

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action mailed on August 18, 2025. Claims 1-20 were previously canceled and claims 21-40 were previously submitted. After entry of this Response, claims 21-40 will be pending.

I. Double Patenting

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 21-40 on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 10,303,218. In response to this rejection, Assignee is submitting with this Response a Terminal Disclaimer, and the requisite fees, which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 10,303,218. The filing of a Terminal Disclaimer is not an admission as to the propriety of these rejections, but is submitted merely as a means of expediting the prosecution of this application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Assignee thanks the Examiner for the thorough review of the application. The Assignee respectfully submits the present application, as amended, is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowability as soon as practicable.

The Assignee believes no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 504621 as necessary.

Submitted with this response is the required Terminal Disclaimer fee. The Assignee believes no additional fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 504621 as necessary.

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