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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06	September 2011.	
	his action is non-final.	
3) An election was made by the applicant in re	sponse to a restriction require	ment set forth during the interview on
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4) Since this application is in condition for allow	wance except for formal matte	rs, prosecution as to the merits is
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Disposition of Claims		
 5) Claim(s) <u>1-26</u> is/are pending in the applicati 5a) Of the above claim(s) is/are without 6) Claim(s) is/are allowed. 7) Claim(s) <u>1-26</u> is/are rejected. 8) Claim(s) is/are objected to. 9) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and 	Irawn from consideration.	
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Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 6 September 2011 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 7934843 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-26 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of copending Application No. 13/071,174. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claim combinations recite essentially the same subject matter and claim 1 in the instant invention is broader than claim 1 in 13/071,174.

This is a <u>provisional</u> obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lynam et al (hereafter "Lynam") US 2002/0072026.

The applied reference has a common inventor with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

In regard to claim 1, Lynam discloses (see Figures 3-9) an exterior sideview mirror system suitable for use on an automobile, said exterior sideview mirror system comprising: an exterior sideview mirror assembly (12) adapted for attachment to a side of an automobile; said exterior sideview mirror assembly including a reflective element (30) having a rearward field of view when attached to the side of the automobile; said reflective element attached to an electrically-operated actuator (36) of said exterior sideview mirror assembly and movable by said actuator in order to position said rearward field of view to a driver-desired position when said exterior sideview mirror assembly is attached to the side of the automobile as described in paragraph [0036]; wherein said reflective element comprises a plano-auxiliary reflective element assembly, said piano-auxiliary reflective element assembly comprising a plano reflective element having unit magnification and a separate auxiliary reflective element having a

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curvature as described in paragraph [0015] and as shown in Figures 5A-5H; said plano reflective element and said auxiliary reflective element of said plano-auxiliary reflective element assembly mounted adjacently at said piano-auxiliary reflective element assembly in a side-by-side relationship and not superimposed with one reflective element on top of the other reflective element as shown in Figures 5a-5H; said plano reflective element and said auxiliary reflective element supported at a backing plate element (60, 160), said backing plate element mounting to said actuator such that movement of said backing plate element of said piano-auxiliary reflective dement assembly by said actuator simultaneously and similarly moves said plano reflective element and said auxiliary reflective element as described in paragraph [0042]; said auxiliary reflective element having a wide-angle field of view encompassing a blind spot in the side lane adjacent the side of the automobile to which said exterior sideview mirror assembly is attached as described in paragraph [0058]; said backing plate element having a first support portion supporting said plano reflective element and a second support portion supporting said auxiliary reflective element as shown in Figures 3 and 6; wherein said auxiliary reflective element is positioned at an outboard portion of said piano-auxiliary reflective element assembly when said exterior sideview mirror assembly is mounted to the side of the automobile as shown in Figures 5A-5H and as described in paragraph [0057]; wherein said backing plate element comprises a polymeric substrate that is formed as a single element by injection molding of a polymeric resin as described in paragraph [0050]; wherein said backing plate element is capable of supporting said plano reflective element and said auxiliary reflective element

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