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Office Action Summary

Application No. 13/024,027	Applicant(s) SMITH ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2012.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 5) Claim(s) 1-55 is/are pending in the application.
5a) Of the above claim(s) 9-55 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 9) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 10) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
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)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/10/2012
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group 1 (claims 1-8) in the reply filed on 6/26/2012 is acknowledged. Newly amended claims 9, 19, 36, 47, 48, 55, and the claims that depend thereon will not be considered at this time.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The term "high" in claim 1 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "high" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cheymol et al. U.S. PGPUB No. 2006/039435.

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Regarding claim 1, Cheymol discloses that in a chamber [0072] xenon gas may be injected [0052] and then irradiated by a laser [0053] which may be an infrared laser [0010].

Regarding claim 2, Cheymol discloses that xenon gas may be injected into the chamber [0052]. Xenon is a noble gas.

Regarding claim 3, Cheymol discloses that xenon gas may be injected into the chamber [0052].

Regarding claim 4, Cheymol discloses that in a chamber [0072] xenon gas may be injected [0052] and then irradiated by a laser [0053] which may be an infrared laser [0010].

Regarding claim 5, Cheymol discloses that xenon gas may be injected into the chamber [0052].

Regarding claim 6, Cheymol discloses that xenon gas may be injected into the chamber [0052]. Nakar *Radiometric Characterization of Ultrahigh Radiance Xenon Short-arc Discharge Lamps* specifies that the prominent absorption lines of xenon occur at 823, 882, and 992 nm [top paragraph, page 226].

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Regarding claim 7, Cheymol discloses that xenon gas may be injected into the chamber [0052]. Nakar *Radiometric Characterization of Ultrahigh Radiance Xenon Short-arc Discharge Lamps* specifies that the prominent absorption lines of xenon occur at 823, 882, and 992 nm [top paragraph, page 226].

Regarding claim 8, Cheymol discloses that xenon gas may be injected into the chamber [0052].

4. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kusunose U.S. PGPUB No. 2002/0080834.

Regarding claim 1, Kusunose discloses that in a vacuum chamber [0026], a target material of xenon gas [0027] may be irradiated with an infrared laser [0025] to produce extreme ultraviolet radiation [0026].

Regarding claim 2, Kusunose discloses that the target material may be xenon gas [0027]. Xenon is a noble gas.

Regarding claim 3, Kusunose discloses that the target material may be xenon gas [0027].

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