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CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
RULE 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

- Continuation
- Divisional
- Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 11/882,208 filed July 31, 2007,

For (Title): PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD

By (Inventors): Yasuhiro OMURA

1. A Declaration of the inventor is attached. The attached Declaration is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)

2. A Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Power of Attorney from the parent application.
 - b. A new Power of Attorney.

The Power of Attorney is a General Power of Attorney.

A Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is attached, and
 A copy of the Assignment is attached to the Transmittal or was recorded at Reel 017241
 Frames 0343-344.

The Power of Attorney is a Specific Power of Attorney for this application.

A Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is attached, and
 A copy of the Assignment is attached to the Transmittal or was recorded at Reel _____
 Frame _____.

The Power of Attorney is in a combined Declaration/Power of Attorney.

 - a. The Power of Attorney identifies no more than ten attorneys.
 - b. The Power of Attorney identifies more than ten attorneys, and a separate Designation of Attorneys for Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
 - c. The Power of Attorney is to the attorneys associated with a Customer Number.

3. The fees due upon filing are calculated below:

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EXAMINATION FEE		
SEARCH FEE		
APPLICATION SIZE FEE Total pages 146 - 100 =	46 ÷ 50	= †1
TOTAL CLAIMS	20 - 20	= *0
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= *0
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

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	\$ 110
	\$ 270
x 135 =	\$
x 26 =	\$
x 110 =	\$
+ 195 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

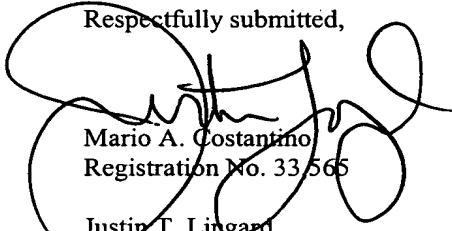
OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE
	\$ 330
	\$ 220
	\$ 540
x 270 =	\$270
x 52 =	\$
x 220 =	\$
+ 390 =	\$
TOTAL	\$1360

4. Check No. 215428 in the amount of \$1360 to cover the fees due upon filing is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.
5. Application Data Sheet is attached.
6. Formal drawings (Figs. 1-21) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
7. Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-128154 filed May 6, 2003, No. 2003-350647 filed October 9, 2003 and No. 2003-364596 filed October 24, 2003 all in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
 The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 11/266,288 on November 4, 2005.
 An electronic copy of the above foreign application(s) was received by the PTO in prior Application No. _____.
 A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
 A copy of the priority document was transmitted by the International Bureau in prior Application No. _____.
 An electronic copy of the above foreign application should be automatically retrieved by the PTO in accordance with the electronic priority document exchange service.
8. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/721,582 filed September 29, 2005 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)
9. The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation, Tokyo, Japan and recorded at Reel 017241 Frames 0343-344.

10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
- _____
- _____
11. A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.
12. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. Small entity status:
- a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
- b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14. Other: _____
15. As also indicated in the attached Request, this application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.
16. The claims in this continuing application differ from the claims in the parent application(s). As to each claim or claim term in this continuing application that is broader than any claim or claim term in any parent application, any previous disclaimer of claim scope made during prosecution of any parent application is rescinded. The Examiner is requested to consider such broader claims and/or claim terms in view of all of the prior art without any previous disclaimers.

Respectfully submitted,


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Application Data Sheet

Applicant Information

Applicant Authority type::	Inventor
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Country of Residence::	JAPAN

Correspondence Information

Correspondence Customer Number::	25944
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Application Information

Application Type::	Continuation
Subject Matter::	Utility
CD-ROM or CD-R::	None
Title::	PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD
Attorney Docket Number::	125842.05
Total Drawing Sheets::	21
Small Entity::	No

Representative Information

Attorneys associated with Customer No. 25944.

Domestic Priority Information			
Application::	Continuity Type::	Parent Application::	Parent Filing Date::
This Application is a	Continuation of	11/882,208	07/31/2007
Which is a	Continuation of	11/266,288	11/04/2005
Which is a	Continuation-in-part of	PCT/JP04/006417	05/06/2004
Which claims benefit of	Provisional Application No.	60/721,582	09/29/2005

Foreign Priority Information			
Country::	Application Number::	Filing Date::	Priority Claimed::
JAPAN	2003-128154	05/06/2003	Yes
Country::	Application Number::	Filing Date::	Priority Claimed::
JAPAN	2003-350647	10/09/2003	Yes
Country::	Application Number::	Filing Date::	Priority Claimed::
JAPAN	2003-364596	10/24/2003	Yes

Assignee Information	
Assignee Name::	NIKON CORPORATION
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City of mailing address::	Tokyo
Country of mailing address::	JAPAN
Postal or Zip Code of mailing address::	100-8331

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