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REEXAMINATION CONTROL NO. 90/008450

PATENT NO. 6,233,592

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 / Denying Request For Ex Parte Reexamination | Control No. 90/008,450 | Patent Under Reexamination 6,233,592 | |
| | Examiner Majid A. Banankhah | Art Unit 3992 | |

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The request for *ex parte* reexamination filed 29 January 2007 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:

For Patent Owner's Statement (Optional): TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication (37 CFR 1.530 (b)). **EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE GOVERNED BY 37 CFR 1.550(c).**

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.

2. The request for *ex parte* reexamination is DENIED.

This decision is not appealable (35 U.S.C. 303(c)). Requester may seek review by petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.181 within ONE MONTH from the mailing date of this communication (37 CFR 1.515(c)). **EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SUCH A PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 ARE AVAILABLE ONLY BY PETITION TO SUSPEND OR WAIVE THE REGULATIONS UNDER 37 CFR 1.183.**

In due course, a refund under 37 CFR 1.26 (c) will be made to requester:

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DECISION GRANTING EX PARTE REEXAMINATION

1. A substantial new question of patentability affecting claims 1-58 of United States Patent number 6,233,592 is raised by the request for *ex parte* reexamination.

2. A prior art patent or printed publication raises a substantial new question of patentability where there is:

(A) a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider the prior art patent or printed publication **important** in deciding whether or not the claim is patentable, MPEP §2242 (I) and,

(B) the same question of patentability as to the claim has not been decided in a previous or pending proceeding or in a final holding of invalidity by a federal court. See MPEP §2242 (III).

3. The '592 patent is currently assigned to TIME BASE PTY LIMITED of SYDNEY AUSTRALIA. The '592 Patent issued from application Serial No. 09/108,999 ("the '999 Application"), which was filed on Jan. 30, 1998.

4. In the request for reexamination, the third part requester alleges that '592 patent claims 1-58 are anticipated in light of the following references:

1. D1: Kim H et al: "OOHS: An Object-Oriented Hypermedia System" 20m Annual International Computer Software And Applications Conference (Compsac), Seoul, KR, 21 August 1996 (1996-08-21), -23 August 1996 (1996-08-23) pages 496-501, XP000684382 IEEE comp. Soc., Los Alamitos, CA, US ISBN: 0-8186-7579-9 ("Kim").

2. D2: Arnold-Moore T et al: "The ELF data model and SGQL query language for structured document databases", Sixth Australasian Database Conference, ADC'95, Adelaide, AU, vol. 17, no. 2, 30 January 1995, - 31 January 1995 pages 17-26, XP002204886 Australian Computer Science Communications ISSN: 0157-3055 ("Arnold-Moore")

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3. D3: George Promenschenkel "STEPS toward a new era in electronic publishing", OCLC Newsletter No. 216, published by OCLC, MC104, 6565 Frantz Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017-3395 July/August 1995 ("Promenschenkel")

The aforementioned newly cited references are not of record in the file of '529 patent and are not cumulative to the art of record in the original file.

Substantial New Question of Patentability

5. It is agreed that the consideration of Arnold-Moore raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-58 of the Schnelle '592 patent. Request page 5, line 13, through page 6, line 2, are hereby incorporated by reference from the request for reexamination for their explanation of the teaching provided in Arnold-Moore that was not present in the prosecution of the application which became the Schnelle '592 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching important in deciding whether or not the claims are patentable. Accordingly, Arnold-Moore raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-58, which question has not been decided in a previous examination of the Schnelle '592 patent.

6. It is agreed that the consideration of Kim raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-58 of the Schnelle '592 patent. Request page 6, line 3, through line 8, are hereby incorporated by reference from the request for reexamination for their explanation of the teaching provided in Kim that was not present in the prosecution of the application which became the Schnelle '592 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching important in deciding whether or not the claims are patentable. Accordingly, Kim raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-58, which question has not been decided in a previous examination of the Schnelle '592 patent.

7. It is agreed that the consideration of Promenschenkel raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-58 of the Schnelle '592 patent. Request page 6, line 8, through page

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7, line 19, are hereby incorporated by reference from the request for reexamination for their explanation of the teaching provided in Promenschenkel that was not present in the prosecution of the application which became the Schnelle '592 patent. Further, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching important in deciding whether or not the claims are patentable. Accordingly, Promenschenkel raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 1-58, which question has not been decided in a previous examination of the Schnelle '592 patent.

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Conclusion

8. Extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) will not be permitted in this proceeding because the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136 apply only to “an Applicant” and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. §305 requires that *ex parte* reexamination proceedings “will be conducted with special dispatch” (37 C.F.R. §1.550(a)). Extensions of time in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 C.F.R. §1.550(c).

9. The Patent Owner is reminded of the continuing responsibility under 37 C.F.R. § 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent number 6,233,592 throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. The third party requester is also reminded of the ability to similarly apprise the Office of any such activity or proceeding throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286.

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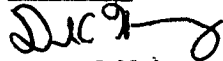
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