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 - (f) Change in the Specification: Yes No
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 - (h) Status of the Claim(s):
 - (1) Patent claim(s) confirmed: 1-30.
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5. The drawing correction request filed on _____ is: approved disapproved.
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7. Note attached Examiner's Amendment.
8. Note attached Interview Summary (PTO-474).
9. Other: _____.


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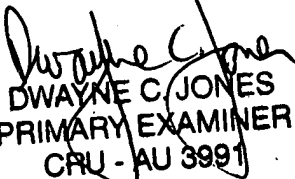
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Allowed/Confirmed Claims

2. Claims 1-30 are confirmed

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PATENTABILITY AND/OR
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