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

REEXAMINATION CONTROL NO. 90/014,901 .

PATENT UNDER REEXAMINATION 7933431 .

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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<b>Order Granting Request For Ex Parte Reexamination</b>	<b>Control No.</b> 90/014,901	<b>Patent Under Reexamination</b> 7933431	
	<b>Examiner</b> JOSEPH R POKRZYWA	<b>Art Unit</b> 3992	<b>AIA (FITF) Status</b> 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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For Requester's Reply (optional): TWO MONTHS from the **date of service** of any timely filed Patent Owner's Statement (37 CFR 1.535). **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD IS PERMITTED.** If Patent Owner does not file a timely statement under 37 CFR 1.530(b), then no reply by requester is permitted.

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cc:Requester ( if third party requester )

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Request for ex parte Reexamination*

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.
2. Reexamination has been requested for claims 1-31 of U.S. Patent 7,933,431, issued to Timothy R. Pryor (hereafter “the ‘431 Patent”).
3. A substantial new question affecting claims 1-31 of the ‘431 Patent is raised by the Third Party’s request for *ex parte* reexamination.
4. The ‘431 Patent originally issued on April 26, 2011 with patented claims 1-31, being filed as U.S. Application 12/834,281 (hereafter “the original ‘281 Application”) on July 12, 2010. Here, the original ‘281 Application was filed as a continuation of U.S. Application 11/980,710, filed on October 31, 2007, now U.S. Patent 7,756,297, which is a continuation of U.S. Application 10/893,534, filed on July 19, 2004, now U.S. Patent 7,401,783, which is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/612,225, filed on July 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,766,036, which claims domestic priority to provisional U.S. Application 60/142,777, filed on July 8, 1999.

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