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Dear Examiner Luong,

Please see the attached proposed claim amendments for the above referenced application, for discussion only.

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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENT - FOR DISCUSSION ONLY, NOT TO BE ENTERED

1. (Currently Amended) A control device for a bicycle, comprising:

a first body that defines a first grip portion of the control device and includes a front portion and a rear surface that is shaped to be ~~associated with~~ connected to a bicycle handlebar, and an upper transversal surface that defines an upper transversal wall of the control device;

at least one lever that controls at least one bicycle component and that is directly hinged to the front portion of the first body; and

a second body that is distinct from the first body and from the at least one lever and that defines a second grip portion of the control device and includes a lower transversal surface, opposite the upper transversal surface, that at least partially defines a lower transversal wall of the control device, the second body having a dimension that is selectable to allow the second grip portion to be sized for a user's hand to grasp;

~~wherein the first and second grip portions are arranged so that when a cyclist engages the at least one lever with the fingers of a hand, the remainder of the hand is positioned above the upper transversal surface of the first body~~ is configured as a palm rest.

2. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is ~~associated with~~ connected to the first body to vary the distance of the at least one lever from the handlebar depending on the dimension of the second body.

3. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is

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~~associated with~~ connected to the first body at respective coupling surfaces having a matching shape.

4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is positioned in a single predetermined position with respect to the first body.

5. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 4, wherein the second body is ~~associated with~~ connected to the first body through screws.

6. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 4, wherein the second body is ~~associated with~~ connected to the first body through glue.

7. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 4, wherein the second body is ~~associated with~~ connected to the first body through a snap coupling.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising at least one adjustment screw element for adjusting the position of the second body with respect to the first body.

9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the at least one adjustment screw element comprises a screw/female screw coupling operatively arranged between the first body and the second body.

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10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein one from the screw and the female screw is associated with one from the first body and second body and the other from the screw and the female screw is associated with the other from the first body and second body.

11. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is removably ~~associated with~~ connected to the first body.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising an outer coating sheath which covers the first body and second body.

13. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is ~~associated with~~ connected to a lower surface of the first body.

14. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 13, wherein the lower transversal wall of the control device is defined in part by the lower surface of the first body and in part by the lower transverse surface of the second body.

15. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 13, wherein the lower transversal wall of the control device is defined integrally by the lower transverse surface of the second body.

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16. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is ~~associated with~~ connected to an outer side surface of the first body.

17. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 16, wherein the control device further comprises an outer side wall defined in part by the outer side surface of the first body and in part by an outer side surface of the second body.

18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 16, wherein the control device further comprises an outer side wall defined integrally by an outer side surface of the second body.

19. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is associated with an inner side surface of the first body.

20. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 19, wherein the control device further comprises an inner side wall defined in part by the inner side surface of the first body and in part by an inner side surface of the second body.

21. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 19, wherein the control device further comprises an inner side wall defined integrally by an inner side surface of the second body.

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22. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is associated with an upper surface of the first body.

23. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 22, wherein the control device further comprises an upper wall defined in part by the upper surface of the first body and in part by an upper surface of the second body.

24. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 22, wherein the control device further comprises an upper wall defined integrally by an upper surface of the second body.

25. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is associated with a rear surface of the first body, so as to be operatively arranged between the first body and the handlebar when the first body is associated with the handlebar.

26. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 25, wherein the control device comprises a rear wall defined in part by the rear surface of the first body and in part by a rear surface of the second body.

27. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 25, wherein the control device comprises a rear wall defined integrally by a rear surface of the second body.

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28. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the second body, when ~~associated with~~ connected to the first body, extends at least partially over at least one of a lower surface, an inner side surface, an outer side surface, an upper surface, and the rear surface of the first body.

29. (Previously Presented) A bicycle comprising a control device according to claim 1.

30. (Withdrawn) A kit of parts for the assembly of a control device for a bicycle, comprising a first body adapted to be associated with a bicycle handlebar and provided with at least one lever of at least one bicycle component, and at least two second bodies adapted to be selectively associated with the first body, wherein the at least two second bodies differ in at least one of shape and size.

31. (Canceled).

32. (Currently Amended) The control device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is ~~associated with~~ connected to the first body at a lower surface of the first body and extends substantially over the entire lower surface of the first body.

33. (Original) The control device according to claim 32, wherein each of an outer side wall and an inner side part of the control device has a respective surface substantially parallel to

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a substantially vertical intermediate reference plane P that passes through the control device.

34. (Withdrawn – previously presented) The control device according to claim 1, wherein the second body is associated with the first body at an inner side surface of the first body.

35. (Withdrawn) The control device according to claim 33, wherein an inner side wall of the control device has surface portions not parallel to a substantially vertical intermediate reference plane P that passes through the control device.

36. (Canceled).

37. (Previously presented) The control device according to claim 8, wherein the second body comprises a portion that projects rearwardly with respect to the first body.

38. (Previously presented) The control device according to claim 8, wherein upon activation of the adjustment screw element, a grip surface of the control device and the distance of the at least one lever from the handlebar are simultaneously adjusted.

39. (Canceled).

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40. (Previously presented) The control device of claim 1, wherein the second body changes the position of the lever relative to the bicycle handlebar by rotating the lever with respect to the handlebar.

41. (Previously Presented) The control device of claim 40, wherein the second body mates with the first body and the handlebar.

42. (Original) The control device of claim 41, wherein the second body mates with the first body in a snap engagement.