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 - (e) Other: See Continuation Sheet.

Status of *Ex Parte* Reexamination:

 - (f) Change in the Specification: Yes No
 - (g) Change in the Drawing(s): Yes No
 - (h) Status of the Claim(s):
 - (1) Patent claim(s) confirmed: 1-19.
 - (2) Patent claim(s) amended (including dependent on amended claim(s)): _____
 - (3) Patent claim(s) cancelled: _____.
 - (4) Newly presented claim(s) patentable: _____.
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4. Note attached LIST OF REFERENCES CITED (PTO/SB/08).
5. The drawing correction request filed on _____ is: approved disapproved.
6. 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
 - been received.
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 - been filed in Application No. 09/164,777.
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7. Note attached Examiner's Amendment.
8. Note attached Interview Summary (PTO-474).
9. Other: _____.

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Continuation of 1(e) Other: The Patent Owner did not file a statement under 37 CFR 1.530 in response to the Order Granting Ex Parte Reexamination mailed 3 August 2009.

DETAILED ACTION

Reexamination

An Ex Parte Reexamination has been granted for claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,411,941 (hereinafter "the '941 patent"). See Order, mailed 3 August 2009.

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.

Claims 1-19 have been examined.

References Submitted by Requester

The following reference has been cited as establishing a substantial new question of patentability. See Order, mailed 3 August 2009.

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

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