

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-30, 32-35, 37, 38, and 40-43 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 31, 36, and 39 are canceled. Claims 2-4, 8, 11-13, 16, 28, 29, 32, and 40 are amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claim 43 is allowed and indicating that claims 5, 8-10, 37, and 38 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been canceled and all of the pending claims have been amended to depend from claim 43. Accordingly, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-18, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 40-42 are rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Irie (U.S. Pub. 2003/0167871) in view of Evett (U.S. Patent 4,132,296).

This rejection is now moot since claim 1 has been canceled and all of the claims have been amended to depend from allowed claim 43.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 2-30, 32-35, 37, 38, and 40-43, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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