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ART UNIT 2916.

Enclosed is a copy of the latest communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above identified *ex parte* reexamination proceeding (37 CFR 1.550(f)).

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DECISION GRANTING *EX PARTE* REEXAMINATION

QUESTION OF PATENTABILITY

A substantial new question of patentability affecting the claim of United States Patent Number D627,494 is raised by the requester for *ex parte* reexamination.

The proposed reference of the prior art set forth in the request under **1. Anticipation by the Brite Star 2003 Catalog, particularly page 17 (Reference 1) (Exhibit B)**, which relies on the Sylvania Designer Series Bulbs does raise a substantial new question of patentability. The reference discloses a long narrow cylinder-shaped body with a rim at the top that transitions to a concave curvature that is terminated by a rounded tip. However, the examiner feels that a better quality of the image will be needed in order to fully consider this reference during the reexamination proceedings. Therefore, page 17 of the 2003 Brite Star Catalog reference must be resubmitted.

The proposed reference of the prior art set forth in the request under **2. Anticipation by the '660 Publication admissions (Reference 2) (Exhibit C)**, which relies on the prior art disclosed in FIG. 1 of United States Patent Application Publication Number 2011/0210660 does raise a substantial new question of patentability. The reference discloses a long narrow cylinder-shaped body with a rim at the top that transitions to a concave curvature that is terminated by a rounded tip.

The proposed reference of the prior art set forth in the request under **3. Anticipation by the '354 Patent (Reference 3) (Exhibit D)**, which relies on the prior art disclosed in FIG. 2 of United States Patent Number 6,974,354 does raise a substantial new question of patentability. The reference discloses a long narrow cylinder-shaped body with a rim at the top that transitions to a concave curvature that is terminated by a rounded tip.

The proposed reference of the prior art set forth in the request under **4. Anticipation by the 2003/2004 American Lighting Holiday Lighting Catalog, particularly page 4 (Reference 4) (Exhibit E)**, which relies on the Mini-, Icicle- and Net-Lights does raise a substantial new question of patentability. The reference discloses a long narrow cylinder-shaped body with a rim at the top that transitions to a concave curvature that is terminated by a rounded tip. However, the examiner feels that a better quality of the image will be needed in order to fully consider this reference during the reexamination proceedings. Therefore, page 4 of the 2003/2004 American Lighting Holiday Lighting Catalog reference must be resubmitted.

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The proposed teaching references of the prior art set forth in the request under **B. Obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103**, which rely on the Extra Long Life Lighting Solutions references on page 6 of the 2003/2004 American Lighting Holiday Lighting Catalog (**Exhibit E**) and United States Patent Number D464,445 (**Exhibit F**) raise a substantial new question of patentability. The references disclose a semiball shape at the very tip to modify the basic 2 – 4 references' substantially full ball shape at the tip. The examiner feels that a better quality of page 6 of the 2003/2004 American Lighting Holiday Lighting Catalog images will be needed in order to fully consider the references during the reexamination proceedings. Therefore, page 6 of the 2003/2004 American Lighting Holiday Lighting Catalog references must be resubmitted.

In view of the Sylvania Designer Series Bulbs, the prior art disclosed in FIG. 1 of United States Patent Application Publication Number 2011/0210660, the prior art disclosed in FIG. 2 of United States Patent Number 6,974,354, the Mini-, Icicle- and Net-Lights, references, and the United States Patent Number D464,445, the examiner has concluded that a substantial new question of patentability is found and reexamination is warranted.

EXTENSION OF TIME

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply only to "an applicant" and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Additionally, 35 U.S.C. 305 requires that *ex parte* reexamination proceedings "will be conducted with special dispatch" (37 CFR 1.550(a)). Extensions of time in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings are provided for in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

LITIGATION ACTIVITY

The patent owner is reminded of the continuing responsibility under 37 CFR 1.565(a) to apprise the Office of any litigation activity, or other prior or concurrent proceeding, involving Patent No. D627,494 throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. The third party requester is also reminded of the ability to similarly apprise the Office of any such activity or proceeding throughout the course of this reexamination proceeding. See MPEP §§ 2207, 2282 and 2286.

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See attached certification statement.

Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.

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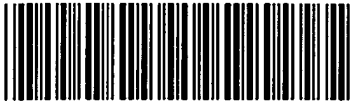
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