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For: ELECTRONIC DERAILEUR	:	
CONTROL SYSTEM	:	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

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A copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 06025729.2 is attached hereto.

PCT Publication No. WO 88/01962 A2 appears to disclose an electromechanical bicycle gear change having a DC motor. This reference was cited in the EP search report as being particularly relevant to claim 6 of the corresponding EP application and explains the pertinence of this reference. The corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,946,425 is provided in lieu of a translation to better understand the pertinence of this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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