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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JOACHIM GRABSCHIED, ULRICH BEGEMANN,
OSWALD SATZGER, WOLFGANG MAYER,
RALF RZIHA, WOLFGANG BAMBERGER,
GEORG KLEISER, and THOMAS RUHL

Appeal 2006-2948
Application 10/194,872
Technology Center 1700

Decided: November 28, 2006

Before KIMLIN, KRATZ, and JEFFREY T. SMITH, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KIMLIN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

SUPPLEMENTAL DECISION ON APPEAL

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued a Decision on Appellants' appeal on September 12, 2006. We affirmed the Examiner's decision to reject the claims on appeal. Appellants filed a timely Reply Brief on September 19, 2006 (certificate of mailing September 15, 2006).

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The Reply Brief was not in the appeal file when we considered the appeal and issued our decision.

Accordingly, we have reconsidered our decision anew in light of the arguments presented in the Reply Brief. Having done so, we remain of the opinion that the Examiner's rejection is well founded and in accord with current patent jurisprudence. Consequently, we make no change in our original decision to affirm the Examiner's Rejection.

No time period for taking any subsequent action in connection with this appeal may be extended under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(1)(iv) (2004).

AFFIRMED

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