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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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(PCT Rule 44.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference END5924WOPCT	Date of mailing (day/month/year) 7 May 2012 (07-05-2012)
International application No. PCT/US2012/026907	International filing date (day/month/year) 28 February 2012 (28-02-2012)
Applicant ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC	

FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
 The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
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Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/US2012/026997	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/02/2012	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 01/03/2011	
Applicant ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC.			
<p>This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.</p> <p>This international search report consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.</p>			
<p>1. Basis of the report</p> <p>a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the international application in the language in which it was filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> This international search report has been established taking into account the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43.6bis(a)).</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Unity of invention is lacking (see Box No. III)</p> <p>4. With regard to the title,</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the text is approved as submitted by the applicant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:</p> <p>5. With regard to the abstract,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the text is approved as submitted by the applicant</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2, by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority</p> <p>6. With regard to the drawings,</p> <p>a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. <u>11</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> as suggested by the applicant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> none of the figures is to be published with the abstract</p>			

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PCT/US2012/036997

Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A surgical instrument (10) including an end effector (12) having at least one sensor (368). The instrument includes a distal stapling unit for performing at least one surgical task operatively connected to a remotely controllable user interface. The instrument further includes an electrically conductive shaft (8) having a distal end connected to the end effector, wherein the sensor is electrically insulated from the shaft. The instrument also includes a housing (6) at a proximate end of the shaft configured to receive mechanical or electrical inputs. In addition, the instrument has a receiver unit (300) electrically insulated from the shaft configured to receive and send wireless signals from and to the sensor.

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International application No
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
INV. A61B17/072
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
A61B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)
EPO-Internal, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2008/167672 A1 (GIORDANO JAMES R [US] ET AL) 10 July 2008 (2008-07-10) paragraphs [0033], [0034], [0057] - [0063], [0071], [0078] - [0087]; figures 11,12,17,20 -----	1,2,4-7
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		EP 2356949 A2	17-08-2011
		JP 2008206967 A	11-09-2008
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Applicant
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
 - Box No. II Priority
 - Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 - Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
 - Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application
2. **FURTHER ACTION**
- If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the international Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.
- If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.
- For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.
3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing filed or furnished:
 - a. (means)
 - on paper
 - in electronic form
 - b. (time)
 - in the international application as filed
 - together with the international application in electronic form
 - subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
4. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1, 2, 4-7</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1, 2, 4-7</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1, 2, 4-7</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 US 2008/167672 A1 (GIORDANO JAMES R [US] ET AL) 10 July 2008 (2008-07-10)
- D2 US 2008/167522 A1 (GIORDANO JAMES R [US] ET AL) 10 July 2008 (2008-07-10)
- D3 US 2008/167671 A1 (GIORDANO JAMES R [US] ET AL) 10 July 2008 (2008-07-10)

1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

1.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A surgical instrument (10; fig.11) comprising an end effector (12) comprising at least one sensor (368), a distal stapling unit (22,24) for performing at least one surgical task operatively connected (via 300) to a remotely controllable user interface (remote programming device 320; par.78), an electrically conductive shaft (8; par.61, last sentence) having a distal end connected to the end effector wherein the sensor is electrically insulated from the shaft (par. 71, fourth sentence), and a housing (6) at a proximate end of the shaft, configured to receive at least one of mechanical or electrical inputs (via 302), and a receiver unit (320,322,324) electrically insulated from the shaft (par. 61,62) configured to receive and send wireless signals from and to the sensor (par.63).

1.2 Furthermore, the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33 (2) PCT over the disclosure in documents D2 (cf. ref.signs 368,320,322,324; fig.11) or D3 (cf. ref.signs 35,21; fig.1.3).

2 DEPENDENT CLAIMS

2.1 Dependent claims 2,4-7 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty, as the subject-matter of said claims is disclosed by document D1, see for this purpose:

- claims 2,4-7: par.57

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

- 1 The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
- 2 An incorporation of documents by reference (see par.1,7,17,21,22,51,70,78) is not possible in some of the Designated States.
- 3 The unit of weight ("lbs") employed in paragraph 6 is not additionally expressed in terms of the units stipulated by Rule 10.1(a) PCT.

Possible steps after receipt of the international search report (ISR) and written opinion of the International Searching Authority (WO-ISA)

General information	For all international applications filed on or after 01/01/2004 the competent ISA will establish an ISR. It is accompanied by the WO-ISA. Unlike the former written opinion of the IPEA (Rule 66.2 PCT), the WO-ISA is not meant to be responded to, but to be taken into consideration for further procedural steps. This document explains about the possibilities.
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Amending claims under Art. 19 PCT	Within 2 months after the date of mailing of the ISR and the WO-ISA the applicant may file amended claims under Art. 19 PCT directly with the International Bureau of WIPO. The PCT reform of 2004 did not change this procedure. For further information please see Rule 46 PCT as well as form PCT/ISA/220 and the corresponding Notes to form PCT/ISA/220.
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Filing a demand for international preliminary examination	In principle, the WO-ISA will be considered as the written opinion of the IPEA. This should, in many cases, make it unnecessary to file a demand for international preliminary examination. If the applicant nevertheless wishes to file a demand this must be done before expiry of 3 months after the date of mailing of the ISR/ WO-ISA or 22 months after priority date, whichever expires later (Rule 54bis PCT). Amendments under Art. 34 PCT can be filed with the IPEA as before, normally at the same time as filing the demand (Rule 66.1 (b) PCT).
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If a demand for international preliminary examination is filed and no comments/amendments have been received the WO-ISA will be transformed by the IPEA into an IPRP (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) which would merely reflect the content of the WO-ISA. The demand can still be withdrawn (Art. 37 PCT).

Filing informal comments	After receipt of the ISR/WO-ISA the applicant may file informal comments on the WO-ISA directly with the International Bureau of WIPO. These will be communicated to the designated Offices together with the IPRP (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) at 30 months from the priority date. Please also refer to the next box.
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End of the international phase	At the end of the international phase the International Bureau of WIPO will transform the WO-ISA or, if a demand was filed, the written opinion of the IPEA into the IPRP, which will then be transmitted together with possible informal comments to the designated Offices. The IPRP replaces the former IPER (international preliminary examination report).
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Relevant PCT Rules and more information	Rule 43 PCT, Rule 43bis PCT, Rule 44 PCT, Rule 44bis PCT, PCT Newsletter 12/2003, OJ 11/2003, OJ 12/2003
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Applicant ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC.	

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.

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Applicant ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the report**

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the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

b. This international search report has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43.6bis(a)).

c. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II)

3. **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No III)

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2, by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 26

as suggested by the applicant

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention

b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No
PCT/US2012/039156

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
INV. A61B17/072
ADD.
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 1 943 957 A2 (ETHICON ENDO SURGERY INC [US]) 16 July 2008 (2008-07-16) the whole document -----	1-20
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC INV. A61B17/072		
Applicant ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC.		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

Name and mailing address of the ISA: European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Date of completion of this opinion see form PCT/ISA/210	Authorized Officer Strazdauskas, Gedas Telephone No. +49 89 2399-5773
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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
PCT/US2012/039156

Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of a sequence listing filed or furnished:
 - a. (means)
 - on paper
 - in electronic form
 - b. (time)
 - in the international application as filed
 - together with the international application in electronic form
 - subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
4. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
5. Additional comments:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 EP 1 943 957 A2 (ETHICON ENDO SURGERY INC [US]) 16 July 2008 (2008-07-16)
- D2 WO 03/090630 A2 (TYCO HEALTHCARE [US]; HEINRICH RUSSELL [US]; CUNY DOUGLAS J [US]) 6 November 2003 (2003-11-06)
- D3 EP 2 090 245 A1 (ETHICON ENDO SURGERY INC [US]) 19 August 2009 (2009-08-19)

1 Independent claims

1.1 Conciseness

Although claims 1,15 have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought and in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

1.2 Novelty

The document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a surgical instrument ("end effector 12") {for use with a robotic system that has a control unit and a shaft portion that includes an electrically conductive elongated member that is attached to a portion of said robotic system and is configured to transmit control motions from the robotic system (do not form part of the claimed subject-matter)}, the surgical instrument comprising an end effector(12) that is configured to be operably coupled to the elongated electrically conductive member (not claimed; nevertheless, NB the end effector is even coupled to shaft 8 of the stapler which qualifies as a robotic system) to receive said control motions from said

surgical tool system (antecedence?) such that at least one sensor (was not defined before as forming part of the end effector; anyway, see para. 368) within said end effector is electrically insulated from the elongated electrically conductive member such that the elongated electrically conductive member can wirelessly radiate communication signals from the control unit to the at least one sensor and can receive wirelessly radiated communication signals from the at least one sensor (with regard to the non-claimed entities see PCT Guidelines 5.23).

The subject-matter of claim 1 is, therefore not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Consequently the present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT.

D1 also discloses the subject-matter of claim 15. With respect to "the drive shaft" see fig. 3; pos. 36, for the remaining features please see the references in the above passages.

D2 also discloses the subject-matter of claims 1 and 15. See D2, l. 13, p. 15 - l. 17, p. 16; and further to l. 13-18 on p. 14, in particular, the last sentence thereof which provides general characteristics regarding the MEMS devices as such rather than applying to a particular plurality of the MEMS device in a concrete example which merely exemplifies a possible use of these devices with various staplers.

D3 also discloses the subject-matter of claim 1. See fig. 65. Please note that, although the DLU of D3 does not have any kind of sensors, claim 1 does not require to have them. Since the end effector of claim 1 should be merely configured to be operably coupled to some unclaimed and thus unknown systems and/or components, "such that at least one sensor within said end effector is electrically insulated...". NB said sensor was not defined as forming part of the end effector before. Hence, this sensor also could be a part of non-claimed robotic system, which is inserted into the end effector (DLU) of D3 when said end effector is operably coupled to this unknown robotic system. The same arguments apply mutatis-mutandis with regard to claim 15 which is also disclosed by D3.

2 Dependent claims

Dependent claims 2-14,16-20 are also not new over D1-D3. For the details respectively the disclosure of the dependent claims by D1 see the following references:

claims 2-6 -> para. 39;

claims 7, 12, 17 & 19 -> para. 55 viz. "the remote sensor 368, which may be positioned in the plastic cartridge 34 (see Figure 3)";

claims 8 & 14 -> "the elongated electrically conductive member" is not claimed; re "electrically conductive component" see para. 44 i.e. "may include an antenna (or coil) for inductive coupling";

claim 9 -> e.g. fig. 1;

claims 10 & 11 -> para. 21 & fig. 3;

claims 13 & 20 -> defines a method step;

claim 16 -> NB "the robotic system is not claimed" thus, claim 16 defines a method of use i.e. "the drive shaft is powered by a motor";

claim 18 -> re "electrically conductive component" see para. 44; NB "the elongated electrically conductive member" is not claimed; thus, claim 16 defines a method of use i.e. "the electrically conductive component coupled to the elongated electrically conductive member";

3 Further remarks

- 3.1 Independent apparatus claims should have been drafted in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT.
- 3.2 The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
- 3.3 Incorporation of documents by reference (e.g. on p. 1) is not possible in some of the Designated States.
- 3.4 The vague and imprecise statement ("the spirit ... of the invention") in the description in para. 254, 260, 293 and 325 implies that the subject-matter for which protection is sought may be different to that defined by the claims, thereby resulting in lack of clarity (Article 6 PCT) when used to interpret them.

Possible steps after receipt of the international search report (ISR) and written opinion of the International Searching Authority (WO-ISA)

General information	For all international applications filed on or after 01/01/2004 the competent ISA will establish an ISR. It is accompanied by the WO-ISA. Unlike the former written opinion of the IPEA (Rule 66.2 PCT), the WO-ISA is not meant to be responded to, but to be taken into consideration for further procedural steps. This document explains about the possibilities.
Amending claims under Art. 19 PCT	Within 2 months after the date of mailing of the ISR and the WO-ISA the applicant may file amended claims under Art. 19 PCT directly with the International Bureau of WIPO. The PCT reform of 2004 did not change this procedure. For further information please see Rule 46 PCT as well as form PCT/ISA/220 and the corresponding Notes to form PCT/ISA/220.
Filing a demand for international preliminary examination	<p>In principle, the WO-ISA will be considered as the written opinion of the IPEA. This should, in many cases, make it unnecessary to file a demand for international preliminary examination. If the applicant nevertheless wishes to file a demand this must be done before expiry of 3 months after the date of mailing of the ISR/ WO-ISA or 22 months after priority date, whichever expires later (Rule 54bis PCT). Amendments under Art. 34 PCT can be filed with the IPEA as before, normally at the same time as filing the demand (Rule 66.1 (b) PCT).</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is filed and no comments/amendments have been received the WO-ISA will be transformed by the IPEA into an IPRP (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) which would merely reflect the content of the WO-ISA. The demand can still be withdrawn (Art. 37 PCT).</p>
Filing informal comments	After receipt of the ISR/WO-ISA the applicant may file informal comments on the WO-ISA directly with the International Bureau of WIPO. These will be communicated to the designated Offices together with the IPRP (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) at 30 months from the priority date. Please also refer to the next box.
End of the international phase	At the end of the international phase the International Bureau of WIPO will transform the WO-ISA or, if a demand was filed, the written opinion of the IPEA into the IPRP, which will then be transmitted together with possible informal comments to the designated Offices. The IPRP replaces the former IPER (international preliminary examination report).
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Application Number	13/369,609
Filing Date	February 9, 2012
First Named Inventor	Frederick E. Shelton, IV
Art Unit	3721
Examiner Name	Brian D. Nash
Attorney Docket Number	END5924USCNT2/060339CON2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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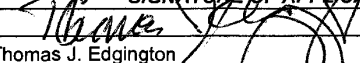
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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was mailed on December 11, 2012 in connection with the above-identified application (the "Subject Application"). The issue fee has not yet been paid. Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the subject application (hereinafter "Applicant"), submits the following:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0154] with the following amended Paragraph:

[0154] It should be noted that although the embodiments of the instrument 10 described herein employ an end effector 12 that staples the severed tissue, in other embodiments different techniques for fastening or sealing the severed tissue may be used. For example, end effectors that use RF energy or adhesives to fasten the severed tissue may also be used. U.S. Patent No. 5,709,680, entitled "Electrosurgical Hemostatic Device" to Yates et al., and U.S. Patent No. 5,688,270, entitled "Electrosurgical Hemostatic Device With Recessed And/Or Offset Electrodes" to Yates et al., which are incorporated herein by reference, discloses cutting instruments that use RF energy to fasten the severed tissue. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/267,811, now U.S. Patent No. 7,673,783, to Morgan et al. and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/267,383, now U.S. Patent No. 7,607,557, to Shelton et al., which are also incorporated herein by reference, disclose cutting instruments that use adhesives to fasten the severed tissue. Accordingly, although the description herein refers to cutting/stapling operations and the like, it should be recognized that this is an exemplary embodiment and is not meant to be limiting. Other tissue-fastening techniques may also be used.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended paragraph [0154] which was previously amended on November 13, 2012. At the time of the previous amendment, a portion of the paragraph as originally filed with the application on February 9, 2012 was inadvertently omitted from the text.

Status of Co-Owned Applications

Applicant is the owner of the applications identified below. Applicant has set forth the status of these applications as presently understood by Applicant. Applicant presumes that the Examiner can obtain copies of the USPTO file histories and related documents for the identified applications. Should the Examiner be unable to obtain such documents, please contact Applicant's undersigned Attorney and copies of any necessary documents will be immediately provided.

(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,259, entitled "Surgical Instrument With Wireless Communication Between a Control Unit of a Robotic System and Remote Sensor",

Status: Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(2) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/651,807, entitled "Surgical Instrument With Wireless Communication Between Control Unit and Remote Sensor", **Status:** A Notice of Allowance was mailed on February 5, 2013;

(3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/651,715, entitled "Surgical Instrument With Wireless Communication Between Control Unit and Sensor Transponders", **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on December 3, 2012. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action;

(4) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/651,806, entitled "Surgical Instrument With Elements To Communicate Between Control Unit and End Effector", **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,954,682;

(5) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/651,768, entitled "Prevention of Cartridge Reuse In a Surgical Instrument", **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,721,931;

- (6) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/651,771, entitled "Post-Sterilization Programming of Surgical Instruments", **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,738,971;
- (7) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/651,788, entitled "Interlock and Surgical Instrument Including Same", **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,721,936;
- (8) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/651,785, entitled "Surgical Instrument With Enhanced Battery Performance", **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,900,805;
- (9) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,210, entitled "Robotically-Controlled Disposable Motor Driven Loading Unit", **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;
- (10) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,194, entitled "Robotically-Controlled Endoscopic Accessory Channel", **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on September 5, 2012. An Amendment was filed on December 3, 2012. A Notification of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on February 7, 2013. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action;
- (11) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,253, entitled "Robotically-Controlled Motorized Surgical Instrument", **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on September 26, 2012. An Amendment was filed on December 26, 2012;
- (12) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,278, entitled "Robotically-Controlled Surgical Stapling Devices That Produce Formed Staples Having Different Lengths", **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;
- (13) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,190, entitled "Robotically-Controlled Motorized Surgical Cutting and Fastening Instrument", **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on January 17, 2013. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action;
- (14) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,223, entitled "Robotically-Controlled Shaft Based Rotary Drive Systems For Surgical Instruments", **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;
- (15) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,263, entitled "Robotically-Controlled Surgical Instrument Having Recording Capabilities", **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(16) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,272, entitled “Robotically-Controlled Surgical Instrument With Force Feedback Capabilities”, **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(17) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,246, entitled “Robotically-Driven Surgical Instrument With E-Beam Driver”, **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(18) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/118,241, entitled “Surgical Stapling Instruments With Rotatable Staple Deployment Arrangements”, **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(19) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/026,493, entitled “Surgical Instrument With Wireless Communication Between Control Unit and Remote Sensor”, **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on July 25, 2012. A Response and Terminal Disclaimer were filed on October 25, 2012. A Request for Continued Examination along with an Information Disclosure Statement were filed on February 7, 2013.

(20) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/037,498, entitled “Surgical Instrument With Wireless Communication Between Control Unit and Remote Sensor”, **Status:** Abandoned;

(21) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/631,346, entitled “Surgical Instrument With Wireless Communication Between Control Unit and Remote Sensor”, **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(22) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/793,595, entitled “Surgical Instrument With Wireless Communication Between Control Unit and Sensor Transponders”, **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on December 4, 2012. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action.

(23) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/793,599, entitled “Interlock and Surgical Instrument Including Same”, **Status:** A Restriction Requirement was mailed on January 22, 2013. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action;

(24) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/780,380, entitled “Post-Sterilization Programming of Surgical Instruments”, **Status:** Abandoned;

(25) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/856,099, entitled “Disposable Motor-Driven Loading Unit For Use With a Surgical Cutting and Stapling Apparatus”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 8,196,795;

(26) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/031,628, entitled “Disposable Motor-Driven Loading Unit For Use With a Surgical Cutting and Stapling Apparatus”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,793,812;

(27) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,666, entitled “Robotically-Controlled Surgical End Effector System With Rotary Actuated Closure Systems”, **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on February 7, 2013. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action;

(28) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/277,324, entitled “Articulating Endoscopic Accessory Channel”, **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on August 22, 2012. an Amendment was filed on November 21, 2012;

(29) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,594, entitled “Robotically-Controlled Surgical Instrument With Selectively Articulatable End Effector”, **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(30) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/235,972, entitled “Motorized Surgical Instrument”, **Status:** A Final Office Action was mailed on September 6, 2011. A Response and Request for Continued Examination was filed on December 6, 2011;

(31) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,588, entitled “Robotically-Controlled Motorized Surgical End Effector System With Rotary Actuated Closure Systems Having Variable Actuation Speeds”, **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on November 9, 2012. An Amendment was filed on February 11, 2013;

(32) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/711,979, entitled “Surgical Stapling Devices That Produce Formed Staples Having Different Lengths”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 8,317,070;

(33) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/216,562, entitled “Staple Cartridges For Forming Staples Having Differing Formed Staple Heights”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,669,746;

(34) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,629, entitled “Robotically-Controlled Cable-Based Surgical End Effectors”, **Status:** A Notice of Allowance was mailed on December 12, 2012. A Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed on January 15, 2013. An Amendment After Final was filed on February 5, 2013;

(35) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/031,567, entitled “Motorized Surgical Cutting and Fastening Instrument Having Handle Based Power Source”, **Status:** A Non-Final Rejection was mailed on February 6, 2013. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action;

(36) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,584, entitled “Surgical Stapling Instruments With Cam-Driven Staple Deployment Arrangements”, **Status:** A Notice of Allowance was mailed on November 26, 2012. A Request for Continued Examination along with an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 14, 2013;

(37) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/020,053, entitled “Shaft Based Rotary Drive System For Surgical Instruments”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 8,196,796;

(38) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/810,015, entitled “Surgical Instrument Having a Multiple Rate Directional Switching Mechanism”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,905,380;

(39) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,578, entitled “Shiftable Drive Interface For Robotically-Controlled Surgical Tool”, **Status:** A Notice of Allowance was mailed on November 13, 2012. A Request for Continued Examination along with an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 4, 2013;

(40) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/949,099, entitled “Surgical Instrument Having Recording Capabilities”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 8,167,185;

(41) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/343,803, entitled “Surgical Instrument Having Recording Capabilities”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 7,845,537;

(42) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,561, entitled “Automated End Effector Component Reloading System For Use With a Robotic System”, **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(43) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,569, entitled “Robotically-Controlled Surgical Instrument With Force-Feedback Capabilities”, **Status:** A Final Office Action was mailed on January 8, 2013. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action;

(44) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/372,195, entitled “Robotically-Controlled End Effector”, **Status:** Applicant has not yet received an Action on the merits;

(45) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/538,154, entitled “Articulating Surgical Stapling Instrument Incorporating a Two-Piece E-Beam Firing Mechanism”, **Status:** Abandoned;

(46) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/443,617, entitled “Surgical Stapling Instrument Incorporating an E-Beam Firing Mechanism”, **Status:** now U.S. Patent No. 6,978,921;

(47) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/369,601, entitled “Robotically-Controlled Surgical End Effector System”, **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on November 21, 2012. An Amendment was filed on February 19, 2013; and

(48) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 13/489,500, **Status:** A Non-Final Office Action was mailed on September 5, 2012. Applicant has not yet responded to that Action.

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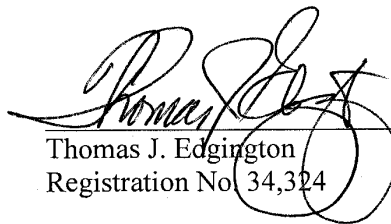
Conclusion

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Primary Examiner recommend that the present amendment be entered in connection with the Subject Application.

If the Examiner has any remaining concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below so that such concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-1110.

Respectfully submitted,



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Examiner: Brian D. Nash :
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Frederick E. Shelton, IV : COUPLING A MANIPULATABLE SURGICAL
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Sir:

Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-captioned application (hereinafter "Applicant"), in accordance with the duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby advises the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the references listed on the accompanying forms PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b (substitute for 1449/PTO) *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant*. A copy of each of the non-U.S. patent references cited therein is herewith enclosed. Applicant is not enclosing copies of the yet-to-be-published patent applications cited herein and

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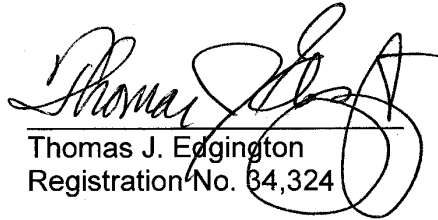
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Applicant files herewith:

- a European Examination Report which was issued in connection with corresponding European Application Number 08250100.8 on February 19, 2009.
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- A Written Opinion which was issued in connection with corresponding PCT Application Number PCT/US2012/039156 on October 29, 2012.
- A European Search Report which was issued in connection with European Application Number 12173458.6 on December 6, 2012.

Applicant submits that no fee is necessary for consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement* under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Nevertheless, the Office is hereby authorized to charge Account No. 11-1110 for any fees necessary for consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement*.

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13/369,609 02/09/2012 Frederick E. Shelton IV END5924USCNT2/060339CON2 9149

TITLE OF INVENTION: DRIVE INTERFACE FOR OPERABLY COUPLING A MANIPULATABLE SURGICAL TOOL TO A ROBOT

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	BRIAN D. NASH	3721	

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/BRIAN D NASH/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3721

Art Unit: 3721

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Comments

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/22/2013 has been entered. The pending claims remain 1 and 4-30.
2. As previously stated in the Notice of Allowance mailed 12/11/2012, all matters of form have been remedied and applicant's amendment has combined the indicated allowable subject matter with their respective base claims which now places the application in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. The prior art of record shows similar examples of elements disclosed in applicant's invention; however, it is the examiner's opinion that it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine or modify the prior art in order to arrive at applicant's invention.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Nash whose telephone number is 571-272-4465. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, M. Alexandra Elve can be reached at 571-272-1173. The official fax number for this Group is: 571-273-8300.
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/Brian D. Nash/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3721
2/25/2013

EAST Search History

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S14	46	"227"/\$ and stapler and ((upper or lower) with jaw) and ((clamp or grip) same tissue) and anvil and cartridge and handle and trigger	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2006/09/27 09:50
S15	44	"606"/\$ and stapler and ((upper or lower) with jaw) and ((clamp or grip) same tissue) and anvil and cartridge and handle and trigger	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2006/09/27 09:50
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S19	1	("20040173659").PN.	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	OFF	2007/08/16 08:32
S23	6	606/139.ccls. and stapler and cartridge and	US-	OR	ON	2009/02/20

		anvil and (control same articulate)	PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO			10:40
S25	96	"227"/\$ and stapler and ((upper or lower) with jaw) and ((clamp or grip) same tissue) and anvil and cartridge and handle and trigger	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/11/08 11:46
S26	73	"606"/\$ and stapler and ((upper or lower) with jaw) and ((clamp or grip) same tissue) and anvil and cartridge and handle and trigger	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/11/08 11:46
S27	8	606/139.ccls. and stapler and cartridge and anvil and (control same articulate)	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/11/08 11:47
S28	118	S25 S26 S27	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/11/08 11:47
S29	115	S28 and (pivot or articulate)	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/11/08 11:47
S30	1	"20090314820"	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/12/29 08:46
S31	701	((DAVID) near2 (GREEN)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2009/12/29 09:16
S32	128	((HENRY) near2 (BOLANOS)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2009/12/29 09:38
S33	117	((WAYNE) near2 (YOUNG)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2009/12/29 09:38
S34	47	((STEPHAN) near2 (DEFONZO)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2009/12/29 09:39
S35	800	S31 S32 S33 S34	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/12/29 09:39
S36	192	S35 and staple	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/12/29 09:40

S37	160	S35 and staple and (clutch or pusher)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/12/29 09:40
S38	199	(US-20060180634-\$ or US-20060175375-\$ or US-20060025816-\$ or US-20060097026-\$ or US-20060060630-\$ or US-20060049230-\$ or US-20060022015-\$ or US-20060022014-\$ or US-20060000868-\$ or US-20050173490-\$ or US-20060000867-\$ or US-20050263562-\$ or US-20050178813-\$ or US-20050070958-\$ or US-20050070925-\$ or US-20050023324-\$ or US-20050067459-\$ or US-20050067458-\$ or US-20050067457-\$ or US-20040232196-\$ or US-20040232200-\$ or US-20040232199-\$ or US-20040232197-\$ or US-20040232195-\$ or US-20060212069-\$ or US-20030009193-\$).did. or (US-7059508-\$ or US-7083075-\$ or US-6988649-\$ or US-7044352-\$ or US-7000819-\$ or US-7000818-\$ or US-6905057-\$ or US-6978921-\$ or US-6959852-\$ or US-5690269-\$ or US-H002037-\$ or US-H001904-\$ or US-5901895-\$ or US-5797538-\$ or US-5540375-\$ or US-5485947-\$ or US-5779130-\$ or US-5653374-\$ or US-5636780-\$ or US-5364001-\$ or US-5484095-\$ or US-5482197-\$ or US-5456401-\$ or US-5326013-\$ or US-5312023-\$ or US-5307976-\$).did. or (US-7070083-\$ or US-6755338-\$ or US-5680982-\$ or US-5487500-\$ or US-5484451-\$ or US-5397324-\$ or US-5318221-\$ or US-5240163-\$ or US-5040715-\$ or US-4951861-\$ or US-4787387-\$ or US-4662555-\$ or US-4610383-\$ or US-4520817-\$ or US-4399810-\$ or US-4375866-\$ or US-5071430-\$ or US-5084057-\$ or US-4691853-\$ or US-5156609-\$ or US-4944443-\$ or US-4919152-\$ or US-4841888-\$ or US-4821942-\$ or US-4784137-\$ or US-4728020-\$ or US-4573622-\$).did. or (US-4566620-\$ or US-4519532-\$ or US-4978049-\$ or US-4256251-\$ or US-4027510-\$ or US-RE28932-\$ or US-3777538-\$ or US-3593903-\$ or US-4664305-\$ or US-5042707-\$ or US-5381943-\$ or US-5176702-\$ or US-5174487-\$ or US-5163945-\$ or US-5161725-\$ or US-5053038-\$ or US-5049153-\$ or US-5049152-\$ or US-5047038-\$ or US-5015249-\$ or US-5002551-\$ or US-4997436-\$ or US-4919391-\$ or US-4919320-\$ or US-4919112-\$ or US-4899745-\$ or US-4887756-\$).did. or (US-4887601-\$ or US-4880015-\$ or US-4874122-\$ or US-4872456-\$ or US-4821939-\$ or US-4811886-\$ or US-4807628-\$ or US-4802478-\$ or US-4789090-\$ or US-5251801-\$ or US-5246450-\$ or US-5246156-\$ or US-5222975-\$ or US-5220928-\$ or US-5147373-\$ or US-5125553-\$ or US-5100420-\$ or US-RE33362-\$ or US-4934364-\$ or US-4747531-\$ or US-4719917-\$ or US-4706668-\$ or US-4706655-\$ or US-4671279-\$ or US-4665906-\$ or US-4662373-\$ or US-4655221-\$).did. or (US-4618086-\$ or US-4616650-\$ or US-4610251-\$ or US-4596350-\$ or US-4592498-\$ or US-	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO	OR	ON	2009/12/29 10:08

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S40	12	(US-3955581-\$ or US-RE28932-\$ or US-4204623-\$ or US-4391402-\$ or US-5484095-\$ or US-5289963-\$ or US-5312023-\$ or US-3892228-\$ or US-4728020-\$ or US-5484451-\$ or US-5452836-\$ or US-5547117-\$.did.	USPAT	OR	ON	2009/12/30 15:19
S41	7	S40 and (clutch or pawl)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2009/12/30 15:38
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S43	3	((("7624903") or ("5364002") or ("5289963")).PN.	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	OFF	2010/05/06 15:41
S44	16	227/175.3.ccls. and (tactile or indicator)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/09 21:46
S45	11	606/139.ccls. and stapler and cartridge and anvil and (control same articulate)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/09 21:46
S46	105	"227"/\$ and stapler and ((upper or lower)	US-	OR	ON	2010/07/09

		with jaw) and ((clamp or grip) same tissue) and anvil and cartridge and handle and trigger	PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO			21:47
S47	1657	227/176.1,19,179.1,180.1,181.1,182.1.ccls.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/09 21:47
S48	779	S47 and jaw and cartridge	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/09 21:47
S49	657	S48 and (trigger or handle) and anvil and (sever or cut or knife or blade)	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/09 21:47
S50	1	("20090095790").PN.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	OFF	2010/07/13 14:16
S51	73	((MICHAEL) near2 (WHITMAN)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2010/07/13 14:17
S52	15	((DONALD) near2 (MALINOUSKAS)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2010/07/13 14:18
S53	16	((PETER) near2 (DATCUK)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2010/07/13 14:18
S54	251	((DAVID) near2 (NICHOLAS)).INV.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	ON	2010/07/13 14:19
S55	335	S51 S52 S53 S54	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 14:19
S56	24	S55 and jaw and gear and shaft	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 14:20
S57	12	(US-3955581-\$ or US-RE28932-\$ or US-4204623-\$ or US-4391402-\$ or US-5484095-\$ or US-5289963-\$ or US-5312023-\$ or US-3892228-\$ or US-4728020-\$ or US-5484451-\$ or US-5452836-\$ or US-5547117-\$).did.	USPAT	OR	ON	2010/07/13 16:28
S58	391	227/175.1,19,175.2,179.1,180.1.ccls. and (jaw or clamp) and gear	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 16:33

S59	304	227/175.1,19,175.2,179.1,180.1.ccls. and ((jaw or clamp) same (closed or pivot)) and gear	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 16:34
S60	178	227/19.ccls. and ((staples or fastener) with (array or row)) and jaw and gear	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 21:19
S61	242	"227"/\$.ccls. and shaft and effector and (pivot or roatate) and (jaw or anvil) and gear	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 21:30
S62	168	"227"/\$.ccls. and shaft and (effector with (pivot or roatate)) and (jaw or anvil) and gear	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 21:31
S63	165	"227"/\$.ccls. and shaft and (effector with (pivot or roatate)) and (jaw or anvil) and gear and (row or array or cartridge)	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/07/13 21:31
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S67	182	227/19.ccls. and ((staples or fastener) with (array or row)) and jaw and gear	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/08/28 15:10
S68	7	128/898.ccls. and ((staples or fastener) with (array or row)) and jaw and gear	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO	OR	ON	2010/08/28 15:10
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S72	1	("20110240714").PN.	US- PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR	OR	OFF	2012/05/05 16:27
S73	545	(US-20060180634-\$ or US-20060175375-\$ or US-20060025816-\$ or US-20060097026-\$ or US-20060060630-\$ or US-20060049230-\$ or US-20060022015-\$ or US-20060022014-\$ or US-20060000868-\$ or US-20050173490-\$ or US-20060000867-\$ or US-20050263562-\$ or US-20050178813-\$ or US-20050070958-\$ or US-20050070925-\$ or US-20050023324-\$ or US-20050067459-\$ or US-20050067458-\$ or US-20050067457-\$ or US-20040232196-\$ or US-20040232200-\$ or US-20040232199-\$ or US-20040232197-\$ or US-20040232195-\$ or US-20060212069-\$ or US-20030009193- \$).did. or (US-20090105535-\$ or US- 20040173659-\$ or US-20090314820-\$ or US- 20090095790-\$ or US-20100161399-\$ or US- 20100151525-\$ or US-20100143247-\$ or US- 20100112139-\$ or US-20100087841-\$ or US- 20100033478-\$ or US-20100031114-\$ or US- 20100030233-\$ or US-20100025452-\$ or US- 20100018890-\$ or US-20100007517-\$ or US- 20090311384-\$ or US-20090298807-\$ or US-	US- PGPUB; USPAT; EPO	OR	OFF	2012/05/05 17:46

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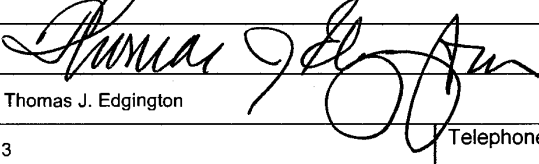
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In re application of : **Art Unit:** 3721
Frederick E. Shelton, IV :
: **Examiner:** Brian D. Nash
Patent No.: 8,479,969 :
: **Serial No.:** 13/369,609 :
: **Issue Date:** July 9, 2013 : **Confirmation No.:** 9149
Title: DRIVE INTERFACE FOR OPERABLY COUPLING A MANIPULATABLE
SURGICAL TOOL TO A ROBOT

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

March 20, 2017

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Dear Commissioner:

A certificate of correction is respectfully requested in the above-identified patent (the "Subject Patent"). The exact location of the errors appearing in the patent are as follows:

On Page 170, Column 88, Lines 35 and 36, in Claim 1, delete "gear driven" and insert - - gear-driven - -;

On Page 170, Column 88, Line 54, in Claim 1, delete "gear driven" and insert - - gear-driven - -;

On Page 170, Column 88, Line 58, in Claim 2, delete "gear driven" and insert - - gear-driven - -;

On Page 170, Column 88, Line 59, in Claim 2, delete "said proximal end portion" and insert - - a proximal end portion - -;

On Page 170, Column 88, Line 65, in Claim 3, delete "a proximal end portion" and insert - - said proximal end portion - -;

On Page 171, Column 89, Line 11, in Claim 3, delete "said open"

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and insert - - said first open - -;

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On Page 171, Column 90, Line 42, in Claim 14, delete “said” and insert - - a - -;

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On Page 172, Column 91, Line 62, in Claim 17, delete “first” and “second”;

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On Page 172, Column 92, Line 47, in Claim 18, delete “said effector” and insert - - said end effector - -;

On Page 172, Column 92, Line 60, in Claim 18, delete “said effector” and insert - - an - -;

On Page 172, Column 92, Line 61, in Claim 18, delete “said effector” and insert - - a - -;

On Page 172, Column 92, Line 67, in Claim 18, delete “the” and

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On Page 173, Column 94, Line 45, in Claim 21, delete "gear driven" and insert - - gear-driven - -;

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On Page 174, Column 96, Line 22, in Claim 26, delete "said", insert - - a - -.

It is submitted that correction of these errors, which are clerical in nature, does not require the addition of new matter to the Subject Patent, the reexamination of the Subject Patent, or materially affect the scope or meaning of the Subject Patent. It is therefore requested that a Certificate of Correction containing the corrections noted on the attached form PTO/SB/44 be issued.

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- Column 94, Line 45, in Claim 21, delete “gear driven” and insert -- gear-driven --;

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- Column 96, Line 22, in Claim 26, delete “said”, insert -- a --.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the Claims

-In Column 95, Line 59, in Claim 24, delete “distal”; and insert -- proximal --.

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PART (A) RESPONSE FOR CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION

This is a decision on the Certificate of Correction request filed 08 March 2017.

The request for issuance of Certificate of Correction for the above-identified correction(s) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.322 and/or 1.323 is hereby:

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PART (B) PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.324 OR 37 CFR 1.48

This is a decision on the petition filed _____ to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324.

This is a decision on the request under 37 CFR 1.48, petition filed _____. In view of the fact that the patent has already issued, the request under 37 CFR 1.48 has been treated as a petition to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324.

The petition is hereby: Granted Dismissed

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