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PART I. THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:  1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892  2. Information Disclosure Citation, PTO/SB/08						
3 PART II. SUMMARY OF ACTION:						
<ul> <li>1a. ∑ Claims 1-4 and 6-22 are subject to reexamination.</li> <li>1b. ∑ Claims 5 are not subject to reexamination.</li> <li>2. ☐ Claims have been canceled.</li> <li>3. ☐ Claims are confirmed. [Unamended p. 4. ☐ Claims are patentable. [Amended or r. 5. ∑ Claims 1-4 and 6-22 are rejected.</li> <li>6. ☐ Claims are objected to.</li> </ul>	atent claims] new claims] acceptable	pproved.				



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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1) This Office action addresses claims 1-4 and 6-22 of United States Patent Number 7,868,912 (Venetianer) for which it has been determined in the Order Granting Inter Partes Reexamination (hereafter the "Order") that a substantial new question of patentability was raised in the Request for *inter partes* reexamination filed on 2/29/2012 (hereafter the "Request").

## Information Disclosure Statement

2) MPEP 2656 states in pertinent part:

Where patents, publications, and other such items of information are submitted by a party (Patent Owner or Requester) in compliance with the requirements of the rules, the requisite degree of consideration to be given to such information will be normally limited by the degree to which the party filing the information citation has explained the content and relevance of the information. The initials of the examiner placed adjacent to the citations on the form PTO/SB/08A and 08B or its equivalent, without an indication to the contrary in the record, do not signify that the information has been considered by the examiner any further than to the extent noted above.

In concert with MPEP 2656, the references submitted in the IDS have been considered only to the extent that the content and relevance of the references have been explained.



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## Rejections Proposed by the Requester

3) A total of eleven references have been asserted in the Request as providing teachings relevant to the claims of the Venetianer patent. In view of the Order, four of the proposed issues have established a reasonable likelihood that the Requester will prevail. The following proposed rejections are the main issues to be discussed below:

Issue 1: Claims 1-3 and 6-22 in view of Gilge

Issue 3: Claim 1-4 and 6-22 in view of Lipton

Issue 5: Claim 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-13, 15-20, and 22 in view of Courtney

Issue 12: Claim 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-13, 15-20, and 22 in view of Olson

## Claim Rejection Paragraphs

4) The following are quotations from the MPEP regarding the types of rejections to be utilized below:

### 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 -

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