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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 15, 2006, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents cited in the Search Report issued by the United Kingdom Patent Office for Application No. GB0615922.2, of which the above referenced application is a family member:

- (1) WO 2004/011050 A1, February 5, 2004;
- BOUYER et al. "Suspension Plasma Spraying for Hydroxyapatite Powder

  Preparation by RF Plasma" IEEE Transactions on Plasma Science, vol. 25, no.

  5, October 1997, pp. 1066-1072;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,426,114 B1 (TROCZYNSKI et al.), July 30, 2002;

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(4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0029699 A1 (LEMAITRE et al.), February 12, 2004;

- (5) JP 3-16906 A, January 24, 1991, accompanied by English language abstracts thereof (provided by EPODOC and WPI);
- (6) FR 2 849 384, July 2, 2004, accompanied by English language abstracts thereof (provided by EPODOC and WPI).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, the non-patent document and the Search Report issued by the United Kingdom Patent Office for Application No. GB0615922.2 are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent and the U.S. patent application cited above are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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