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***EX PARTE* REEXAMINATION COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM**

REEXAMINATION CONTROL NO. 90/014,900 .

PATENT UNDER REEXAMINATION 8553079 .

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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Order Granting Request For Ex Parte Reexamination	Control No. 90/014,900	Patent Under Reexamination 8553079	
	Examiner MARK A SAGER	Art Unit 3992	AIA (FITF) Status No

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

The request for *ex parte* reexamination filed 11/11/2021 has been considered and a determination has been made. An identification of the claims, the references relied upon, and the rationale supporting the determination are attached.

Attachments: a) PTO-892, b) PTO/SB/08, c) Other: _____

1. The request for *ex parte* reexamination is GRANTED.

RESPONSE TIMES ARE SET AS FOLLOWS:

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/Mark Sager/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3992

cc:Requester (if third party requester)

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Order Determination

Third Party Requester submitted a request for reexamination with a filing date of November 11, 2021, requesting *ex parte* reexamination of claims 1-30 of expired U.S. Patent No. 8,553,079 (hereinafter also referred to as '079). A substantial new question of patentability affecting claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 8,553,079 in effect at this time is raised by the request for *ex parte* reexamination. Accordingly, claims 1-30 will be reexamined. For reference, numbered pages 5-6 discuss prosecution history; while, numbered pages 9-17 discuss the SNQs herein.

Extensions of Time

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply only to "an applicant" and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. 305 requires that reexamination proceedings "will be conducted with special dispatch" (37 CFR 1.550(a)). Extension of time in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

Notification of Concurrent Proceedings

The patent owner is reminded of the continuing responsibility under 37 CFR 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. 8,553,079 throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286.

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