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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Daishi Igarashi *et al.*

Application No.: NEW APPLICATION

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Art Unit: N/A

For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING IDLE STOP OF THE FUEL  
CELL SYSTEM

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.