

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte SHUNPEI YAMAZAKI

Appeal No. 96-0478
Application No. 08/171,769¹

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed June 9, 1998 (Paper No. 38) and has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

¹ Application for patent filed December 22, 1993. According to appellant, the application is a continuation of Application 07/885,643, filed May 19, 1992, abandoned; which is a division of Application 07/707,178, filed May 24, 1991, now U.S. Patent 5,142,344, issued August 25, 1992; which is a continuation of Application 07/520,756, filed May 9, 1990, abandoned; which is a division of Application 07/153,477, filed February 3, 1988, now U.S. Patent 4,959,700, issued September 25, 1990; which is a continuation of Application 06/735,697, filed May 20, 1985, abandoned.

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The IDS needs to be considered by the Primary Examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying appellant of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such consideration of the IDS, appropriate notification to appellant, 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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