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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

- (1) JP 2002-137910 A, May 14, 2002, accompanied by an English language abstract and a computer translation; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed, beginning at page 2, paragraph [0005] of the present application;
- (2) BOYER et al. "Parametric Study of Suspension Plasma Sprayed Hydroxyapatite" in "Thermal Spray: Practical Solutions for Engineering Problems", C. C. Berndt (Ed.), Published by ASM International, Materials Park, Ohio-USA, 1996, pp. 683-690;

- (3) KIM et al. "Sol-gel Synthesis and Characterization of Nanostructured Hydroxyapatite Powder" Material Science and Engineering B11, 2004, pp. 232-236;
- (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 11/541,526 to KOBAYASHI, filed October 3, 2006 and entitled "METHOD FOR PRODUCING PARTICLES, PARTICLES, AND ADSORPTION APPARATUS".

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign document and the non-patent documents 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.


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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be deemed

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to
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Respectfully Submitted,
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