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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time for Filing of Response under Rule 1.136(a) and the associated fee.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

As a preliminary matter, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Fleming for the many courtesies extended during the above-identified telephone interview.

Matters discussed in the referenced interview included: cited reference U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2006/0043716 to Quioc et al. ("Quioc") and the Office Action rejections of claims in view of the cited references. Agreement was reached that rejections based on Quioc are either not appropriate or are otherwise overcome by the claimed invention.

Claims 1-15 remain in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The undersigned is appreciative of the allowance of claims 13-15.

[NOTE: As claim 15 is dependent on claim 13 and claim 15 is identified on the Office Action Summary as allowed, it appears that page 3 of the Office Action inadvertently did not identify claim 15 as allowed.]

The undersigned is also appreciative of the indication that claims 7-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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However, as claims 7-11 are dependent directly or indirectly on claim 1 and, as discussed in the referenced telephone interview, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art, these dependent claims are believed allowable without having to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Quioc.

The rejections of claims 1-6 and 12 are respectfully traversed.

As stated above, agreement was reached in the above referenced telephone interview that rejections based on Quioc are either not appropriate or are otherwise overcome by the claimed invention. For example, as discussed in the above-referenced telephone interview, claim 1 requires:

the second chamber includes at least one container wherein at least a portion of the quantity of gas generant material is contained, the container having a perforated side wall and oppositely disposed first and second end walls, with the first end wall perforated and disposed adjacent the first chamber to allow communication of at least a portion of the ignition products therethrough and into contact with gas generant material therein contained to ignite the gas generant material to produce a product gas and with the second end wall perforated to allow gas flow communication of the product gas therethrough.

Such a structure or product is not shown or suggested by the cited references.

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In view of the above, formal notification of the patentability of claims 1-6 and 12 over the art of record is solicited.

Conclusion

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants have not addressed or resolved in this response, the undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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