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REEXAMINATION CONTROL NO. 90/010,560.

PATENT NO. 6411941.

ART UNIT 3992.

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Order Granting / Denying Request For Ex Parte Reexamination	Control No. 90/010,560	Patent Under Reexamination 6411941	
	Examiner MATTHEW HENEGHAN	Art Unit 3992	

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The request for *ex parte* reexamination filed 29 May 2009 has been considered and a determination has been made. An identification of the claims, the references relied upon, and the rationale supporting the determination are attached.

Attachments: a) PTO-892, b) PTO/SB/08, c) Other: _____

1. The request for *ex parte* reexamination is GRANTED.

RESPONSE TIMES ARE SET AS FOLLOWS:

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2. The request for *ex parte* reexamination is DENIED.

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Office Action in *Ex Parte* Reexamination

Part of Paper No. 20090722

DECISION GRANTING *EX PARTE* EXAMINATION

Reexamination

An Ex Parte Reexamination has been requested by a third party on 28 May 2009 for claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,411,941 (hereinafter "the '941 patent"), granted on 25 June 2002.

A substantial new question of patentability affecting claims 1-19 of United States Patent Number 6,411,941 is raised by the request for *ex parte* reexamination.

The patent owner is reminded of the continuing responsibility under 37 CFR 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. 6,411,941 throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. The third party requester is also reminded of the ability to similarly apprise the Office of any such activity or proceeding throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply only to "an applicant" and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. 305 requires that *ex parte* reexamination proceedings "will be conducted with special dispatch" (37

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CFR 1.550(a)). Extensions of time in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

References Submitted by Requester

U.S. Patent No. 5,734,819 to Lewis (hereinafter "Lewis")

U.S. Patent No. 6,153,835 to Schwartz et al. (hereinafter "Schwartz")

Neither of the references cited above were discussed by the Office in a previous examination or reexamination proceeding.

Several other references have been submitted by the Requester; however, these references are not being relied upon to establish a Substantial New Question of Patentability. These references are not being made part of the record at this time.

Prosecution History

The '941 patent was originally filed as Application No. 09/164,777 on 1 October 1998, having claims 1-15. Foreign priority was claimed to Israel Patent Application No. 124571, filed 21 May 1998, for which a certified copy in English was concurrently filed.

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