

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte VATSA SANTHANAM, DAVID GROSS
and JOHN KWAN

Appeal No. 2001-2302
Application 09/002,404¹

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

An amendment after final was filed by appellant on March 21, 2000 (Paper No. 6). The Advisory Action entered May 23, 2000 (Paper No. 7) indicated that such amendment would be not be entered. The Examiner's Answer entered October 19, 2000 (Paper No. 11) indicate that the amendment after final rejection has been entered. A review of the record indicates the amendment was **not** entered.

A further review of the record indicate that a Reply Brief was entered December 28, 2000 (Paper No. 12). The Transmittal Letter for Response/Amendment attached to the Reply Brief indicates that applicant Requested an Oral Hearing. A review of the record indicates that the Request for Oral Hearing was not entered.

¹ Application for patent filed January 2, 1998.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for entry of the amendment filed March 21, 2000 (Paper No. 6), for notification to appellant in writing of the action taken, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

FURTHER ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for entry of the Request for Oral Hearing, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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