

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the April 11, 2014 Office Action, claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) (pre-AIA) as being anticipated by U.S Patent No. 6,778,507 having a priority date of September 1, 1999. Claims 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,778,507 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,982,327. The claims have been amended to correspond to claims rejected on that action. By this reply, Applicant is swearing behind U.S. Patent No. 6,778,507. Attached is a Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.131 showing conception prior to September 1, 1999 (filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,778,507) and due diligence until the constructive reduction to practice of September 10, 1999.

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 13-15 are currently pending in this application. Claims 13-15 are amended.

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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 telephonic 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, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 13-15, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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