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In re Application of :
Nana Wang : DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 08/831,015 : PETITION
Filed: March 31, 1997 :
Docket No. 6623 :

This is a decision on the petition filed August 18, 1997, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of March 31, 1997.

The application was filed on March 31, 1997. However, on July 24, 1997, Initial Patent Examination Division mailed a "Notice Of Incomplete Application" requiring drawings of Figures 1-5 described in the specification and stating that the filing date would be the date of receipt of the omitted drawings.

In response, on August 18, 1997, 4 sheets of drawings containing Figures 1-5 and the present petition were filed. The petition is accompanied by a copy of applicant's postcard receipt showing receipt of 4 sheets of drawings containing Figures 1-5 in the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on March 31, 1997.

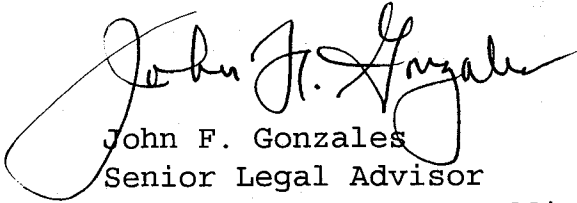
In view of the above, it is concluded that the papers for this particular application were mishandled by the Office.

The petition is granted. No petition fee has been charged.

The Notices mailed July 24, 1997, are hereby vacated.

The application is being returned to Initial Patent Examination

Division for further processing with a filing date of March 31, 1997, using the copy of Figures 1-5 supplied on August 18, 1997.



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