REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15-27 are pending as claims 3, 14, and 28-35 are herein cancelled. In the Advisory Action mailed October 22, 2009 the Examiner indicated the allowability of claim 15, and the claims that depend therefrom, and reiterated the allowability of the subject matter of claim 3. Applicant appreciates and accepts such indications.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the allowed subject matter of claim 3. Claim 3 is hereby cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, and 4-13 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In the Advisory Action mailed October 22, 2009, the Examiner also indicated the allowability of claim 15. Claims 16-27 depend directly or indirectly from claim 15. Accordingly, claims 15-27 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Those claims that remain rejected, namely claims 14 and 28-35, are hereby cancelled. However, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application.

In view of the remarks above and the amendments herein, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a notice of allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-13, and 15-27. Although no fees are believed due with this communication, the Director is hereby authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1170. Should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned and/or to resolve such issues via an Examiner's Rule 312 amendment as authorized under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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