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Application No.: 11/366,984

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended towards Applicant's representative during the telephone interview conducted on December 28, 2009 and the Examiner's guidance on amending the claims in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. During the interview, the Examiner suggested not listing the claims as published in the Reexamination Certificate unless amendments are being made, and renumbering the new claims presented in the reissue application.

Claims 9-14, 16-17, 30-42, and 44-56 are pending in this application. The Reexamination Certificate for U.S. Patent No. 6,698,567 that issued on December 2, 2008 is being submitted concurrently with this Reply as suggested by the Examiner. As a result of reexamination, claims 1-8, 15, 18-29, and 43 were cancelled. Changes in this reissue application are made with respect to the claims as published in the Reexamination Certificate. Therefore, new claims that were previously presented as claims 51-53 have been renumbered as claims 54-56 to conform to the changes in the numbering of the claims in view of the reexamination. No new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention that claim 52, as published in the Reexamination Certificate, contains a printing error omitting claim language directed to "a pair of electric switches to control a gear change, fixed to the

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supporting body.” Applicant has filed a Request for Certificate of Correction to amend the error, and will submit the Certificate of Correction once it issues.

New claim 54 is directed to a support body mounted on a bicycle handlebar for operating at least one switch of a bicycle electric device, and new claims 55-56 are directed to a control lever attached to a support body mounted on a bicycle handlebar for operating at least one switch of a bicycle electric device. Claims 54-56 contain features described by at least col. 2, line 66 – col. 3, line 54 of the original specification, which discuss the relative motion of the brake lever, control lever, and switches shown in Figures 1-4. The claims contain other elements that were present in the originally filed claims and also shown in the original specification, and are fully supported therein.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that an interview will advance placement of this reissue application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present reissue application, including claims 9-14, 16-17, 30-42, and 44-56, is in condition for allowance as a reissue patent, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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