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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte PETER POECHMUELLER
and YOHJI WATANABE

Appeal No. 2000-2160
Application No. 08/825,311

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

On March 20, 2000, appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (Paper No. 16). There is no indication in the record that the examiner has considered the IDS according to the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 (1994). A communication notifying applicant of the Primary Examiner's decision is required. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 609(c) (8th Ed., Aug. 2001).

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the examiner for appropriate consideration of the IDS, notification to applicant, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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