REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

The Office action dated September 24, 2025 (the "Office action") contains the following objections and rejections:

- Claims 2-22 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,921,782.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 12, 15, 17, 20, 21, and 22 have been amended by this response. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the Specification and originally filed claims, at least within paragraphs [0127], [0136]-[0138], and [0158]. No new matter has been added.

NONSTATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 2-22 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,921,782. Without acquiescing to such assertion, and for the sole purpose of furthering prosecution, Applicant has submitted a terminal disclaimer with this response. Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the removal of the rejection and asserts that claims 2-22 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. Although the present paper may include a combination of alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding that previously pending claims in this application are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations and/or characterizations are made to strictly facilitate prosecution of this application. As such, reviewers of this or any parent, child, or related prosecution

history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Applicant has submitted amendments and arguments believed to be sufficient to overcome all of the outstanding rejections. Consequently, Applicant has not advanced every argument for the allowability of the claims over the references of record. As such, Applicant does not acquiesce to any of the Examiner's statements or characterizations not specifically traversed. If the Examiner should have any remaining questions or objections, a telephone interview to discuss and resolve these issues is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the **entire pendency** of the application to Deposit Account No. 50-4407. Please show our docket number with any transaction to the Deposit Account.

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