

Applicant: Shigenobu NAKAMURA
Application No.: Not Yet Known

REMARKS

Examination is requested based upon the amendments made via this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1 - 11 are currently pending. Claims 1, 3 - 6, 8 - 9 and 11 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and better conform to U.S. Practice. In the drawings, Figs. 5 and 8 have been amended to correct reference numerals. Also, the Abstract is reproduced on a separate sheet and submitted herewith.

Applicant has also submitted a Substitute Specification and Marked-Up Copy Of Substitute Specification concurrently herewith. The Substitute Specification serves to comply with U.S. practice by inserting paragraph numbering and to make minor edits. No new matter has been introduced by the Substitute Specification.

A clean version of the claims as amended herein is attached to the Substitute Specification for publication purposes and ease of examination.

No new matter is added by this Preliminary Amendment.

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Early consideration and allowance of pending claims 1 - 11, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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