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DETAILED ACTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This Office Action addresses US Application No. 16/202,067 (hereinafter the “**instant application**”), which is a reissue application of U.S Application No. 12/601,275 (hereinafter “**the ‘275 Application**”), entitled “VLSI LAYOUTS OF FULLY CONNECTED GENERALIZED NETWORKS”, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,269,523 (hereinafter “**the ‘523 Patent**”).

Based upon a review of the instant application, the actual filing date of the instant application is November 27, 2018.

For reissue applications filed before September 16, 2012, all references to 35 U.S.C. § 251 and 37 CFR §§ 1.172, 1.175, and 3.73 are to the law and rules in effect on September 15, 2012. Where specifically designated, these are “pre-AIA” provisions.

For reissue applications filed on or after September 16, 2012, all references to 35 U.S.C. § 251 and 37 CFR §§ 1.172, 1.175, and 3.73 are to the current provisions.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDING

Non Broadening: The instant application is file after two years of issue of the '523 Patent. Because the instant reissue application was filed after two years broadening of the original claims is not allowed. See MPEP § 1412.03.

Patent Term: Based upon and updated review of the file record the Examiner finds that the Patent term has not expired. In addition the Examiner finds that the 3.5 year maintenance fee is paid. The Examiner also finds that the 7.5 year maintenance fee has not been paid. The maintenance fee for the '523 Patent along with surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(h) is required. The last day to pay maintenance fee is September 18, 2020.

Litigation: Base upon an Examiner review of the file itself the Examiner finds that the '523 Patent is involved in litigation:

- 3:18CV7581 KONDA V. FLEX LOGIX (OPEN)
- 5:18CV7581 KONDA V. FLEX LOGIX (CLOSED)

Concurrent Proceedings: Based upon Applicant's statements as set forth in the instant application and after the Examiner's independent review of the reissued patent itself and its prosecution history and a review of the USPTO PTAB processing system the Examiner cannot locate any concurrent proceedings involving the '523 Patent. The Examiner cannot locate any previous reexaminations, supplemental examinations.

PRIORITY

Based upon a review of the instant application and '523 Patent, the Examiner finds that the '523 Patent claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/940,394 which was filed on May 25, 2007.

Based upon a review of the instant application and '523 Patent itself, the Examiner finds that the '523 Patent does not claim foreign priority.

The reissued patent issued with claims 1-48 ("**Patented Claims**").

AMENDMENT

Applicant filed a preliminary amendment on November 27, 2018 (hereinafter "**the November 2018 Amendment**") along with the filing of the present reissue application. However, the November 2018 Amendment has been request disregard by the Applicant on September 23, 2019 and substitute by a second preliminary amendment on the same day (hereinafter "**the September 2019 Amendment**"). In the September 2019 Amendment, original claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 16, 22, 24, 28, 33, 36, 39, 43 were amended; original claims 3, 5-6, 8-10, 12-15, 17-21, 23, 25-27, 29-32, 34-35, 37-38, 40-42, 44-48 were canceled; and claims 49-50 are newly added.

This action is in response to the September 2019 Amendment.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

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