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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d)

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BOX CPA  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

Continuation  Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) of pending prior application,  
Serial No. 08/900,047, filed July 24, 1997, entitled METAL PLUG LOCAL INTERCONNECT

naming as Inventor(s): Ting P. Yen

The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application, as amended below.

| Filing Fee Calculation | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate       | Basic Fee |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Total Claims           | 12 - 20 =    | 0            | x \$ 18. = | \$ 0.00   |
| Independent Claims     | 2 - 3 =      | 0            | x \$ 78. = | \$ 0.00   |

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Applicant also requests a \_\_\_ month extension of time  
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- 1.  Please consider the reference on the attached PTO Form-1449 that was not considered in the prior application.

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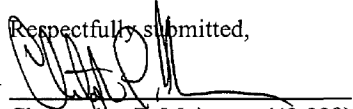
3.  A check is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit overpayment to Account No. 50-0541. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4.  A new Power of Attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.
5.  The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to the undersigned and others.
6.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
- a.  PTO-1449
- b.  Copies of IDS citations.
7.  This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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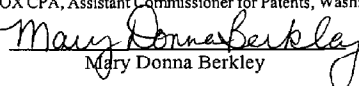
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Effective 1998

FILE DATE 2/10/95

Application or Docket Number

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**CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I**

| FOR                              | (Column 1)<br>NUMBER FILED | (Column 2)<br>NUMBER EXTRA |
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| BASIC FEE                        |                            |                            |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                     | 18                         | minus 20 = *               |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS               | 2                          | minus 3 = *                |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT |                            |                            |

\* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

| SMALL ENTITY TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> |        | OR | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY |        |
|--|--------|----|-------------------------|--------|
| RATE                                       | FEE    |    | RATE                    | FEE    |
|  | 380.00 | OR |                         | 760.00 |
| x\$9 =                                     |        | OR | x 18 =                  |        |
| x39 =                                      |        | OR | x 78 =                  |        |
| +13 =                                      |        | OR | +260 =                  |        |
| TOTAL                                      |        | OR | TOTAL                   | 460    |

| AMENDMENT                                      | (Column 1)                       | (Column 2)                         | (Column 3) | PRESENT EXTRA |
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|  | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR |            |               |
| Total  | *                                | Minus                              | **         | =             |
| Independent                                    | *                                | Minus                              | ***        | =             |
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| x 9 =            |                | OR | x 18 =                  |                |
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| Independent                                    | *                                | Minus                              | ***        | =             |
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