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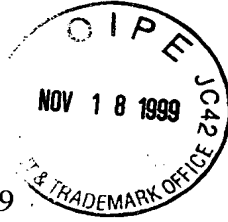
In re application of:

ROTHSCHILD *et al.*

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for Interactive Applications**



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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application,, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Kindly enter the following Amendments:

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At Page 1, line 1, before Field of the Invention," insert --This application claims priority to U.S. Application No. 08/896,797, filed July 18, 1997, now allowed, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/595,323, filed February 1, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,822,523.--