Will Emery LLP
600 13th St N.W.
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In re Application of: Ishiguro M.
Application No. 12/562,453
Filed: 09/18/2009
For: Display Method and display device

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 06, 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/

Mano Padmanabhan
Quality Assurance Specialist, Technology Center 2100, Workgroup 2180
571-272-4210

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12/562,525	09/18/2009	Meng Gao	19441-0400	4422

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In re Application of	:	
GAO, Meng et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/562,525	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 18, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 19441-0400	:	PILOT PROGRAM

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

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 700/287) 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.

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 Eddie C. Lee at 571-272-1732.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2121 for action in its regular turn.

/Eddie C. Lee/

Eddie C. Lee
Quality Assurance Specialist
Technology Center 2100

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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	12562905	Confirmation Number	5234	Filing Date	2009-09-18
Attorney Docket Number (optional)	1790.003	Art Unit		Examiner	
First Named Inventor	Doug Mallonee				
Title of Invention	SYSTEM FOR REMOVING HYDROCARBONS AND CONTAMINATES				

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

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

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

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

Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name	Suffix
Edward	Beverly	Moe	

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)	2009-09-18
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2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.

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

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

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

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

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

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Doug Mallonee

Application No. 12562905

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 1790.003

: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 18-SEP-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	:	
THOMAS, Kenneth D.	:	
Application No. 12/562,914	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Effective Date: September 18, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. **THOMASCONT**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 statement by Kenneth Thomas, attesting to his age. Accordingly, the above-identified application will be accorded "special" status.

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

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

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In re Application of
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Application No. 12562938

Filed:

Attorney Docket No. 1790.004

: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 18-SEP-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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In re Application of: John Stearns
Application No.: 12/563,003
Filed: September 18, 2009
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROPANE EXTRACTION AND RECLAMATION

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 September 18, 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 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, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II : 5.1, 5.2, 6.2, and 6.3 above. Therefore, the petition fails to meet the required conditions to be accorded special status under the accelerated examination procedure.

Discussion

When referring to "the petition" hereinbelow, the received papers under consideration include the PTO/SB/28 form, the "pre-examination search document" including pages 1-4; the "accelerated examination support document" comprising pages 1-8, and an Information Disclosure Statement including form PTO/SB/08A.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in class 62 subclasses 434, 476. Searching in class 165 subclasses 133, Dig 519 also appear on point. Keyword searching (format in East) should have included: ((heat near2 exchang$3) or evaporator) with (foam$3) and (housing or casing or container or vessel or tank) and (sandwich$3 or surround$3 or ends).

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.*

First, petitioner's submission is not specific enough. Petitioner does not address each limitation and where it is (or state that it is not) found in each closest prior art. It is suggest that petitioner utilize a chart similar to the one used to show support under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Similarly, with respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are 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. In the instant petition, no explanation has been provided as to why the references do not render the claim as obvious.

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 Linda J. Sholl, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391.

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In re Application of: John Stearns Application No.: 12/563003 Filed: September 18, 2009 Docket: 15979.105001US1 Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROPANE EXTRACTION AND RECLAMATION	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on January 4, 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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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Application No. 12/563,040	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/18/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **31474-2006.0006.CON**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/13/2010, 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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Jong Wook Kim	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/563,044	:	TO WITHDRAW
Filed: September 18, 2009	:	FROM RECORD
Attorney Docket No. 086121-0050	:	

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 4, 2010.

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

A review of the file record indicates that on April 5, 2010 the power of attorney to Ladas & Parry was revoked by the assignee of the patent application. Accordingly, the request to withdraw under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) is moot.

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

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

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In re Application of OYAMA, Yoshio Application No.: 12/563,101 Filing Date: 18 September 2009 For: AMPULE GUIDE AND MEDICAL SOLUTION DOSING UNIT	DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicant's "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT DESIGNATING THE U.S. ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 137(b)" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 18 September 2009.

BACKGROUND

Applicant filed international application PCT/JP2007/001207, which designated the U.S. and claimed priority date of 07 November 2006. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 07 May 2009. Accordingly, PCT/JP2007/001207 became abandoned as to the United States of America at midnight 07 May 2009 for failure to timely pay the Basic National Fee.

On 18 September 2009, applicant filed the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) considered herein together with an application filed under 35 USC 111(a) claiming benefit under 35 USC 120 and 365(c) as a continuation application of international application number PCT/JP2007/001207.

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requesting that the application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by (1) the required

reply, (2) the petition fee required by law, (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 this paragraph was unintentional" and (4) any terminal disclaimer and fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c) (where required).

Regarding item (1), the filing of a continuing application satisfies the reply requirement.

Regarding item (2), the $810 petition fee has been charged to the credit card as authorized by the applicant.

Regarding item (3), the requisite statement has been provided.

With regard to item (4), because the application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

International application PCT/JP2007/001207 is being revived for purposes of continuity, 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 (12/563,101).

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Application No.: 12/563,103
Filed: 18 September 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 068719-5009-US
For: BATTERY EXCHANGE STATION

: DECISION ON REQUEST TO
: PARTICIPATE IN THE PCT 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 (PCT-PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 21 April 2010, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

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

(1) The U.S. application must disclose an eligible relationship to one or more PCT applications where the ISA or IPEA are the JPO, EPO, or USPTO;

(2) At least one claim in the PCT application has novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability and must be free of any observations in Box VIII in the latest work product in the international stage or applicant must identify and explain why the claim(s) is/are not subject to the observation in Box VII;

(3) Applicant must submit a copy of the claim(s) from the PCT application(s) that have novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(4) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the claim(s) that have novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability in the PCT application(s);

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

(6) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest international work product from the PCT application containing the claim(s) that have novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability

along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;

(7) 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; and

(8) 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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In re Application of OYAMA, YOSHIO Application No.: 12/563,111 PCT No.: PCT/JP2007/001206 Int. Filing Date: 05 November 2007 Priority Date: 07 November 2006 For: MECHANISM CAPABLE OF PROVIDING NEAT CLEAVED OPENING SURFACE AND AMPULE WITH MOVABLE GASKET	:	PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicant's "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 137(b)" filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 18 September 2009.

BACKGROUND

Applicants filed international application, PCT/JP2007/001206 on 05 November 2007. The international application became abandoned at midnight on 07 May 2009 based on applicant's failure to pay the U.S. basic national fee prior to the expiration of thirty months from the priority date.

On 18 September 2009, applicants filed the present petition under 37 CFR 137(b) to revive the international application in order to file a new continuation application under 35 U.S.C 111(a).

Application No.: 12/563,111

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) requesting that the application be revived the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, (2) the petition fee required by law, (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 this paragraph was unintentional" and (4) any terminal disclaimer and fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c) (where required).

Regarding item (1), applicants have provided the required reply.

Regarding item (2), the $810 petition fee has been charged to applicant's credit card as authorized.

Regarding item (3), the petition includes a statement that satisfied the requirement.

With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

International application PCT/JP2007/001206 is being revived for purposes of continuity only and since continuity has been established by this decision, international application PCT/JP2007/001206 is again abandoned as to the United States in favor of the continuation application submitted with the present petition.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Application Processing for processing as a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

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Atty. Docket No.: **2402.0440000**
Title of Invention: **HARDWARE-BASED ANTI-VIRUS SYSTEM**

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

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In re Application of: Zuili et al. Application No.: 12/563,128 Filed: September 19, 2009 Title: Highly Efficient Cooling Systems	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 September 19, 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 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, 5.3, 6, 6.1, 6.2, and 6.5 above are considered to have been met. However, the petition fails to comply with conditions II : 5.1, 5.2, 6.3, 6.4 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" hereinbelow, the received papers under consideration include the PTO/SB/28 form, the "pre-examination search document" including pages 1-5; the "accelerated examination support document" comprising pages 1-21, and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) including form PTO/SB/08A.

Regarding the requirements of section II element 5.1 and 5.2 outlined above, it appears the search outlined in the petition omitted a critical search area by not searching in class 62 subclasses 434. Searching in class 165 subclasses 164, 905, 908 also appear on point.

Similarly, with respect to the requirements of section II element 6.3 outlined above, the petition fails to provide a detailed explanation of how each of the claims are 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. In the instant petition, the explanation of patentability does not provide any details of the limitations not found in the references under the 35 USC 102 section. For these reasons, the petition does not meet the requirement of section II, element 6.3

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 the independent claims specifically when discussing the utility of the invention.

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). If there are no such references, a statement to such must be made.

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 Linda J. Sholl, TC 3700 Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4391.

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In re Application of: Zuili et al. Application No.: 12/563128 Filed: September 19, 2009 Docket: PZ-081C1 Title: HIGHLY EFFICIENT COOLING SYSTEMS	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 & M.P.E.P. § 708.02

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Application No. 12/563,411	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 21, 2009	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 4W17.1.021	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed October 6, 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 3773 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of: PFEIFFER et al. Serial No.: 12/563,723 Filed: September 21, 2009 Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OPTICAL SCANNING OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS BY MEANS OF A DENTAL 3D CAMERA USING A TRIANGLATION METHOD	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 September 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 **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 the application 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 to File Corrected Application Papers is evidence that the application was not complete and in condition for examination at the time of filing. In this case, replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1,121(d) were required in the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed on September 23, 2009.

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 Quality Assurance Specialist Jose' G. Dees at (571) 272-1569.

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/563,821	09/21/2009	Nagesh Palepu	544960-207.1	7155

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In re Application of:
Palepu et al.

Serial No.: 12/563,821

Filed: September 21, 2009
Docket: **544960-207.1**
Title: **READY-TO-USE BIVALIRUDIN COMPOSITIONS**

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 September 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 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 Michael P. Woodward, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-8373.

/MP Woodward/
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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. 12/564,017
Filed: September 21, 2009
Attorney Docket No. PRTS-010CON2(PRO-103)

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102 filed March 19, 2010, the above-identified application special under the Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan which is a pilot program set forth at 74 Federal Register Notice 62285 (November 27, 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 62285 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed prior to October 1, 2009.

The USPTO will accord special status for examination under Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan under the following conditions:

The USPTO will accord special status for examination under Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan under the following conditions:

(1) The application for which special status is sought is a nonprovisional application that has an actual filing date earlier than October 1, 2009, in which the applicant has established small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27;

(2) The applicant has another copending nonprovisional application that has an actual filing date earlier than October 1, 2009, and is complete under 37 CFR 1.53;

(3) The application for which special status is sought and the other copending nonprovisional application either are owned by the same party as of October 1, 2009, or name at least one inventor in common;

(4) The applicant files a letter of express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.138(a) in the copending nonprovisional application before it has been taken up for examination and

a) includes with the letter of express abandonment a statement that the applicant has not and will not file an application that claims the benefit of the expressly abandoned application under any provision of title 35, United States Code, and

b) the applicant agrees not to request a refund of any fees paid in the expressly abandoned application; and

(5) The applicant files a petition under 37 CFR 1.102 in the application for which special status is sought.

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan has been waived.

The instant petition complies with the conditions required under Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Kenya A. McLaughlin, Petitions Attorney at 571-272-3222.

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 2612 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Director
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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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Takayuki Norimatsu	:	
Application No. 12/564,186	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 22, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 2009_1399A	:	

This is a decision on the PETITION TO EXPUNGE, AND REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTOR INFORMATION, filed December 7, 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 **dismissed**.

Petitioner requests that the original declaration, filed September 22, 2009, be expunged from the record and issuance of a new filing receipt naming new Applicant as set forth on the Application Data Sheet and the new declaration submitted with the petition.

However, 37 CFR 1.59(a)(2) states:

> Information forming part of the original disclosure (i.e., written specification including the claims, drawings, and any preliminary amendment specifically incorporated into an executed oath or declaration under §§ 1.63 and 1.175) will not be expunged from the application file.

Accordingly, the original declaration will not be expunged from the record pursuant to 37 CFR 1.59(b). Moreover, petitioner has not established that an extraordinary situation exits in which justice requires the requested expungement pursuant to a waiver of 37 CFR 1.59(a)(2) under 37 CFR 1.183, as discussed in MPEP 724.05 IV.

Furthermore, the USPTO will not normally consider an extraordinary remedy, such as expunging information pursuant to 37 CFR 1.183, when the rules already provide an avenue for obtaining the relief sought. See Cantello v. Rasmussen, 220 USPQ 664, 664 (Comm'r Pat. 1982). In this instance, correction of inventorship may be affected under 37 CFR 1.48.

The petition requests correction of the title of the invention but Office records show the title as Auto-Tensioner which appears to be the proper title.

Telephone inquiries concerning this communication should be directed to Carl Friedman at (571) 272-6842.

Carl Friedman
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12/564,324	09/22/2009	Subhasish Mukerjee	DE258-69745/DP-318536	8135

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In re Application of	:	
Mukerjee et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/564,324	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 9/22/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **DE258-69745/DP-318536**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 1/27/2010, 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/

Tom Dunn
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In re Application of
Gary L. Griffiths

Application No. 12564335

Filed: September 22,2009

Attorney Docket No. IMM190US3

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

This is a decision on the electronic petition under 37 CFR 1.102 (c)(1), filed 09-NOV-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. 12/564,367	:	DECISION ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. PROT0027	:	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 03, 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 2881 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

David Bucci
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Lee, and Doerer	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Application No.: 12/564,551	:	
Filed: September 22, 2009	:	
Docket No.: 21407-00239	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed, March 25, 2010, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

The above-identified application was filed on September 22, 2009, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on October 8, 2009, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed, requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration, including a surcharge for its late filing. A two (2) month period for reply was set. In response, on March 25, 2010, applicant filed an appropriate petition for extension of time, additional claim fees, replacement drawings, a partially executed declaration, surcharge and the present petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

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

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the

oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the $200 petition fee;

(4) a surcharge of $130 or $65 (small entity) if the petition and/or declaration is not filed at the time of filing the application, and

(5) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition lacks items (1).

Before a refusal to sign an oath or declaration can be alleged, it must be demonstrated that a *bona fide* effort has been made to present a complete copy of the application papers (specification, including claims, drawings, and oath or declaration) to Mr. Joon Kyu Lee, the non-signing inventor, at his last know address, typically a residential address.

Petitioner indicates that an e-mail was sent on November 25, 2009 to the non-signing inventor, followed by a letter on December 10, 2009, mailed via Federal Express, requesting Mr. Lee's signature on the declaration and assignment; however, no response was received from Mr. Lee to date. Refusal by inventor Lee cannot be inferred as the evidence submitted does not indicates that complete application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath, etc.) were mailed to his last known address. If an inventor is not presented with a copy of the application papers for this application, then he could not attest that he has "reviewed and understands the application papers" and could not execute the declaration he was requested to sign. Similarly, while the transmission of documents via e-mail is common practice, it can be problematic. Transmission and receipt of documents-whether in image, word-processing, spreadsheet or other form-can be effected by differences in software generation between the sender and recipient(s), and other interferences include but are not limited to sender's and recipient's Internet service provider's (ISP) and/or office/personal security firewall systems.

Therefore, at the very least, petitioner should mail complete application papers (specification, claims, drawings, oath, etc.) to the last known address of joint inventor, 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 that 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.

In the event that the application papers are returned as undeliverable, petitioners may show diligent efforts to locate the non-signing inventor by providing a copy of an envelope showing that a letter sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor was returned as undeliverable by the post office. Furthermore, details of the efforts made to locate the non-signing inventor should be set forth in an affidavit or declaration of facts by a person having first-hand knowledge of the details.

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.

If repeated attempts to contact the non-signing inventor are unsuccessful, petitioners will have demonstrated that the inventors cannot be reached, despite diligent efforts, or have refused to sign the declaration.

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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In re Application of	:	
Harry Dugger	:	
Application No. 12/564,559	:	ON PETITION
Filed: September 22, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. DUGG3.0-002	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 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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In re application of
Richard Galgano et al.
Application No. 12/564,600
Filed: September 22, 2009
For: WIRE AND CABLE DISPENSING CONTAINER AND SYSTEMS

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

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 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 **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 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.5.2, II.6.2 and II.6.3.

As to condition II.5.2, the petition lacks an indication of a preexamination search that encompasses all of the features of the claims. With respect to the classification search, in addition to the areas already searched, the search needs to include a search of 242/614, 614.1, 615.3, 588.4, and 588.6. The search also fails to include a search of class 206 "Special Receptacle or Package", specifically 206/389, 395-397, 408, 409, 413-416.

With respect to the text search of the US Patents database, the search logic in the petition appears to lack the incorporation of terms that would constitute "the broadest reasonable interpretation" of the claimed subject matter as is required. The text search appears to be too narrow to encompass the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claimed invention. The USPTO website has an example of the proper manner of performing and documenting a preexamination search for Accelerated Examination petitions at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/accelerated/. Furthermore, a sample of search logic to be used in this application is provided below:

((box or carton) same (reel or spool or spindle or mandrel)) and (242/$.ccls. or 206/$.ccls.)

This sample search logic is not meant to be the sole search logic that can or should be employed in this application, but is meant solely as an example of a starting off point for applicant's assistance. The foreign patent file databases searched are adequate, however the same text logic deficiency as outlined above appears to be present.

As to condition II.6.2, instead of the over 30 submitted references deemed most closely related subject matter of the claims in parent application 12/103,790, this application contains only 4 references. Since the disclosures of both 12/103,790 and this child application are apparently identical, and at least claim 1 of both applications are similar in scope, it is not seen why at least a substantial portion of the references which petitioner considers most closely related to the claims of the parent application are not likewise most closely related to the claims in this continuing application. Applicant is also reminded that filing a petition to make special does not absolve the duty to disclose information material to patentability under 37 CFR 1.56. Petitioner has provided no explanation as to why the vast majority of the references are not most closely relate to the claimed invention in this application.

As to condition II.6.3, it should be noted petitioner indicates that "[w]ith regards to claim 1, all of the references above fail to teach or suggest a left panel arbor hole, a right panel arbor hole, and a passageway through the container as is required in Claim 1." However, Wilkinson et al. (7,204,452) in Figure 1, clearly show that the support panels each have a left and right arbor hole 20. A simple backward/forward search would have yielded U.S. Patent No. 5,967,451 which shows a shaft going through the support panels but not a carton. The '451 also teaches the use of pins 22,44 in order to maintain the shaft 20 in place. PG Publication 2003/0080011, Figure 3, teaches a spool 10 in a container 24 and a shaft 32 where casing 24 is mounted. Also it appears that 6,003,667 Figure 11 teaches a shaft 110 going through the package. 7,025,300, Figure 3, also teaches a shaft going through carton 31 and supporting reels 37 inside the carton.

With respect to remarks on page 9 of the support document regarding Claim 8, applicant states that none of the references teach a slot in the top panel and a slot in the bottom panel. However, doing a backward/forward search yields reference that has slots at the sides. For example, U.S. Patent No. 3,693,784 or PG Publication 2002/0125161 teaches slots at the top and side panel. Furthermore 3,680,810 (also found via backward/forward citations) Figure 2 teaches a slot located at the edge between a side panel and a bottom panel.

Applicant is required to submit an accelerated examination support document (AESD) that includes an IDS in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 citing each reference deemed most closely related to the subject matter of each of claims (whether in independent or dependent form). Specifically:

(1) Applicant **is not** required to cite the references that are only relevant to the general subject matter of the claims because there are references that are more closely related to the subject matter of the claims. Applicant is also not required to cite a reference that is cumulative to any other reference cited in the IDS.

(2) Applicant **is** required to cite any reference that establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim (see 37 CFR 1.56(b)) in the IDS of the AESD.

(3) Applicant **is** required to cite the reference that discloses the most limitations in the independent claim.

(4) Applicant **is** required to cite any reference that discloses a limitation of an independent claim that is not shown in the other references.

(5) Applicant **is** required to cite any reference that discloses a limitation of a dependent claim that is not shown in the other references.

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

DECISION

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

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

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

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri Luu at (571) 272-7045.

/Teri P. Luu/
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In re Application of :
Agarwal et al. : ON PETITION
Application No.: 12/564,625 :
Filed: September 22, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No.: D6273 Non Prov. :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed February 8, 2010.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Any response should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" and may include an oath or declaration executed by the inventor. **Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.**

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

(1) a petition including proof of the pertinent facts establishing that the joint inventor(s) refuses to join, or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort,
(2) a proper oath or Declaration executed by the available joint inventor(s),
(3) the petition fee of $200, and
(4) the last known address of the omitted inventor(s).

This petition lacks items (1) and (2) above.

As to item (1), applicants have failed to establish that the non-signing inventors, Ashwin Kapur and Rishabh Agarwal, cannot be reached or have refused to sign the declaration.

Petitioners have established that the application and a declaration and various assignment documents were received by individuals at the two non-signing inventors' last known addresses (apparently apartment buildings) on Saturday, January 23, 2010. However, petitioners did not allow sufficient time for the non-signing inventors to review the application, execute all the documents, at least one being required to be notarized, and return the required documents from India to the U.S. prior to the specified deadline of February 3, 2009 [sic] (emphasis added).

It is conceivable that the inventors were out of town during the short period given for review and execution of the declaration/assignments. As stated in MPEP 409.03(d), " The fact that a non-signing inventor is on vacation or out of town and is therefore temporarily unavailable to sign the declaration is not an acceptable reason for filing under 37 CFR 1.47(a)."

Petitioners should engage in further efforts to contact the non-signing inventors (through mail or telephone) and obtain executed documents from them.

In order to obtain 47 status, petitioners must show the inventors' refusal, either express or constructive, to execute the declaration. When petitioners shows that the inventors either refused to sign the declaration or would not respond to the request that they sign the declaration within a reasonable amount of time, petitioners will have satisfied this requirement.

Any written refusal to sign the declaration should be included as documentary evidence in any reconsideration petition. If there is an oral refusal, the facts surrounding the refusal should be included in a declaration by a party with first hand knowledge of the refusal. If it is concluded by the 37 CFR 1.47 applicant that a non-signing inventor's conduct constitutes a refusal, all facts upon which that conclusion is based should be stated in an affidavit or declaration.

The affidavit or declaration of facts must be signed, where at all possible, by a person having *firsthand knowledge* of the facts recited therein. Statements based on hearsay will not normally be accepted. It is important that the affidavit or declaration contain statements of fact as opposed to conclusions.

As to item (2), an oath or declaration for the patent application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 still has not been presented. The declaration contains a nondated alteration to information for Inventor. 37 CFR 1.52(c) states that "[a]ny interlineation, erasure, cancellation or other alteration of the application papers filed should be made on or before the signing of the accompanying oath or declaration pursuant to 1.63...." This includes the oath or declaration. The Office will not consider whether noninitialed and/or nondated alterations were made before or after signing of the oath or declaration but will require a new oath or declaration. MPEP 605.04(a)

Fortunately, the alteration is to information for a signing inventor. Thus, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.67(a)(2), Inventor Chan should correct his citizenship information in a supplemental declaration identifying the entire inventive entity and their information, but signed only by him.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and1.64 signed by the Rule 1.47 applicant on behalf of the non-signing inventor is REQUIRED. See MPEP 409.03(a).

The petition fee of $200.00 will be charged to petitioners' deposit account.

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

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Application No.: 12/564,625 :
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Papers filed on May 4, 2010 in response to the Rule 47(a) dismissal mailed on April 8, 2010, included a copy of the fully executed declaration filed in Application No. 11/958,882, of which the instant filing is a divisional application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63(d), the declaration is acceptable. Therefore, the Rule 47(a) decision is **dismissed as moot**.

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).

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be referred to Technology Center A.U. 3612 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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Application No. 12/564,627	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 22, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. AGA 009-2	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 18, 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 1.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 052/220.100) that is not one of the eligible US classifications listed in section VI of the notice. Therefore, this application is not eligible for the Pilot Program. The classification limitations are purposefully made to be narrow for the Pilot Program; however, these may be expanded based upon the success of the Pilot Program. Petitioner may file a preliminary amendment that would cause this application to be classified elsewhere. However, while petitioner may suggest a classification (see, e.g., MPEP 708.02(a)(VII)(C)), the application will be assigned to the most appropriate classification based upon current U.S. classification guidelines. Furthermore, a petition for the Pilot Program should not be filed until and unless all of the requirements set forth in the Notice are met; i.e., a petition should not be filed for an application that is currently classified outside the eligible classifications set forth in the Notice.

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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3635 for action in its regular turn.

/Lanna Mai/

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Filed: September 22, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. AGA 009-2	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed May 21, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

In order to qualify for special status, the following requirements must be met. 1) The application must 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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3635 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Attorney Docket No. 0050936-000033	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 statement by applicants Earl Hennenhoefer and Richard V. Snyder that he/she is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to 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 2611 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, filed 12/18/2009, 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 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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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/21/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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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.

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In re Application of	:	
SHAW, Andrew Mark, et al.	:	
Application No.: 12/564,700	:	
Filing Date: 22 September 2007	:	DECISION
Attorney Docket No.: 44385.0500	:	
For: METHOD OF FABRICATION OF	:	
PHOTONIC BIOSENSOR ARRAYS	:	

This is a decision on applicant's Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 02 December 2009.

BACKGROUND

On 22 September 2009, applicant filed papers indicating the filing was a national phase filing under 35 USC 371 and electronic data indicating that the filing was under 35 USC 111(a).

On 30 October 2009, the Office mailed Notice to File Missing Parts, a filing receipt and Response to Request For Corrected Filing Receipt, indicating that applicants filed a 35 USC 111(a) with an indication that it was a national stage.

On 02 December 2009, applicant filed this petition requesting that the Office convert the above application to a national phase.

On 21 December 2009, applicant filed a declaration of the inventors.

DISCUSSION

A review of the above-captioned application file indicates it is a utility application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

The USPTO Notice published in the Official Gazette at 1077 OG 13 (14 April 1987) entitled "Minimum Requirements for Acceptance of Applications Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (the National Stage of PCT)" states, in part, the following:

> The Patent and Trademark Office is continuing to receive application papers which do not clearly identify whether the papers (1) are being submitted to enter the national stage of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) under 35 U.S.C. 371 or (2) are being filed as a regular national application under 35 U.S.C. 111.
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> If there are any conflicting instructions as to which sections of the statute

> (371 or 111) is intended the application will be accepted under 35 U.S.C. 111.

Here, the electronic information instructed that this application was a filing pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Thus, the application is a filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) pursuant to 1077 OG 13.

U.S. Statutes and Regulations do not make specific provision for conversion of the application to a national phase and as such the Office does not grant such petitions for conversion as a mere matter of course. The Office will only grant such petitions upon a showing by applicant of sufficient cause (e.g., the loss of patent rights) where no other remedy is available. Applicants have not made such a showing.

Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to add an unintentionally delayed priority claim.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to convert this filing under 35 USC 111(a) to a filing under 35 USC 371 is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter may be filed electronically via EFS-Web selecting the document description "Petition for review and processing by the PCT Legal Office" or by mail addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

This application is being forwarded to the Initial Processing Division of the Office of Patent Application Processing for continued processing.

/Erin P. Thomson/

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Application No. 12/564,740	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 22, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. AGA 2009-7	:	PILOT PROGRAM

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

The petition is **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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3635 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Mark TOFFLEMIRE	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/564,748	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 22, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. AGA 2009-8	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 18, 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

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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.

In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 052/220.200) 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 petition includes a statement explaining how the instant application materially contributes to category (B). Petitioner suggests that the use of the claimed curtain wall unit allows for new photovoltaic generating facilities in conventional façade structures to improve a building's overvall energy consumption characteristics. Since the instant invention is directed to a curtain wall unit per-se, petitioner's comments are merely a speculation on how an end user might use the instant invention to incorporate green technologies. As stated in the notice, the materiality standard does not permit an applicant to speculate as to how a hypothetical end-user might specially apply the invention in a manner than could materially contribute to category (A) or (B). *Also see MPEP § 708.02 (VI).* Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute to category (A) or (B).

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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3633 for action in its regular turn.

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Application No. 12/564,748	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
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Attorney Docket No. AGA 2009-8	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed May 21, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **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 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 5.

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. Petitioner's materiality standard statement explains that "*the claimed invention is directed particularly to embodiments that contribute directly to new power generating facilities in previously undeveloped installations, including vertical building facades, as the curtain wall is specially adapted for mounting energy conversion devices and routing their interconnections.*" Contrary to petitioner's statement, the curtain wall unit by itself as claimed does not materially contribute to the development of renewable energy. The structural elements of the curtain wall unit such as the rigid frame with its vertical frame members, the vertical mullion, the horizontal stack joint, and other parts do not materially contribute to the development of renewable energy. How would the curtain wall unit be used to potentially integrating energy conversion devices as described in petitioner's materiality standard statement is merely a speculation on a hypothetical end-user's application of the invention to materially contribute to either the development of renewable energy or energy conservation, or greenhouse gas emission reduction.

As stated in the notice, the materiality standard does not permit an applicant to speculate as to how a hypothetical end-user might specially apply the invention in a manner than could materially contribute to category (A) or (B). *Also see MPEP § 708.02 (VI).* Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute to category (B), and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3633 for action in its regular turn.

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

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

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

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In regard to item 1, petitioner should note that this application has been classified in an area (USPC 052/220.200) 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.

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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(2), filed May 21, 2010, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **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 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 5.

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. Petitioner's materiality standard statement explains that "*the claimed invention is directed particularly to embodiments that contribute directly to new power generating facilities in previously undeveloped installations, including vertical building facades, as the curtain wall is specially adapted for mounting energy conversion devices and routing their interconnections.*" Contrary to petitioner's statement, the curtain wall unit by itself as claimed does not materially contribute to the development of renewable energy. The structural elements of the curtain wall unit such as the rigid frame with its vertical frame members, the vertical mullion, the horizontal stack joint, and other parts do not materially contribute to the development of renewable energy. How would the curtain wall unit be used to potentially integrating energy conversion devices as described in petitioner's materiality standard statement is merely a speculation on a hypothetical end-user's application of the invention to materially contribute to either the development of renewable energy or energy conservation, or greenhouse gas emission reduction.

As stated in the notice, the materiality standard does not permit an applicant to speculate as to how a hypothetical end-user might specially apply the invention in a manner than could materially contribute to category (A) or (B). *Also see MPEP § 708.02 (VI).* Accordingly, it is unclear as to how the claimed invention would materially contribute to category (B), and it is not agreed that the application on its face meets that materiality standard.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3635 for action in its regular turn.

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/21/2009, to make the above-identified application special under the pilot program for applications pertaining to Green Technologies as set forth 74 Federal Register Notice 64666 (December 8, 2009).

The petition is **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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Re: Request for Amendment of Published Patent Application under MPEP § 608.01(v)
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United States Gypsum Company ("USG") owns several federal registrations for the trademark SHEETROCK as follows:

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USG respectfully requests that, under §608.01(v) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure ("MPEP"), the Examiner of this patent application remove the improper uses of the trademark SHEETROCK that are noted in bold type in the enclosed print-out, and that **a generic term such as drywall or wallboard be substituted in each instance**. These corrections should be completed prior to issuance of the patent. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

This is in keeping with the letter filed with the Patent Office on February 26, 2004 that requested that USG's SHEETROCK mark be added to Appendix I of the Manual of Examining Procedure (the Partial List of Trademarks) to prevent misuse of that mark in patent applications. Under MPEP § 608.01(v), a patent applicant may only use another's trademark if it "is set forth in such language that its identity is clear ... [and so long as] it is distinguished from common descriptive nouns by capitalization." That section goes on to state that "the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected," and that "[e]very effort should be made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks." Inappropriate use may adversely affect the validity of the trademark and impair its value "to the extent that it [becomes] descriptive of a product, rather than used as an identification of a source or origin of a product." MPEP § 2173.05(u). For all these reasons, we appreciate that the misuses of our registered SHEETROCK mark, including any misuse in the title, will be removed from this patent application.

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Integrated Electrical Conduit for Solar PV System

Abstract

An unitized curtain wall unit houses energy conversion devices (such as photovoltaic modules), and includes integrated wiring conduits for routing signal and power cables within a building facade or exterior shell structures.

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Claims

1. An electrical routing structure for a power generating system integrated within unitized curtain wall modules mounted within an exterior shell of a building structure and comprising:a plurality of energy conversion modules configured in an array and integrated within rigid frames associated with the unitized curtain wall units;a plurality of contiguous vertical frame members of said rigid frames defining a plurality of vertical mullions within the exterior shell;wherein said plurality of vertical mullions are defined solely by adjacent ones of the unitized curtain wall units and without reference to other building structures;a plurality of contiguous horizontal frame members of said rigid frames defining a plurality of horizontal mullions within the exterior shell;wherein said plurality of horizontal mullions are defined solely by adjacent ones of the unitized curtain wall units and without reference to other building structures;said plurality of vertical and horizontal mullions being adapted as an integrated electrical conduit to carry

electrical cabling for said plurality of energy conversion modules in a vertical direction and a horizontal direction within the exterior shell so as to transfer a power output of said array.

2. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said integrated electrical conduit includes one or more clips to contain said electrical cabling.

3. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said electrical cabling includes both power carrying lines and control signal lines.

4. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said vertical and horizontal mullions are further adapted to carry tubing and/or piping for transporting other materials to/from said energy conversion modules.

5. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said unitized curtain wall units span a vertical space that extends and covers a continuous strip of vision areas and contiguous spandrel areas over multiple stories of the building structure.

6. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said unitized curtain wall units are pre-assembled into a width ranging from approximately 4 feet to 8 feet, and a height ranging from approximately ten feet to 15 feet.

7. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein each of said unitized curtain wall units includes both vision and spandrel regions.

8. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said integrate electrical conduit meets Underwriter Laboratories (UL) or other applicable local regulatory requirements associated with the building for building integrated power generation systems and does not require a separate inspection prior to operation.

9. The electrical routing structure of claim 1, wherein said energy conversion modules convert at least one of: 1) electromagnetic energy; 2) potential energy; 3) kinetic energy; 4) thermal energy; and/or 5) chemical energy into electrical energy or heat energy.

10. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said rigid frame is made of aluminum.

11. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said rigid frame includes a pocket region adapted to mount an edge connector and/or cabling for said energy conversion modules.

12. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 further including control modules integrated within said unitized curtain wall units for optimizing said power output.

13. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 further including an additional wireway/raceway integrated on a back portion of said unitized curtain wall units for routing said electrical cabling.

14. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 wherein said electrical cabling is pre-assembled within said unitized curtain wall units and includes connectors for inter-curtain wall unit connections.

15. The electrical routing structure of claim 1 further including a high voltage disconnect switch that is also integrated into said unitized curtain wall units for selectively disconnecting said power output in response to a predefined event.

16. An electrical routing structure for a photovoltaic generating system integrated within unitized curtain wall modules mounted within an exterior shell of a building structure and comprising:a plurality of photovoltaic energy conversion modules configured in an array and integrated within rigid frames associated with the unitized curtain wall modules;a plurality of contiguous vertical frame members of said rigid frames defining a plurality of vertical mullions within the exterior shell;wherein said plurality of vertical mullions are defined solely by adjacent ones of the unitized curtain wall modules and without reference to other building structures;a plurality of contiguous horizontal frame members of said rigid frames defining a plurality of horizontal mullions within the exterior shell;wherein said plurality of horizontal mullions are defined solely by adjacent ones of the unitized curtain wall modules and without reference to other building structures;said plurality of vertical and horizontal mullions being adapted with an integrated electrical conduit

to carry electrical cabling for said plurality of photovoltaic energy conversion modules in a vertical direction and a horizontal direction within the exterior shell to transfer an output of said array.

17. The electrical routing structure of claim 16 wherein said unitized curtain wall modules include mountings and cable runs/shielding that allow for separation of different types of signal cables, including high voltage and low voltage power lines.

18. The electrical routing structure of claim 16 further including an additional wireway/raceway integrated on a back portion of said unitized curtain wall units for routing said electrical cabling.

19. The electrical routing structure of claim 16 wherein said unitized curtain wall modules are adapted to resist water, pressure and other physical disturbances.

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21. (canceled)

Description

RELATED APPLICATION DATA

[0001]The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. .sctn.119(e) of the priority date of Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/099437 filed Sep. 23, 2008 and Provisional Application Ser. No 61/114410 filed Nov. 13, 2008, both which are hereby incorporated by reference. The application is further related to the following applications, all of which are filed on this same date and incorporated by reference herein: [0002]Building Integrated Power Generating System; Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-1); [0003]UL Compliant Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion System; Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-2); [0004]Method of Operating Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion System Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-3); [0005] Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion System Implemented With Integrated Control Management Units Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-4); [0006]Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion System Implemented In Both Vision and Spandrel Areas Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-5); [0007]Unitized Curtain Wall Module Adapted for Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion Module Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-6); [0008]Unitized Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion Module Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-7); [0009]Unitized Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion Module Adapted With Electrical Isolation and Grounding Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-8); [0010]Unitized Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion Module Adapted With Electrical Conduits Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-9); [0011]Electrical Raceway for Building Integrated Solar PV System; Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-11); [0012]Method of Assembling Building Integrated Photovoltaic Conversion System; Ser. No. _____ (attorney docket number 2009-12);

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0013]The present invention relates to unitized curtain wall units, particularly units which house energy conversion devices (such as photovoltaic modules), and include integrated wiring conduits for routing signal and power cables within a building facade or exterior shell structures.

BACKGROUND

[0014]It has been long been considered desirable to integrate photovoltaic (or PV) devices and systems into commercial and residential buildings. To date, however, such systems have been generally limited to conventional roof-top based systems which have limited photovoltaic capability and little aesthetic appeal. Conventional roof-top based systems are limited in photovoltaic capability because, among other reasons, the modules which make up these conventional systems are connected in series which effectively lowers the productivity of the entire system to that of the least productive of the modules. Conventional roof-top based systems also depend upon racking systems which do not afford a practical method to integrate photovoltaic elements into a vertical building face in an attractive and safe

manner. Shading by building elements, equipment, and other constraints severely limit the area available for PV deployment.

[0015]Clearly it would be desirable to incorporate PV devices in a larger area of a building structure, and in a more visually appealing fashion. In a recent attempt at such an endeavor, a building in New York City incorporated PV elements in vertical facade assemblies that were actually physically separate from the main structure, and configured as artistic elements. The project was in fact a failure due to the inability of the system designer to overcome regulatory restrictions on the incorporation of electrical elements into this type of structure. Thus, while the panels are still attached to the side of the building, they have not been utilized to generate useful PV power.

[0016]"Unitized" curtain wall systems are those which can be preassembled and glazed as units (i.e., the glass or other surface material installed) off site and progressively installed section by section on a building. One advantage of the unitized curtain wall approach is that the labor is performed in an off site, controlled, manufacturing environment. Unitized systems are suitable for mid to large projects, i.e. high-rise buildings (four stories or more), those with significant repetition of their components, and/or projects in locations that have higher seismic design requirements. Frame units for unitized curtain walls are typically configured as one module (glazing or glass unit) wide by one story in height. These pre-glazed frames are typically placed on bunks consisting of about 6 units each and hoisted by a tower crane to their respective floors where they are installed, often by utilizing a small mobile hoist from the floor above.

[0017]The unitized curtain wall systems also typically include a pressure equalized rain screen, which counteracts the forces that cause water infiltration, such as surface tension, capillary action, gravity, kinetic energy, and pressure differential. Unitized curtain wall systems are in wide spread use and gaining commercial popularity across for the country because of their ease of integration, reasonable cost, schedule-friendly capabilities and aesthetic beauty and high performance.

[0018]Photovoltaic modular panels have been integrated into curtain wall glass for building integrated photovoltaics, as seen in U.S. Publication Serial No. 2008/0163918 incorporated by reference herein. Nonetheless the design described is optimized only for amorphous type solar cells, and is not conducive to ease of construction because it is not configured for efficient inter-modular connection. Nor does such design compensate for shading, a problem that severely impairs the performance of conventional series-connected solar panels particularly in articulated applications like building enclosures. As is well known, in conventional PV approaches shading degrades the performance and power output (or yield) of the shaded module or unit. When shading falls on one or more of the conventional series-connected solar panels, the series connected modules degrade in overall performance to that of the lowest yield in the string. Finally the prior art also fails to address the lack of overall Underwriters Laboratory certification or UL approval. UL certification of the framing system is an essential element to enable PV projects to be approved under applicable building and safety regulations, and thus is a key element to enable widespread adoption. Many commercially available modules are UL Approved to UL 1703, but no framing systems related to Building Integrated Photovoltaics (UL Category QHZQ) are commercially available today

[0019]WO 2006/123335 incorporated by reference herein suffers from similar deficiencies, in that inter-module connections (in particular those between each individual solar module and those adjacent left and right) are depicted in great detail. However, this system is connected in series, without individual module management. In addition, the array construction method lacks inter-module conduits or passages suitable for routing wiring. Moreover, the modules are connected to each other only in a lateral (left and right) fashion; there is no teaching of vertical connection. For this reason any vertical connections must be accommodated through additional structures, such as tracks, tubes or strips that are not integrated into the curtain wall framing members. U.S. Pat. No. 6,646,196 incorporated by reference herein shows a similar set up, and suffers similar deficiencies. These additional runs add cost and complexity to installation, reduce operational efficiency, raise maintenance costs and complexity, and potentially increase susceptibility to failure.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0020]An object of the present invention, therefore, is to reduce and/or overcome the aforementioned limitations of the prior art.

[0021]A first aspect of the invention concerns a building integrated power generating system;

[0022]Another aspect of the invention concerns a building integrated power generating system that is UL/regulatory compliant;

[0023]A further aspect concerns integrating control management units into such power generating system; Yet another aspect concerns a building integrated power generating system that is implemented in both vision and spandrel areas of a building facade;

[0024]Other aspects include unitized curtain wall units that are adapted for photovoltaic energy conversion modules; Still other aspects cover electrical isolation, electrical conduits and grounding features of such unitized curtain wall units and associated building integrated power generating systems;

[0025]Another aspect of the invention covers integrated wireways/raceways used with the unitized curtain wall units;

[0026]Further aspects concern methods of assembling/manufacturing such unitized curtain wall units and building integrated photovoltaic conversion systems;

[0027]Other aspects include methods of operating the conversion modules, the control modules, and an entire power generating array integrated within a building shell;

[0028]Finally, other aspects of the inventions will be apparent to those skilled in the art from the detailed disclosure that follows.

[0029]It will be understood from the Detailed Description that the inventions can be implemented in a multitude of different embodiments. Furthermore, it will be readily appreciated by skilled artisans that such different embodiments will likely include only one or more of the aforementioned aspects or objects of the present inventions. Thus, the absence of one or more of such characteristics in any particular embodiment should not be construed as limiting the scope of the present inventions. While described in the context of a power generating array within a building facade, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the present teachings could be used in any number of applications.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0030]FIG. 1 is an illustration of a preferred embodiment of a photovoltaic power generating system implemented within an exterior shell or facade of a building structure;

[0031]FIG. 2 shows a cutaway section of the building structure along the direction shown in FIG. 1 designated with a bubble and the numeric notation 2, to illustrate further details and the spatial relationship of components of the preferred solar power generating system;

[0032]FIG. 3 shows a cutaway section of the building structure along the direction shown in FIG. 1 designated with a bubble and the numeric notation 3, to illustrate further details and the spatial relationship of components of the preferred solar power generating system;

[0033]FIG. 4 shows a cutaway section of the building structure along the direction shown in FIG. 1 designated with a bubble and the numeric notation 4, to illustrate further details and the spatial relationship of components of the preferred solar power generating system;

[0034]FIG. 5 shows a cutaway section of the building structure along the direction shown in FIG. 1 designated with a bubble and the numeric notation 5, to illustrate further details and the spatial relationship of components of the preferred solar power generating system;

[0035]FIG. 6 is a block diagram of the main electrical components employed in the preferred solar power generating system;

[0036]FIG. 7 is a flowchart depicting a preferred process used to assemble embodiments of the solar power generating

system;

[0037]FIGS. 8A and 8B show another perspective of the curtain wall units along the direction shown in FIG. 1 designated with a bubble and the numeric notation 8, to illustrate further details and the spatial relationship of components of the preferred solar power generating system.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0038]The present invention preferably incorporates mono and/or poly silicon crystalline cells used for converting solar energy into electrical energy, such as those offered by Suntech Power Holdings Co. Ltd. (Suntech) directly into standardized curtain wall products, such as those offered by Architectural Glass and Aluminum Co, Inc (AGA) of Alameda Calif. The AGA curtain wall products are well-known durable exterior facades. The end result is a solar power generation system that also, much in the same manner as conventional curtain wall, functionally and aesthetically encloses a building.

[0039]By incorporating solar energy directly in the construction process for a building, the cost of implementing such green capability is greatly reduced. The cost of operating such buildings also goes down dramatically as a result of net energy savings by reducing the need for lighting using Daylighting Techniques and by controlling the solar heat gain and envelope U-value to reduce the energy needed for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems (HVAC).

[0040]The invention also has applicability, however, to retrofitting/re-cladding existing buildings to include solar capability, particularly when such structures include mechanical screening surrounding their rooftop. The invention can be used in such instances to both beautify and increase the functionality of such otherwise unaesthetic and nonfunctional architectural features.

[0041]Unitized curtain walls

[0042]Before delving into the specifics of the present invention, it is useful to describe and understand the characteristics of unitized curtain walls. Unitized curtain walls are an extremely popular form of building facade used throughout the world.

[0043]The main defining characteristic of unitized curtain walls are that they are substantially (and usually entirely) preassembled off site in units and, after transport to the project site, hung or fastened onto on the building's structural slab edges. The unitized curtain wall does not typically function as a structural support element for the building. The final installation of these pre-assembled units into the integrated whole results in a "unitized" curtain wall system.

[0044]Off-site pre-assembly of the units is far preferable to onsite because operations can be done far more efficiently--at a dedicated facility by skilled personnel--with much lower cost and with higher speed and throughput. Off-site assembly also leads to higher quality work with better seals, stronger bonds, and fewer errors, and further enables assembly bench testing prior to transportation and installation.

[0045]In contrast conventional stick built curtain wall systems require that the aluminum or metal frames for the glazing be field-assembled at the jobsite according to the specific architectural requirement. The labor for such solutions is costly, and the quality of such an installation is difficult to control from one unit to the next. Moreover, because stick built curtain wall frames are not manufactured in a controlled factory environment, before they can be UL certified, they must be field inspected, one by one, for approval. Such one by one field inspection is less preferable than the present invention, because the one by one approach consumes longer time and runs the risk that inspection, even after the expense of transport and assembly on site, will fail to result in certification. Prior building integrated PV curtain walls, such as that mentioned in New York City above, suffered these very failures.

[0046]Unlike stick built approaches, curtain wall unitized panels are typically prefabricated as standardized 4'-8' width.times.10'-15' height units made up of different cladding materials (stone, painted aluminum, glass, opaque-glass, etc.) depending on the desired aesthetic/look the Architect is trying to achieve. A common form factor is five feet wide by thirteen and a half feet tall. The shop pre-assembly of the different materials into a unit, among other things, allows for: [0047]better quality control of the finished product (both the units themselves and the overall curtain wall system) and, [0048]easy (and thus rapid) installation on site, as each unitized panel `mates` with the one above, with the one

below and with the ones to either side of it, thereby adding support, and achieving continuity and integrity for the overall wall once completed. [0049]Decreased duration on job site, thus leading to improved and more efficient construction schedules [0050]minimized packaging because the unitized pre-assembled units may be transported to the site with less packaging and waste than stick built, thus promoting environmental goals for reducing and recycling of jobsite packaging.

[0051]A unitized curtain wall unit is typically made up of the following major parts/components: [0052]Framing Members: these capture and support the different cladding or glazing materials desired and frame them into a unit which is manageable and conveniently sized for final installation. The framing is typically rectangular (although other shapes could be used) with vertical framing elements and horizontal framing elements. Framing members may be comprised of any materials known in the art, including, aluminum, steel, fiberglass or other composite materials. The vertical framing elements (sometimes called `mullions`), of each unit `mates` with the units adjacent, thereby providing support to the adjacent units and achieving continuity of the wall system once completely installed. The primary horizontal framing elements (sometimes called the `stack joints`) at the top and bottom of the unit also mate with the units above and below, similarly providing support to the adjacent unit and the entire wall and achieving continuity of the wall system once completely installed. Preferably, each unitized curtain wall unit also includes one or more intermediate horizontal members. These intermediate horizontal members are typically used to hold or mount and provide support to pieces of glazing or cladding. For example, the glazing below might be transparent or vision glass, while that above might be PV material. In unitized curtain wall, these framing members are pre-assembled in the factory. The pre-assembled frame thus forms the skeleton of the unit which will, after completion of the pre-assembly as described below, be transported to the building site for installation. [0053]Support Structure/Brackets: are used to fix/connect each of the curtain wall units to the edge of the building's floor-slab. In addition to providing the structural support for the wall, these brackets provide the ability to take up variation in the building's construction (typically +/-2 to 4 inches) and exactly align each of the units with one another (typically within +/-1/8 to 1/4 of an inch) to achieve the continuity required and the aesthetic alignment desired. Typically, the support structures/brackets are composed of two mating components. One of these is pre-assembled into the unitized frame at the factory. The other mating component of the support structure/brackets is typically fastened to the building's floor-slab onsite. In this manner, the installation on site can be achieved with convenient attachment of the mating components. [0054]Sealant/Gaskets: physically connect and isolate the cladding or glazing materials to the framing members. The sealant/gaskets effectively affix the cladding materials to the framing members, providing a waterproof seal. The sealant/gasket material is typically semi-flexible to accommodate minor movement of the frame relative to the cladding material. This isolation of movement is particularly important for PV, glass, or stone as they can break due to their brittle nature, but also important with other thin, opaque materials due to their tendency to buckle producing an undesirable aesthetic. In the building integrated PV application, it is preferable to incorporate UL approved materials designed specifically for this purpose to assure System UL Compliance. In the building integrated PV application, the sealants and gaskets also serve to electrically insulate PV from framing in many applications. The sealant and gaskets are pre-assembled to the frames and glazing as part of the pre-assembly. [0055]Glazing or Cladding: the material which forms the aesthetic and structural exterior of the final unitized curtain wall. Different cladding materials (stone, painted aluminum, glass, opaque-glass, etc.) may be utilized depending on the desired aesthetic/look. The glazing or cladding is attached to the unitized curtain wall frame members during pre-assembly. [0056]Vision Material: the transparent glazed area of the unit located in the zone(s) through which occupants view out or through which daylight is to be admitted to the building interior. This zone is typically the entire width of the curtain wall unit/panel.times.18"-40" above the floor to the underside of the ceiling. The vision material is also pre-assembled into the unit in the factory. [0057]Spandrel Area: In a building with more than one floor the term spandrel is also used to indicate the space between the top of the window in one story and the sill of the window in the story above. The term is typically employed when there is a sculpted panel or other decorative element in this space, or when the space between the windows is filled with opaque or translucent glass, in this case called spandrel glass. Further, many opaque or translucent materials can be used, including any of a number of form factors of energy conversion devices. The glazing or cladding for the spandrel area is attached to the unitized curtain wall frame members during pre-assembly.

[0058]It will be understood by those skilled in the art that this is a simplified description, and not intended to be an exhaustive list. The components may vary from those described. Moreover not every curtain wall unit will require such components, and some units may in fact use other components without deviating from the spirit of the present teachings and techniques.

[0059]The labor and assembly process associated with curtain wall units is also divided into separate phases which

allows for more optimized costing associated with the various activities and better predictability of scheduling.

[0060]Fabrication Labor: typically includes all the labor involved in making or cutting/shaping each of the constituent framing and support parts of the curtain wall unit and then pre-assembling all the parts into the pre-assembled units designed for installation at the particular project. Since the curtain wall units are assembled typically in a dedicated facility, consistency and quality can be better controlled and optimized.

[0061]Installation Labor: typically includes the labor involved in attaching the support brackets/structures to the building, laying out, hoisting, and hanging the curtain wall units on the building, mating and aligning all the units and taking up tolerances, completing the necessary electrical connections, adding final seals, insulation and any interior finish trim that needs to be coordinated with finish material (like ceilings or ***sheetrock***) that are typically provided by others. Because the on-site assembly method of the unitized curtain wall units is effectively identical and because all of the units have a common method for mating and attachment, the skill sets of the assemblers can be standardized and more easily controlled as well.

Unitized PV Curtain Walls

[0062]The present invention aims to enable unitized curtain wall systems to deliver energy production capability--more specifically photovoltaic functionality similar to a rooftop PV installation. That is, a system that primarily functions to generate electricity from solar power once the entire set of parts are assembled, and also performs the same aesthetic cladding function as prior art curtain wall systems. The difference here, of course, is that the power generation must be as compatible as possible with the requirements of a PV curtain wall unit, including resistance and compliance with various regulations concerning heat/conductive/insulation properties, air/water infiltration, wind load resistance and seismic considerations.

[0063]To accomplish this, a photovoltaic (PV) curtain wall unit includes the following (in addition to some or all of the standard components noted earlier):

[0064]Photovoltaic Panels: for a wall-system application, these are preferably glazable PV panels--and so can be thought of as a direct material replacement for the opaque glazed spandrel and/or vision material in the curtain wall unit--although there are some differences between these materials that are accommodated/designed for as shown in the present embodiments. Other types of panels/energy conversion devices can of course be used, and in this respect the invention is effectively panel-device agnostic. Varying cell density, photovoltaic materials, opacity, and aesthetic look can be adjusted as needed to meet the desired appearance, aesthetics and requirements.

[0065]Inverters/module management units/controls: these typically convert and optimize electricity generated by PV panels into grid compliant power. Preferably, the inverters/module management units/controls are provided locally and individually, at each curtain wall unit, to allow the PV wall system to more efficiently generate electricity from solar power. As mentioned, there is frequently greater variability in light exposure from one portion of a vertical building surface to another than there is on a typical rooftop installation. As a result, for BIPV applications, it is preferable that local controls account for self or site shading of each individual wall unit/panel and eliminate or reduce the otherwise typical impact from shading in which one shaded unit/module degrades the performance of the entire string of modules in the affected series. Shading can result from shadows cast by trees, other buildings, dust accumulation, and even birds, planes, and window cleaners. These conditions occur frequently on vertical curtain wall environments, and it is therefore important that the integrated PV curtain wall system include necessary controls and methods to mitigate and/or avoid this deleterious impact. In addition, these inverter/control elements should be easily accessible for maintenance and yet preferably be hidden from view of the occupants of the space as well as from viewers of the building exterior for both safety and aesthetic purposes. Finally, it preferable that of the above components should be rated UL or equivalent, and outdoor rated to accommodate for building construction conditions.

[0066]Wiring: wiring is preferably accommodated to carry power (and preferably control signals, where necessary) all the way from the PV panels to the grid without adding additional architectural complexity. Ideally, the wiring will be effectively invisible in the installation condition. In the preferred embodiment means are provided from each PV panel, through the curtain wall unit, to transport the generated electricity in a safe and controlled way through the entire wall array and ultimately to the interior of the building. Similar to the needs of the local inverter/controls, the wiring in a curtain wall system should preferably be done efficiently (i.e., preferably few wires for a long array run helps limit the

size of the code required raceway (or other required wiring passage)), in an aesthetically pleasing manner (which, in a curtain wall system typically means hidden from view) while being protected from damage and accessible for maintenance. It will be appreciated that in other power generating applications involving other energy conversion devices, other types of tubing/conduits, etc., can be employed to transport other energy related materials, including heated/cooled fluids, etc. between modules and other parts of a circulation system within a building structure.

[0067]Accordingly, unlike previous applications of PV technology on a vertical wall, each PV curtain wall unit of the present invention can be sold, delivered and installed as a complete unit. Each PV curtain wall unit is preferably preassembled off site and transported to the building as a prefabricated module, allowing this new application to not only be simply, quickly hung on the building, but also, as panels, wiring, inverters and controls have also been prefabricated into a series of connected code-rated raceways attached to or formed by the unit framing, each unit can be simply, quickly and efficiently connected, coupled or plugged as needed into its neighboring units.

[0068]In an electrical generation system each unit is preferably linked to a common grounding mechanism using methods well known in the art.

[0069]As described above, one main purpose of the invention is to provide a photovoltaic power from a unitized curtain wall system. The units assembled according to the teaching of the invention will preferably be connected or linked in a manner that accumulates the electricity generated by each unit in the manner described above. The electricity so accumulated is connected to the building's primary electrical system and grid tied as appropriate, using methods known in the art. It is possible that the electricity in the system may be harnessed to run existing mechanical systems within the building envelope such as shading devices, window treatments, or blinds. This implementation thus allows a solar energy system to be installed as part of a building facade with the same ease and minimal additional labor cost.

Specific Details of Preferred Embodiment

[0070]In a conventional rooftop system, PV panels, wiring, controls, rack/support, etc. are all assembled on site and then plugged into the inverter/storage mechanisms. In the case of a preferred unitized PV curtain wall as described herein the PV curtain wall units are preferably each `plug and play`--each unit mates into and is electrically coupled to its adjacent unit to form the solar array. In turn, the solar array is electrically connected into the balance of the building electrical system. In this respect therefore, the inventions better achieve the functionality of a conventional rooftop system, but do so on the vertical sides of the building. Because a typical high rise building has 7-12 times greater wall than rooftop space, the present invention allows far greater harvest of solar energy.

[0071]In a preferred embodiment the invention is used preferably in cladding at least a substantial vertical portion of a building structure 100 as seen in a partial elevation drawing in FIG. 1. The degree to which PV and non-PV curtain wall units are included and interconnected within a cladding can be tailored as needed for any particular site requirements and system goals. Please note that the elements shown in the figure are not intended to denote specific sizes or ratios, as it expected that the invention will take many different forms, sizes, and form factors in different types of installations. Moreover although the discussion herein is presented primarily in the context of a commercial structure, it is expected that embodiments can be used on virtually any other type or variety of structures, including residential structures, parking structures, other non-habitable structures, hospitals, airport terminals, train station terminals, sea port terminals, government buildings and even within transportation systems such as elevated rails, bridges, and other structures offering suitable solar exposure. Furthermore while shown as part of an exterior of the building, the cladding could be extended to other interior areas of a structure as well, such as may be found in an atrium, a courtyard, etc.

[0072]A preferred unitized curtain wall structure covering a building facade includes a number of separate curtain wall elements 105 preferably constituted of aluminum, although it will be understood that other suitable materials may be used, such as steel, fiberglass, or other composite materials. In this instance the curtain wall structure is shown as a combination of vision areas and spandrel areas, but it will appreciated that these could be separate components or utilized in varying combinations. The curtain wall units 105 can be configured as desired to extend across multiple stories in a continuous strip of spandrel and vision areas. While the elements 105 are shown as separate components it will be appreciated that larger "units" in the form of multiple curtain wall elements could be assembled off-site in some instances.

[0073]The curtain wall elements 105 are further adapted to preferably include a photovoltaic (PV) module 120 and/or other energy conversion device. Such devices could include capability for converting other forms of electromagnetic energy, potential energy, kinetic energy, thermal energy and/or chemical energy including photochemical energy. For example, thermionic, piezoelectric and/or mechanical devices could be integrated for harnessing heat/wind/rain energy). Other examples will be apparent to those skilled in the art, and it is expected that other conversion devices will be adapted for use with the present invention. Because of their physical structure the curtain wall elements 105 can be easily adapted (mechanically/physically) to house/integrate different types of such conversion devices (which tend to be smaller than such elements) using the principles set out herein. It will be understood that the conversion devices can be spatially arranged as part of the curtain wall elements in any convenient fashion appropriate for the particular installation. Furthermore as shown in FIG. 1, it is possible that some elements 105 may include conversion devices, while others may not, again depending on system requirements and goals.

[0074]In addition, in some instances well-known solar thermal energy collectors/plates could be embedded instead or in addition within the curtain wall elements for heating a conductible fluid, air or some other medium for transporting heat energy. Other well-known solar thermal support elements such as mirrors, lenses and other concentrators (not shown) could be used of course to increase the heat concentration, and conventional heat storage devices (not shown) can be incorporated to store heat energy.

[0075]The PV module used in the preferred embodiment can be any one of a variety of virtually any commercially available PV module, including preferably a crystalline solar cell/module offered by Suntech Power. The PV module can include any number of conveniently and conventionally interconnected individual solar cell devices, such as described in the aforementioned prior art references. As is known in the art, the photovoltaic technology utilized by the PV module may be based on any suitable photovoltaic conversion technology, including for example, thin film, dye tinted, fullerene based, polycrystalline, or monocrystalline. The specifics of the solar cell/module (or other energy conversion device) are not material to the present invention; however regardless of their specific photovoltaic conversion technology the PV modules must be suitable to physically integrate them within the unitized curtain wall units. Accordingly, a wide variety of existing and contemplated technologies can be accommodated, thus making the invention PV module "agnostic," which further enhances the commercial potential for the invention.

[0076]Conventional vision material or, in this case, glass panels 115 are also shown in FIG. 1. As described, these glass panels can be configured to have more than one panel along the vertical axis of the unit. In this configuration, the glass panels will be separated by intermediate horizontal framing members. Further, while the PV module 120 is shown in FIG. 1 in the vision area of the building structure 100, it can alternatively be integrated into spandrel areas or as part of a spandrel based module 110, or in any number of combinations of such areas based on system requirements and design aesthetics.

[0077]A linked solar array or assembly of PV curtain wall elements 105, 105', 105" etc. is thus shown mated together, cladding or enclosing a structure, preferably extending both horizontally and vertically across multiple floors. The elements 105 are preferably sized to be compatible with conventional building elements to further increase their integration potential. This arrangement is also useful for increasing the overall solar energy potential coverage for up to nearly 100% of the wall area of a structure. In contrast, typical rooftop systems only allow for a limited percentage of an overall surface area.

[0078]FIG. 2 shows a cutaway section of the building structure 100 along the vertical axis/direction shown in FIG. 1 designated with a bubble and the numeric notation 2. In this figure the structure of the curtain wall units (such as 105, 105' and 105" which are otherwise identical) is further elaborated, including the relationship of the BIPV module 110 to the other components. In general, the typical components of curtain wall framing members on a BIPV curtain wall unit 105" are largely the same in concept as conventional curtain wall framing members. However there are specific and significant differences that allow PV Panels to be used in place of other conventional infill material as explained below.

[0079]Specifically, as seen in FIG. 2, the PV module 110 (located in a spandrel area as depicted in FIG. 1) is preferably mounted within an extra deep glazing pocket 125 shown generally with cross hatching for emphasis. The extra deep glazing pocket 125 is preferably part of a topmost horizontal framing member 150 in the spandrel area. This framing member 150 is also distinct from conventional designs in that it preferably allows extra space in the glazing

pocket 125 for an edge mounted junction box for the PV module 110 and the PV Leads 140 that come out of the PV module.

[0080]The framing members of the preferred embodiment are unique in that they form both vertical and horizontal conduits/channels for inter-module connectivity, including preferably, power lines, control signal lines, and reporting lines. In some applications as noted earlier it may be desirable to transport other fluids, gasses, etc. to and between modules using appropriate channels. Further, in some applications the desired control and reporting information flowing to and from the PV module 110 may be transported using wiring or wireless technology, thus obviating the need for the separate control signal and reporting lines.

[0081]The curtain wall units 105 are engineered using conventional techniques so that they are adequately resistant to water, pressure and other physical influences that might be attendant to a particular locale. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the specific physical implementation can be varied from site to site in accordance with local building code, geological and weather based parameters.

[0082]Framing member 150 further preferably includes an opening allowing the

[0083]PV leads 140 (or other flexible conduit/piping for transporting fluids/gasses) to be routed to a management module or control circuit 135 preferably situated in a power/control raceway 130. Again, to the extent other types of materials are transported, the opening can be varied accordingly.

[0084]Power/control raceway 130 is preferably attached to the solar array after installation of the curtain wall units on the building using any of the techniques known in the art. Nonetheless it can be preassembled as well in some instances. The management module 135 is preferably a unit designed for individual and group control of PV modules such as sold by TIGO Energy under the name Energy.TM. Module Maximizer-EP (MM-EP) and/or modules as described in US Patent Publication Nos. 20080097655 and 20090120485 incorporated by reference herein. There are many other power topologies accommodated, including but not limited to, Enphase, Solar Edge, Solar Magic, or Enecsys. The management module can be used to selectively monitor, troubleshoot, activate or de-activate portions of a building's solar array system, including on a side by side, floor by floor, or individual basis such as might be needed for accommodating window cleaning or maintenance as examples.

[0085]The management module is part of a control circuit that preferably optimizes power output of each module that it is connected to, and delivers module-level data for operational management and performance monitoring and/or control. The TIGO unit in particular uses dynamic module balancing which manages the energy harvest and sends information for reporting and control. The modules can be connected in a variety of known methods, depending on system needs.

[0086]The benefits of such module specific control/transmission/communication within a building structure is that they allow for greater efficiency in power collection and more effective elimination of prior art losses caused by shading by other external elements (trees, other buildings, dirt, etc.) and inherent mismatches in PV modules. These problems have heretofore greatly limited efficiencies of solar arrays in horizontal, vertical, or inclined configurations, particularly in densely built areas. Furthermore since such management modules 135 are UL rated to UL 1741, they can be used in preferred embodiments of the invention in which an entire solar array for a building is effectively compliant as constructed with UL (and other safety organization, such as Canadian Standards Association (CSA), InterTec North America (ETL), Tuv Rheinlan (TUV)) requirements because it consists of elements which are each previously certified.

[0087]The other advantage of the preferred TIGO management module is the improved safety of the solar array during operation. In particular, during an emergency, for example, the high voltage wiring in the preferred embodiment can be shut off, thus preventing accumulation of voltage and limiting voltage exposure to the open-circuit voltage (Voc) of a single module 110, generally no more than a normally non lethal level of approximately 60V. More advantageously this function can be activated with a safety button or via a remote management console or a network such as the Internet (not shown) for maximum flexibility. This function can also be tied into the buildings existing safety system so it can be automatically activated in the case of an emergency. Consequently the system can be installed, maintained or approached by personnel (including fire or other emergency personnel) without exposure to voltage levels which, in some topologies of conventional arrays typically exceed 400 volts during peak operation.

[0088]Finally, because each PV module 110 can be controlled individually by the management modules, it is possible to link and interconnect longer runs of PV modules that span more than one face of the building. While the present description presents the TIGO unit as an example it should be understood that the invention is not limited to any particular control module.

[0089]While the management modules 135 are shown within the power/control raceway 130, it is expected that future generations of integration modules will continue to shrink in size and therefore can be placed in a variety of locations. For example it will be apparent that they can be located in other areas of the curtain wall element 105", including directly on the PV module 110 or directly within the framing members, the wiring channels, or potentially embedded in PV Modules 110. However, it should be noted that there is a benefit in most cases to locating the management modules within the power/control raceways because in this way, the signal lines are better isolated and easily routed between pairs of adjacent management modules.

[0090]The opening for the PV module leads 140 preferably includes a grommet 145 on the inboard vertical surface of the horizontal framing member 150. This allows for the PV module leads (or other conduits, tubes, etc.) 140 to exit the framing member 150 and enter the power/control raceway 130 in a safe and secure fashion, and in a manner that resists aging, corrosion, and damage from movement that may be cause by earthquakes, wind, etc. Skilled artisans will appreciate that the additional space shown within framing member 150 that is not used in the embodiment shown in FIG. 2, could be used in some applications to route electrical wiring or alternative form factors of management module 135. Again also in other embodiments of the invention (using other forms of conversion devices or solar heat collectors) additional tubing, conduits, etc., could be routed within this part of the framing members and used to transport heat energy in the form of a conductible fluid, gas, air, etc. to other areas of the building structure.

[0091]Again, one preferred aspect of the present invention is to ensure UL and/or CSA/TUV/ETL compliance. The curtain wall units 105 and power/control raceways 130 of the preferred embodiment further serve such aim by including the capacity to handle regulatory rated cabling, and with mountings (i.e., appropriate hole sizing, grommets and other tethering/tieing mechanism) and cable runs/shielding that allow for appropriate separation of different types of signal cables, such as high and low power lines, that are also designed to satisfy applicable regulations.

[0092]Note as shown in FIG. 1 the floor level in the preferred embodiment is somewhat below the bottom of the horizontal framing member 150, but, this can be altered as desired in any particular installation. Power/control raceway 130 is also preferably designed to be UL-compliant, reducing duration of work on site, construction costs certification expense and commission expenditures. To this end the raceway may be comprised of materials well-known in the art.

[0093]The rest of the curtain wall unit 105" is shown with conventional vision material elements 115, and various gaskets--for example, wedge gasket 165, and bed gasket 170, to help in securing and isolating the PV module 110 from the curtain wall unit 105'. Note that these same types of gaskets are also shown but not annotated specifically in the deep glazing pocket region 125. The gaskets are preferably comprised of materials that are UL rated for this purpose and may vary from installation to installation.

[0094]FIG. 3 shows a plan view of a curtain wall along the horizontal axis/direction shown in FIG. 1 with the annotation/label having a circle with the number three (3). This perspective is shown between two adjacent curtain wall units 105' and 105."

[0095]In particular it can be seen that the PV modules 110 are preferably insulated and isolated by a set of gaskets 165, 170 as noted before in FIG. 2. As is known in the art, the use of such gaskets accommodates normal material expansions/contractions, and allows for flexibility and movement of the panels, such as needed for wind, seismic and other disturbances. While gaskets are illustrated as the isolating mechanism in the preferred embodiment (including for electrical isolation), it will be noted that other materials could be used, including structural silicones or VHB tape, such as that sold by 3M (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing) without parting from the scope of the invention.

[0096]The main feature of FIG. 3 is a vertical framing member 155, the top of which is shown in this plan view. This framing member, like the horizontal framing member 150 noted earlier, is preferably formed from the spaces created in the mating or coupling of the individual curtain wall units 105, and preferably without requiring additional separate structures or materials. As with its counterpart this member has additional space that can be used to accommodate other

types of conduits as needed by particular energy conversion devices.

[0097]An additional structure, namely an integral vertical wiring management clip 160 is also included as part of the curtain wall unit 105". This clip effectively behaves as a vertical conduit to accept, manage and integrate the power and signal cables from PV modules 110, allowing them to be interconnected in a vertical orientation as well. Thus, as seen in FIG. 1, the PV modules 120 in a vision area can be coupled directly to PV modules 110 in a spandrel area, or even to other modules in a spandrel area below vision area 120, and so on. The use of both vertical and horizontal wire accepting frame members allows for PV modules to be connected in a checkerboard fashion, both in the vertical and horizontal direction, to form a larger array across the face of the building structure and even across separate faces of the building structure.

[0098]Note that the shape and form of the clip 160 is illustrated in the preferred embodiment as a solid rectangular box structure in FIG. 3, but any number of variants could be used to accommodate the power/signal cables. Additional conduits could also be incorporated (including on the opposite curtain wall element 105') as desired for any application. While the conduits are shown in a closed configuration (which permits easy threading/routing of the cables) it will be apparent that other structures could be used. For example the wiring may also be prefabricated or built into the curtain wall unit 105, (for example along the edge of the vertical framing member). Such wiring would preferably connect with an electrical coupler to PV module leads 140. At the other end of the framing member a corresponding electrical coupler could be used to connect to the leads from a second PV module, or, alternatively, to leads extending to a management module 135. Any number of similar variants are possible, and the invention is not limited in this respect.

[0099]As with the other elements of the curtain wall unit 105" the vertical wiring management clip 160 is preferably constructed in a UL compliant manner to permit installation of the units without additional regulatory approval or accompanying delays.

[0100]FIG. 4 is a plan view again along the horizontal direction shown in FIG. 1 with the bubble label containing the number 4. This figure is a cut-away and illustrates more of the details of the power/control raceway 130 used in preferred embodiments of the present invention(s).

[0101]The power/control raceway 130 is another feature unique to the present invention. Though similar in function to existing technology, the power/control raceway 130 is unique in that it may also be used for multiple purposes: as a conduit to carry the management module-management module cabling 165 (or other tubing/conduits), to contain management module 135, and to serve as an interior architectural trim piece. While not shown in FIG. 4, the power/control raceway also preferably includes a grommeted hole and access for a connector on the underside (bottom) as seen in FIG. 2 for receiving the leads 140 from the PV modules. Again the location of the connector is not critical, and the cabling/coupling is expected to be accomplished in any number of different ways.

[0102]Returning to FIG. 4 the power/control raceway 130 is preferably formed separately in a predetermined length and then integrated as an assembly on part of the backside of a curtain wall unit 105 after unit installation on the structure. This enables each curtain wall unit 105 to effectively act as a unitized building block for constructing a solar array when integrated with the power/control raceway 130 as part of a building facade without additional supporting elements. In some embodiments the power/control raceway can be implemented in a similar manner in the vertical direction.

[0103]The power/control raceway 130, as with the other curtain wall elements, is in the preferred embodiment is to be rated for Underwrites Laboratories (UL) or similar organization compliance and is made of aluminum or some other cost effective materials.

[0104]The management modules 135 are located in the power/control raceway 130 and manage/control/communicate with the individual PV modules. These management modules preferably optimize power output per each PV module and exchange operational management and performance monitoring data, allowing remote manipulation/management of the array.

[0105]The PV module leads 140 are coupled between the PV modules and the management modules to transmit generated power and communicate other status information to and from the modules. It will be understood that the particular coupling, wiring, etc., is expected to vary between different types PV modules or energy conversion devices.

[0106]Management module to module cabling 165 carries the accumulated power to a management unit 680 (See FIG. 6). The management unit is preferably a TIGO Energy.TM. Maximizer Management Unit (MMU) that manages the whole assembly by processing the individual and aggregated information from the PV modules. In a preferred embodiment, the management unit is capable of managing an entire set of management modules 635 for a building and/or an array. The management unit communicates between the management modules 635 and an Inverter 690 which is a modified typical component of any solar power generation system. Inverter 690 inverts DC to AC as known in the art. The management unit (680) preferably controls the management modules in real time and sends data to a remote server 695 in order to allow on or offsite monitoring of light, temperature, electricity production and other parameters and provides the resulting information as needed. Again the monitoring system architecture will be a function of the particular energy generation mechanism selected, and it is expected that other variants of the above will be used with different energy conversion systems.

[0107]Returning to FIG. 4, this also shows a bonding jumper 175, which is used to connect the individual curtain wall elements to each other, and, eventually, to a ground potential such as the steel frame, or other conventional common grounding element in the building electrical system (not shown). In the preferred embodiment grounding is accomplished by any of the means known in the art.

[0108]Note that a portion of the vertical framing members 155 can be seen in FIG. 4 as well. The routing of PV module leads 140 into such framing members is also shown in more detail in FIG. 5. FIG. 5 shows a cross section of the building in FIG. 1, along the bubble annotated with the number five (5). As shown in FIG. 5, the PV module leads 140 preferably extend from the top of a PV module 180; they are routed through grommet 145, and then into the horizontal framing member 150; and then they are routed to the vertical framing member 155, and thus can be transported (up or down) through the vertical wiring management clip 160.

[0109]FIGS. 8A and 8B show another perspective view of the mullions formed by a pair of adjacent curtain wall elements 105. The additional space 190 formed within the mullion is usable as noted earlier for other array elements as needed. All other labeled elements are the same as like numbered items discussed in earlier figures.

[0110]An electrical diagram showing the main preferred components of a solar power generation system is shown in FIG. 6. In this figure, like numbered elements are intended to correspond to their counterparts in prior figures unless otherwise noted.

[0111]As seen in FIG. 6 an array of PV modules 610/620 are preferably coupled to each other through the management module 635. The connections between the PV modules and the management modules are preferably done through the PV leads 640 that are routed both vertically and horizontally through framing members 650 and 655 respectively as noted earlier. The management modules 635 are themselves preferably connected through cabling 665, and eventually to a management unit 680 as noted above. The wiring for these connections, are preferably done with power/control raceways 630 that are integrated with the curtain wall units 605. In the preferred embodiment, management unit 680 is in turn preferably coupled to a DC disconnect 685. As noted above, DC disconnect may preferably be activated either manually or electronically to isolate power to the output of the individual PV module. The output of this DC disconnect is preferably coupled to an inverter 690 which converts the DC generated voltage into an AC voltage in a well-known manner. Note that the management unit 680 is shown outside of the curtain wall unit 105, but it could be included within that unit without departing from the scope of the present invention.

[0112]The preferred embodiment includes a monitoring system 692 can be used to evaluate the performance of the individual PV modules 610 through interrogation of their respective management modules 635. The monitoring system includes conventional computing equipment and software for coordinating data exchanges, calculations, etc., with the management unit and management modules as is known in the art. Preferably the computing system is a server that is Internet accessible for remote access.

[0113]The output of the array is preferably connected to the building electrical system, typically in the main distribution area, where it can be used to offset consumption of electrical power or feed power into the utility grid. In some instances the array can offer other DC and AC outlets for charging electrical devices, transportation vehicles, etc. The form of the output, including voltage levels, current levels, etc., can be tailored as needed for any particular application. Furthermore if desired a conventional electrical storage system 691 can be employed in some cases to

provide back-up power if desired. Again it will be understood that the support elements for a particular power generation system will vary according to the energy conversion devices used, and FIG. 6 is merely depicting the typical elements that would be used in a solar to electrical conversion system.

[0114]FIG. 7 is a flowchart illustrating the general steps employed in a preferred PV solar system assembly process. At step 710, the curtain wall elements 105 are preferably hung on a building structure in a manner effectively identical to that used in conventional curtain wall systems with the differences described above.

[0115]At steps 715 and 720 the PV module leads are then preferably routed both horizontally and vertically as needed through framing members 150 and 155 respectively integrated within the curtain wall units 105. This allows for flexible interconnection of adjacent PV modules in the solar array.

[0116]During step 725 the PV module leads 140 are preferably connected to management modules 135 through connectors contained in horizontal framing member 150. At step 730 the individual management modules are also preferably electrically coupled together using the management-module-to-management module cabling 165 in the power/control raceway 130.

[0117]The grounding can be achieved during any one or more of the above steps in the manner known in the art. At this point the entire assembly, consisting of unitized curtain wall elements interconnected to form a solar array, is also completely safe and preferably UL compliant.

[0118]At step 735 the integration module 135 outputs are preferably connected to one or more management unit 680 as described earlier. At step 740, the electrical power can then be conveniently transferred to the building electrical distribution system, or made available through other outputs for other applications (charging). It will be apparent the above steps do not have to be performed in the sequence noted, and that the actual assembly process will likely include other obvious variants of the above.

[0119]To summarize, it can be seen that the invention implements a new type of PV capable curtain wall unit that has been specifically designed and engineered to be a power generator, but accomplishes a dual purpose: to enclose the building aesthetically as part of the outermost exterior shell enveloping the bulk of the building facade. Summing up, in the preferred embodiment, this is achieved by, among other things: [0120]extra deep glazing pockets incorporated in curtain wall units [0121]adapting the framing members to include UL and other compliant conduits, channels and raceways for wiring [0122]housing control and management mechanisms locally, in each unit [0123]Including control needed to eliminate the deleterious effect of on-site/orientation shaded unit from others [0124]electrically isolating the PV modules with the use of code compliant sealants and gaskets [0125]the addition of ports and isolating grommets to facilitate electrical connections and contain control mechanisms in the framing members [0126]framing members with flexible parts/sleeves to accommodate movement (for example in response to a seismic events) without damage to the electrical wiring

[0127]As such, virtually all of the components of conventional curtain wall units are adapted to deliver solar generated power as part of a PV system which is constituted substantially within an exterior aesthetic shell.

UL Compliance/other third party organizations

[0128]Unlike prior art systems, preferred embodiments of the invention thus efficiently achieve UL compliance as built because: [0129]each unit is grounded; [0130]wiring and associated control devices are housed in a pre-certified raceway (for example, inner cavities of the framing members); and [0131]electrical isolation is provided between the PV panels and their framing/surrounding elements (via the sealants and gaskets--that are manufactured from code-rated materials).

Retrofits:

[0132]Embodiments of the invention can also be used for an existing building or structure which can be retrofitted or re-clad to incorporate other variants of the invention. Moreover in some instances, the PV modules can be integrated into curtain wall units in an array suitable for mounting on mechanical screening or other vertical faces (not shown) typically found on a building or structure. By utilizing such previously unproductive space, the invention can add value

to existing properties by making them more cost-effective, attractive to environmentally conscious tenants, and so on.

[0133]As alluded to above the present invention can also be used with additional PV enhancement devices, such as solar concentrators, solar trackers (active and passive) and the like (not shown). Particularly in the spandrel areas, where appearance is not as critical, the integration of solar concentrators/trackers within the curtain wall elements could be used to greatly increase the collection of solar flux, by altering a radiation path to make it more incident to the elements, or adjusting the orientation of the elements themselves.

[0134]While not explicitly shown or described herein, the details of the various software routines, executable code, firmware, etc., required to effectuate the functionality discussed above in the management modules, management units and monitoring systems are not material to the present invention, and may be implemented in any number of ways known to those skilled in the art. Such code, routines, etc. may be stored in any number of forms of machine readable media.

[0135]The above descriptions are intended as merely illustrative embodiments of the proposed inventions. It is understood that the protection afforded the present invention also comprehends and extends to embodiments different from those above, but which fall within the scope of the present claims.

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Applicant: Weimann et al.
Appl. No.: 12/564,808
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Title: TWIN TRANSDERMAL DRUG DELIVERY PATCH
Attorney Docket No.: 5003-0002
Pub. No.: US 2010/0076387 A1
Pub. Date: March 25, 2010

This is a decision on the request for republication of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), filed on May 14, 2010, 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:

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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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Serial No.: 12/565,347

Filed: September 23, 2009
Docket: P1247US01
Title: **NITRIC OXIDE AMINO ACID ESTER COMPOUND, COMPOSITIONS FOR INCREASING NITRIC OXIDE LEVELS AND METHOD OF USE**

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

This is a decision on the petition filed on October 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 **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;

Conditions for Examination: The application must be in condition for examination at the time of filing. This means the application must include the following:

(A) Basic filing fee, search fee, and examination fee, under 37 CFR 1.16 (*see* MPEP section 607(I)),
(B) Application size fee under 37 CFR 1.16(s) (if the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper) (*see* MPEP section 607(II));
(C) An executed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;
(D) A specification (in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52) containing a description (37 CFR 1.71) and claims in compliance with 37 CFR 1.75;
(E) A title and an abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72;
(F) Drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;
(G) Electronic submissions of sequence listings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e), large tables, or computer listings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.96, submitted via the USPTO's electronic filing system (EFS) in ASCII text as part of an associated file (if applicable);
(H) Foreign priority claim under 35
U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) identified in the executed oath or declaration or an application data sheet (if applicable);
(I) Domestic benefit claims under 35
U.S.C. 119(e), 120, 121, or 365(c) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78 (*e.g.*, the specific reference to the prior application must be submitted in the first sentence(s) of the specification or in an application data sheet, and for any benefit claim to a non-English language provisional application, the application must include a statement that: (a) An English language translation, and (b) a statement that the translation is accurate, have been filed in the provisional application) (if applicable);
(J) English language translation under 37 CFR 1.52(d), a statement that the translation is accurate, and the processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) (if the specification is in a non-English language);
(K) No preliminary amendments present on the filing date of the application; and
(L) No petition under 37 CFR 1.47 for a non-signing inventor.

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 in condition for examination in view of Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 10, 2009.

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 Michael P. Woodward, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-8373.

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This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program filed December 2, 2009.

The request and petition are **DISMISSED** as moot. Specifically, a restriction requirement was mailed in this application on January 6, 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Applicant must submit:

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

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

(6) Applicant must submit:

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

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

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

(4) Examination of the U.S. application has begun. Specifically, note that a restriction requirement was mailed on January 6, 2010.

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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DECISION GRANTING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(d)

The declaration of express abandonment is recognized

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

The petition is granted.

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

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

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Application No. 12/565,599	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
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Attorney Docket No.: **2101-3634C1**	:	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 14, 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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This is a decision on the petition, filed July 16, 2010, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on June 10, 2010, cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.[1]

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2473 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

/SDB/

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[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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DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
37 CFR 1.102

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102 filed December 23, 2009, the above-identified application special under the Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan which is a pilot program set forth at 74 Federal Register Notice 62285 (November 27, 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 62285 must be directed to a nonprovisional application filed prior to October 1, 2009.

The USPTO will accord special status for examination under Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan under the following conditions:

(1) The application for which special status is sought is a nonprovisional application that has an actual filing date earlier than October 1, 2009, in which the applicant has established small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27;

(2) The applicant has another copending nonprovisional application that has an actual filing date earlier than October 1, 2009, and is complete under 37 CFR 1.53;

(3) The application for which special status is sought and the other copending nonprovisional application either are owned by the same party as of October 1, 2009, or name at least one inventor in common;

(4) The applicant files a letter of express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.138(a) in the copending nonprovisional application before it has been taken up for examination and

a) includes with the letter of express abandonment a statement that the applicant has not and will not file an application that claims the benefit of the expressly abandoned application under any provision of title 35, United States Code, and

b) the applicant agrees not to request a refund of any fees paid in the expressly abandoned application; and

(5) The applicant files a petition under 37 CFR 1.102 in the application for which special status is sought.

The requirement for a fee for consideration of the petition to make special for applications pertaining to Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan has been waived.

The instant petition complies with the conditions required under Patent Application Backlog Reduction Stimulus Plan. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Anthony Knight at 571-272-3687.

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 Office of Patent Application Process for further processing commensurate with this decision.

Anthony Knight
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Laurence H. Kahn, et al.-
Application No. 12/565,737
Filed: September 23,2009
Attorney Docket No. 9001.110CIP

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 25, 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 **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 declaration statement signed by applicant or a statement from applicant's representative that he is in possession of proof of applicant's age.

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 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 in its regular turn.

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In re Application of:
Berg et al.

Serial No.: 12/565785

Filed: September 24, 2009
Docket: PN0964
Title: ALTERNATIVE DIMERISATION REAGENTS FOR SYNTHESIS OF IODIXANOL

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 September 24, 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 Michael P. Woodward, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-8373.

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Applicant: Baek
Appl. No.: 12/565,801
Filing Date: September 24, 2009
Title: CELL REGION LAYOUT OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FORMING CONTACT PAD USING THE SAME
Attorney Docket No.: SAM-0836DIV
Pub. No.: US 2010/0015767 A1
Pub. Date: January 21, 2010

This is a decision on the request for republication of patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(a), filed on March 10, 2010, 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**. It is also noted that the Applicant did not provide a complete clean copy of the application for publication purposes. 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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In re Application of
Yoshiki TAKATA
Application No.: 12/565,979
Filed: 24 September 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 70404.422/ak
For: ILLUMINATION APPARATUS FOR DISPLAY DEVICE, DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME, AND TELEVISION RECEIVER APPARATUS COMPRISING THE DISPLAY DEVICE

: 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 September 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

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

1. The U.S. application is

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

    or

    b. a national stage application under the PCT (an application which entered the national stage in the U.S. from a PCT international application after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371), which PCT application
        i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or

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

or

c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
   i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
   ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
   iii. contains no priority claim;

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

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

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to 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.

Lee W. Young
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In re Application of	:	
Brian D. MORAN	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/565,980	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: September 24, 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 110866-ISE108UTL	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed December 15, 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 Lanna Mai at 571-272-6867.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3618 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

/Lanna Mai/

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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.

Kalitus Buchanan

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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.

Kalitus Buchanan

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Dai, et al.	:	
Application No. 12/566,254	:	DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Filed: September 24, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. CN9200801US1	:	

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 2195 for docketing and examination in due course.

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

Cliff Congo
Petitions Attorney
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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/566,254	:	
Filed: September 24, 2009	:	LETTER

Dear Qiu Mo Jiong:

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	
ICHIKAWA et al.	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Application No.: 12/566,349	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Filed: 24 September 2009	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Attorney Docket No.: Q114951	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
For: DEVELOPER STORAGE	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
CONTAINER AND IMAGE FORMING	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
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 24 September 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

Discussion

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

1. The U.S. application is

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

    or

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

    or

c. a so-called bypass application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) which validly claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 to a PCT application, which PCT application
    i. validly claims priority to an application filed in the JPO, or
    ii. validly claims priority to a PCT application that contains no priority claims, or
    iii. contains no priority claim;

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

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

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to 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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In re Application of	
Hirotaka KADOSHIMA	**: DECISION ON REQUEST TO**
Application No.: 12/566,489	**: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT**
Filed: 24 September 2009	**: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY**
Attorney Docket No.: 6639P791	**: PROGRAM AND PETITION**
For: HEAT SINK MOUNTING	**: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**
STRUCTURE AND ELECTRONIC	**: 37 CFR 1.102(d)**
APPARATUS	

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
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        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
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3. Applicant must:
   a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
   b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has <u>not</u> begun;
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   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
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   b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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

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 the formalities review has been completed.

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In re Application of	:	
GOTO, KUNIO	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
Application No. 12/566,493	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Filed: September 24, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **F-10059**	:	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 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 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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12/566,734	09/25/2009	Simon Herbert Schramm	236160-1	2923

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In re Application of	:	
SCHRAMN et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/566,734	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 25 September 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 236160-1	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 14 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 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Lechnick et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 12/566,822	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 12/566,822	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **H0022301**	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 12/9/2009, 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 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.

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Filed: 9/25/2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. **H0024212**	:	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 **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 1797 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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Application No. 12/566,911	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)
Filed: September 25, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 11005.0152	:	

This is a decision on the PETITION FOR FILING DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) UNABLE TO LOCATE INVENTOR filed September 25, 2009. This petition was recently forwarded to the undersigned for consideration.

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. In other words, the filing of executed oaths or declarations by previously non-signing inventors is a proper response to this decision. 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 September 25, 2009, with declaration executed by joint inventors Wang, Chai, Li and Luo on behalf of themselves and on behalf of non-signing inventor Zhao. Accompanying these declarations was the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requesting acceptance of the declarations without the signature of inventor Zhao. Rule 47

applicants maintain that they are unable to locate inventor Zhao.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or found, 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; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor. The instant petition does not satisfy requirement (1).

The petition includes an acceptable declaration(s), payment of the petition fee and a statement of the last known address for non-signing inventor Zhao.

With respect to requirement (1) above, rule 47 applicants have not submitted adequate proof that non-signing inventor Zhao cannot be reached or found, after diligent inventor, to join in the instant application. As proof of such, rule 47 applicants have provided a copy of the evidence submitted to show that inventor Zhao could not be reached in 2007 and 2008 to file the declaration in another application. This evidence supported a decision granting 47 status in the other application. However, this application is not a continuation or divisional application of the other application. Thus, the 47 status of the other application does not confer 47 status on this application as provided in 37 CFR 1.63(d). Moreover, nor does the petition include evidence that any unsuccessful attempt to find or reach inventor Zhao at the time of filing of this application occurred. Adequate proof requires a showing that inventor Zhao could not be found or reached to join in this application.

On renewed petition, an adequate showing of the unavailability of inventor Zhao to join in the application, consistent with the guidance set forth in MPEP 409.03(e) and the deficiencies noted in this decision, is required.

Alternatively, on renewed petition, if inventor Zhao decides to join in the application, applicant may submit a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 35 U.S.C. 115 executed by inventor Zhao in response to this decision.

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

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In re Application of :
Yves Auberson et al :
Application No. 12/566,928 :
Filed: September 25, 2009 :
Attorney Docket No. 093286-0166 :

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b) or 37 C.F.R. § 10.40 filed October 15, 2009.

The request is **APPROVED**.

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

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

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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/566,935	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Filed: 25 September 2009	:	THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY
Attorney Docket No. 238565 (GEC-33)	:	PILOT PROGRAM

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102, filed 14 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 2839 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Lee W. Young
Quality Assurance Specialist
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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 12/567,078	:	DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: September 25, 2009	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Attorney Docket No. SKYF-1US	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed September 25, 2009.

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 inventors. **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(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 37 CFR 1.63; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor(s). The instant petition does not satisfy items (1) and (3).

As to item (1), the petition has been considered. However, the petition has provided no statement of facts to support the conclusion that the non-signing inventors could not be reached after diligent effort. Petitioner has stated that the non-signing inventors were contacted numerous times between June and August 2009, but that none of the contacts were successful. Were the non-signing inventors contacted in writing? Via phone? Was a written or oral refusal obtained? Was a complete copy of the application papers (specification, claims, and drawings) forwarded to the non-signing inventors? Petitioner is directed to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 409.03(d), which states:

> It is reasonable to require that the inventor be presented with the application papers before a petition under 37 CFR 1.47 is granted since such a procedure ensures that the inventor is apprised of the application to which the oath or declaration is directed. In re Gray, 115 U.S.P.Q. 80 (Comm'r Pat. 1956).

On renewed petition, petitioner must establish that a copy of the application papers have been forwarded to the non-signing inventors. If no response is received from the non-signing inventors, this will be construed as a refusal to sign. However, if the application papers are returned as undeliverable, then petitioner must undertake a search for the non-signing inventors.

As to item (3), petitioner has not submitted the $200 petition fee.

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

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In re Application of	:	
Vytautas J. Toliusis	:	
Application No. 12/567,242	:	ON PETITION
Filed: September 25, 2009	:	
Attorney Docket No. 1632-001 P	:	

This is a decision on the petition to under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed September 25, 2009.

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 requirement (2).

As to requirement (2), Rule 47 applicant has not submitted an executed 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.

The petition fee of $200 has been charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0978, as authorized.

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

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Application No. 12/567,242	:	ON PETITION
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Attorney Docket No. 1632-001 P	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition to under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed January 21, 2010.

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

Applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) on September 25, 2009. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on November 25, 2009. The petition was dismissed because applicant did not submit an executed oath or declaration.

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 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 :
Vytautas J. Toliusis :
Application No. 12/567,242 :
Filed: September 25, 2009 : LETTER
Title: Directly Piloted Valve Assembly:

Dear Mr. Toliusis:

You are named as the sole 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 soleinventor.

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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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
12/567,394	09/25/2009	Kevin R. Imes	39995-00007	4241

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In re Application of: Kevin R. Imes Serial No.:12/567,394 Filed: September 25, 2009 Docket: 39995-00007 Title: SYSTEM, METHOD, AND MODULE CAPABLE OF CURTAILING ENERGY PRODUCTION WITHIN CONGESTIVE GRID OPERATING ENVIRONMENTS	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 September 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 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 Kakali Chaki, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-3719.

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12/567,604	09/25/2009	Michael J. Conrad	213568-30003	4664

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In re application of Michael Conrad Serial No. 12/567,604 Filed: September 25, 2009 For: NOVEL CHEMISTRIES, SOLUTIONS, AND DISPERSAL SYSTEMS FOR DECONTAMINATION OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 25, 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 the application, at the time of filing, was not in condition for

examination. Note, specifically, the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS mailed on October 8, 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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In re Application of
Anthony A. ANTHONY

Application No. 12567777

Filed: September 27,2009

Attorney Docket No. X2YA0010U-US4

: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 28-DEC-2009 to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in MPEP § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

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

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

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Attorney Docket No. **2004-IP-013208U1P1P1P2**	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed September 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 Jiten Chatterji, 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 1796 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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In re Application of
Alon Konchitsky

Application No. 12567787

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Attorney Docket No. KON180N

: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-SEP-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.

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

DEVICES AND METHODS FOR CONTROLLING ACTIVE TERMINATION RESISTORS IN A MEMORY SYSTEM

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

[0001] This is a continuation of U.S. non-provisional patent application no. 11/708,046, now, U.S. Patent No. 7,616,473 filed February 20, 2007, which is a continuation of U.S. non-provisional patent application no. 10/377,604, filed March 4, 2003. The disclosures of both U.S. non-provisional applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention generally relates to memory circuits and systems, and more particularly, the present invention relates to devices and methods for controlling active termination resistors which are used to improve signaling characteristics in memory circuits and systems.

2. Description of the Related Art

[0003] Generally, as the bus frequency of a memory system (e.g., a memory system employing DRAM devices) increases, the signal integrity within the memory system degrades. Thus, a variety of bus topologies capable of reducing signal distortion have been developed. For example, it is known that the use of resistive terminations at either the receiver and/or transmitter sides within the memory system is an effective means for absorbing reflections and thereby improving signal performance. Resistive termination

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In re Application of
Vladimir Balakin
Application No. 12/567,901
Filed: September 28, 2009
Attorney Docket No. PROT0025

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

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

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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

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

This application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2882 for examination in due course.

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

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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	:	**DECISION ON PETITION**
Hammad, Ayman	:	**TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR**
Application No. 12/568,065	:	**NEW APPLICATION**
Filed: September 28, 2009	:	**UNDER 37 CFR 1.102**
For: NOTIFICATION SOCIAL NETWORKING		

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 28, 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 at (571) 272-6727.

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Filed: September 28, 2009	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Attorney Docket No. **SUTOSH.473AUS**	:	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 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 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.

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
Christopher Chuter
Serial No.: 12/568,382
Filed: Sept. 28, 2009
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REAL -TIME CO-RENDERING OF MULTIPLE ATTRIBUTES**

DECISION ON PETITION

ACCEPTANCE OF COLOR DRAWINGS

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.184(a)(2), filed April 1st, 2010 requesting acceptance of color drawings.

The petition requests that the color drawings identified in FIGS. 3-8 be accepted in lieu of black and white drawings.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(a)(2) must be accompanied by a fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), 3 (three) sets of the color drawings in question, and the specification must contain, or be amended to contain, the following language as the first paragraph in that portion of the specification relating to the brief description of the drawings:

"The file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee."

The petition is GRANTED.

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