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OSCILLATORS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of October 23, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance page 2 of the Notice of Allowance states in part:

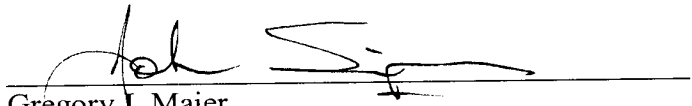
Claims 10-37 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
The prior art fails to show or fairly suggest a mechanical oscillator comprising: at least two deformable linking beams connected to a stationary substrate at a plurality of anchoring points which are distributed along the deformable linking beams, the deformable linking beams facing each other, and a plurality of vibrating cells each connected to and disposed between said at least two deformable linking beams, said plurality of vibrating cells being distributed along the deformable linking beams and a length between two of the plurality of anchoring points being greater or equal to a length of a number of cells greater or equal to 1, wherein each of the plurality of vibrating cells includes a deformable beam having a closed contour, said deformable beam being connected to said at least two deformable linking beams at a first pair of parts which are opposite to each other in the deformable beam.

Although the above comment appears to address Claim 10, it is respectfully noted that independent Claims 19 and 28 do not include the language recited above. For example, Claims 19 and 28 do not include a reference to “the deformable linking beams facing each other” or “a length between two of the plurality of anchoring points being greater or equal to a length of a number of cells greater or equal to 1” or “each of the plurality of vibrating cells includes a deformable beam having a closed contour” or “said deformable beam being connected to said at least two deformable linking beams”. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not apply to Claims 19 and 28 to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

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