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REEXAMINATION CONTROL NO. 90/019,277 .

PATENT UNDER REEXAMINATION 8478245 .

ART UNIT 3992 .

Enclosed is a copy of the latest communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above identified *ex parte* reexamination proceeding (37 CFR 1.550(f)).

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Notice of Intent to Issue Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate	Control No. 90/019,277	Patent Under Reexamination 8478245	
	Examiner Karin M Reichle	Art Unit 3992	AIA Status No

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1. Prosecution on the merits is (or remains) closed in this *ex parte* reexamination proceeding. This proceeding is subject to reopening at the initiative of the Office or upon petition. *Cf.* 37 CFR 1.313(a). A Certificate will be issued in view of
 - (a) Patent owner's communication(s) filed: 06 June 2024.
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2. The Reexamination Certificate will indicate the following:
 - (a) Change in the Specification: Yes No
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 - (c) Status of the Claim(s):
 - (1) Patent claim(s) confirmed: 1,4-5 and 16.
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7. The drawing correction request filed on _____ is: approved disapproved.
8. Acknowledgment is made of the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the certified copies have
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9. Note attached Examiner's Amendment.
10. Note attached Interview Summary (PTO-474).
11. Other: _____.

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/Karin Reichle/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3992	/JALATEE WORJLOH/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3992
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Reexamination was requested for claims 1, 4-5 and 16 of United States Patent No. 8,478,245 (hereinafter also referred to as '245 or Carion et al '245). The '245 patent was issued to Carion et al on July 2, 2013.

References Asserted in Request

(1) U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0179118 to Stirbu (hereinafter also referred to as Stirbu or '118 (Exhibit 1004)) filed August 1, 2007 and published July 2, 2013

(2) U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0136571 to Kloba et al (hereinafter also referred to as Kloba or '571 (Exhibit 1005)) filed January 11, 2006 and published June 22, 2006).

Other

The Declaration of Joseph C. McAlexander III, P.E. (Exhibit 1006), executed October 3, 2023 and filed October 13, 2023, and accompanying Exhibits 1007 and 1008.

June 6, 2024 Response-Arguments/Declaration/Exhibits

The June 6, 2024 response (i.e. arguments, Stuart Lipoff declaration, Exhibit A, and Exhibits B-E) was considered in its' entirety.

Concurrent Proceedings

See RXFILJKT accompanying this Notice. Note also TRAN.LET, **Information**

Disclosure Statement by Patent Owner, pages 2-3 of the June 6, 2024 response

Information Disclosure Statement

Various IDS were submitted by Patent Owner on June 6, 2024.

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Claim Interpretation

As set forth in MPEP 2240, in making the determination of whether to order reexamination, the Office will determine the proper meaning of the patent claims by giving the claims their broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification (see *In re Yamamoto*, 740 F.2d 1569 (Fed. Cir. 1984)), except in the case of an expired patent (in a reexamination involving claims of an expired patent, claim construction is pursuant to the principle set forth by the court in *Phillips v. AWH Corp.*, 415 F.3d 1303, 1316, 75 USPQ2d 1321, 1329 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (words of a claim "are generally given their ordinary and customary meaning" as understood by a person of ordinary skill in the art in question at the time of the invention, see *Ex parte Papst-Motoren*, 1 USPQ2d 1655 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1986)).

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