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Reference US 2009/0162706 appears to be the U.S. equivalent of reference WO 2007/102369 which is submitted herewith, and illustrates and describes the same structure.

Reference US 5,153,477 has been cited in the Search Report. However, this reference was previously cited in an IDS filed for this application on March 12, 2014. Accordingly, this reference has not been cited on the enclosed IDS.

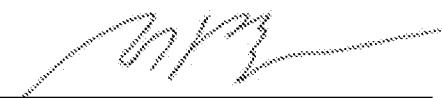
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Respectfully submitted,

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