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Application No. 12/420,315

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QUALCOMM INCORPORATED 5775 MOREHOUSE DR. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			XU, XIAOLAN	
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In re Application of
Yan Ye et al.
Application No. 12/420,315
Filed: April 8, 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 081389U1

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed September 9, 2016, under 37 CFR 1.137(a)¹, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Of the rejected claims, the Examiner withdrew the rejection of some claims and the PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD decision Affirmed rejections on the remainder. This application became abandoned due to the appellant's failure to timely take action after the PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD decision rendered August 19, 2015. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 28, 2015. A petition to revive filed November 13, 2015 was dismissed in a decision mailed July 21, 2016 because the response filed was referred to the Examiner of record who determined that the response did not place the application in condition for allowance.

Comes now petitioner with the instant renewed petition, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a request that the previously filed amendment be considered as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 2488 for processing of the RCE.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

/Patricia Faison-Ball/

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ATTORNEY ADVISOR
Office of Petitions

¹Effective December 18, 2013, a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D).

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 12/420,315 Confirmation No. 2257
Inventors : Ye, *et al.*
Filed : April 8, 2009
Art Unit : 2483
Examiner : Xiaolan Xu
Docket No. : 081389U1
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**RENEWED PETITION FOR REVIVAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)
AND
STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY**

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Dear Sir:

On November 13, 2015, a Petition for Revival under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and Statement of Unintentional Delay, appropriate response and petition fee was filed in the above- identified application. On July 21, 2016 Applicant received an Office Communication which stated that the petition is dismissed.

The July 21, 2016 Communication asserted that the filed response did not place the application in condition for allowance, and therefore the application would remain abandoned until a proper response was filed.

In reply to the dismissal of the petition, Applicant files this renewed petition for revival under 37 CFR 1.137(a).

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

1. The petition fee was paid on November 13, 2015, therefore no additional fee is believed due.
2. A Request for Continued Examination and required fees are submitted with this petition.
3. Resubmission of the Amendment filed on November 13, 2015.

4. **The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unintentional.**

Please charge any necessary fees for this renewed petition and the U.S. National Phase application, including any fees for extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 30, 2016

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In re Application of
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Filed: April 8, 2009
Attorney Docket No.: 081389U1

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the filed November 13, 2015, under 37 CFR 1.137(a)¹, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a)". This is **not** a final agency decision.

Of the rejected claims, the Examiner withdrew the rejection of some claims and the PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD decision Affirmed rejections on the remainder. This application became abandoned due to the appellant's failure to timely take action after the PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD decision rendered August 19, 2015. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 28, 2015.

In view thereof, the amendment filed with the instant petition has been referred to the Examiner of record who opines that the amendment filed November 13, 2015 did not place the application in condition for allowance.

The application will therefore remain in an abandoned status until such time as a renewed petition with a proper response has been submitted.

A courtesy copy of an Advisory Action is included.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

¹Effective December 18, 2013, a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(C) and (D).

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Enclosure: ADVISORY ACTION

Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No. 12/420,315	Applicant(s) YE ET AL.	
	Examiner XIAOLAN XU	Art Unit 2488	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 13 November 2015 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

NO NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection. No Notice of Appeal has been filed. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 if this is a utility or plant application. Note that RCEs are not permitted in design applications. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action; or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- c) A prior Advisory Action was mailed more than 3 months after the mailing date of the final rejection in response to a first after-final reply filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the final rejection. The current period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the prior Advisory Action or SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is earlier.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a), (b) or (c). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THIS ADVISORY ACTION IS THE FIRST RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S FIRST AFTER-FINAL REPLY WHICH WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. ONLY CHECK BOX (c) IN THE LIMITED SITUATION SET FORTH UNDER BOX (c). See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) or (c) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on 13 April 2012. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendments filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because

- a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: The new limitations were added into the independent claims. Further consideration and/or search are required. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): (a) will not be entered, or (b) will be entered, and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

10. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing the Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

11. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

12. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.

13. Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____

14. Other: _____.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

15. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

- Claim(s) allowed: _____
- Claim(s) objected to: _____
- Claim(s) rejected: 1-50.
- Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

/XIAOLAN XU/
Examiner, Art Unit 2488

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Decision: DISMISSED

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GRANTED

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DENIED

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)
081389U1First named inventor: Yan YEApplication No.: 12/420,315Art Unit: 2488Filed: April 8, 2009Examiner: Xiaolan XUTitle: Rate-distortion defined interpolation for video coding based on fixed filter or adaptive filter

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional

1. Petition Fee

 Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Application claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Other than small entity-fee \$ 1,700 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Amendment (identify type of reply): has been filed previously on _____. is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____.

 has been paid previously on _____. is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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