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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/223,545	Applicant(s) MURANO
	Examiner Vivian Chen	Art Unit 1773

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 4/16/2002

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-37

3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11-29-99 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). #22/D

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

5. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____

(b) ☐ Including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c) ☐ Including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

4 ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. 20

5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____

6 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9 ☐ Other

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312.

To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Abstract, lines 1-6 have been replaced by the following:

D. A metallized composite comprising a first thermoplastic layer, a discontinuous intermediate layer comprising discrete islands of metal in an adhesive, and a second thermoplastic layer. The metallized composites of the

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3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a metallized composite comprising a first thermoplastic layer, an intermediate discontinuous layer comprising discrete islands of metal embedded within an adhesive layer, and a second thermoplastic layer. Specifically, KURFMAN ET AL '619 and '822 fail to disclose a laminate containing a discontinuous metal layer, while WO 96/33026 and EP 0 358 445 and EP 0 616 906 and EISFELLER '871 each fail to disclose thermoplastic laminates containing a discontinuous metal layer comprising metal particles embedded within an adhesive layer which lies between two thermoplastic sheets.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivian Chen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3551. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM and on alternate Fridays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Paul Thibodeau, can be reached on (703) 308-2367.

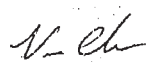
For Art Unit 1773, the official fax phone numbers are as follows:

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after Final: (703) 872-9311

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1700 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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June 13, 2002


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