AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Examiner Tran:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A Final Office Action was issued in the referenced application on December 7, 2009 and an Advisory Action was mailed on February 24, 2010 in response to Applicants’ Response to Final Office Action of February 8, 2010. The date three months from the date of the final Office Action fell on Sunday, March 8, 2010. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.7(a) and MPEP §706.07(f), Applicants submit that this response is timely filed within the three month period on Monday, March 8, 2010. In view of the remarks set forth below, Applicants respectfully urge reconsideration and withdrawal of the finality of the outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.