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		Control No. 90/012,401	Patent Under Reexamination 6218930			
Offic	ce Action in Ex Parte Reexamination	Examiner SIMON KE	Art Unit 3992			
The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address						
a☐ Responsive to the communication(s) filed on b☐ This action is made FINAL. c☐ A statement under 37 CFR 1.530 has not been received from the patent owner.						
A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 2 month(s) from the mailing date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in termination of the proceeding and issuance of an <i>ex parte</i> reexamination certificate in accordance with this action. 37 CFR 1.550(d). EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE GOVERNED BY 37 CFR 1.550(c). If the period for response specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a response within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.						
Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:						
1.	☐ Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-89	92. 3. Interview Summai	y, PTO-474.			
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Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION						
1a.	1a. 🔀 Claims <u>6,8 and 9</u> are subject to reexamination.					
1b.	1b. Claims are not subject to reexamination.					
2.	2. Claims have been canceled in the present reexamination proceeding.					
3.	3. Claims are patentable and/or confirmed.					
4.	4. ⊠ Claims <u>6, 8 and 9</u> are rejected.					
5.	5. Claims are objected to.					
6.	The drawings, filed on are acceptable.	The drawings, filed on are acceptable.				
7.	☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on has been (7a)☐ approved (7b)☐ disapproved.					
8.	8. Acknowledgment is made of the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).					
a) All b) Some* c) None of the certified copies have						
	1 been received.					
	2☐ not been received.					
	3 been filed in Application No					
	4 been filed in reexamination Control No					
	5 been received by the International Bureau in PCT application No					
	* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.					
9.		Since the proceeding appears to be in condition for issuance of an <i>ex parte</i> reexamination certificate except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte</i> Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.				
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Detailed Action

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This office action address claims 6, 8, and 9 of United States Patent Number 6,218,930 (Katzenberg et al.) for which it has been determined in the Order Granting Ex Partes Reexamination (hereafter the "Order") mailed 9/5/12 that a substantial new question of patentability was raised in the Request for ex parte reexamination filed 7/20/12 (hereafter the "Request").

Examiner notes the order mailed on 9/5/12 has raised an SNQ for at least one claim and therefore all claims 6, 8, and 9 are being reexamined.

IDS Note

The IDS filed 11/16/12 has been given due consideration.

In addition, where the IDS citations are submitted but not described, the examiner is only responsible for cursorily reviewing the references. The initials of the examiner on the PTO-1449 indicate only that degree of review unless the reference is either applied against the claims, or discussed by the examiner as pertinent art of interest, in a subsequent office action. See Guidelines for Reexamination of Cases in View of In re Portola Packaging, Inc., 110 F.3d 786, 42 USPQ2d 1295 (Fed. Cir. 1997), 64 FR at 15347, 1223 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 125 (response to comment 6).

Consideration by the examiner of the information submitted in an IDS means that the examiner will consider the documents in the same manner as other documents in Office search files are considered by the examiner while conducting a search of the prior art in a proper field of search. The initials of the examiner placed adjacent to the citations on the PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A and 08B or its equivalent mean that the information has been considered by the examiner to the extent noted above.

Regarding IDS submissions MPEP 2256 recites the following: "Where patents, publications, and other such items of information are submitted by a party (patent owner or requester) in compliance with the requirements of the rules, the requisite degree of consideration to be given to such information will be normally limited by the degree to which the party filing the information citation has explained the content and relevance of the information."

Accordingly, the IDS submissions have been considered by the Examiner only with the scope required by MPEP 2256, unless otherwise noted.



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Rejections

The rejections below are confined to what has been deemed to be the best available art from the Request. However, prior to conclusion of this reexamination proceeding, claims must be patentable over all prior art cited in the order granting reexamination in order to be considered patentable or confirmed on the reexamination certificate. The references cited in the request but not utilized in the current office action appear to be largely cumulative to the teachings in the reference applied below.

Claim Rejection Paragraphs

The following are quotations from the MPEP regarding the types of rejections to be utilized below:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103



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