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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Pedro Philogene	3733	

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 March 2009.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-8,10-20,22-26,28-37 and 39-42 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-8,10-12,19,20,22-26,28-37 and 40-42 is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 and 39 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/9/08, 12/9/08</u>	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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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 –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 13-18, 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glock (5,462,549).

With respect to claim 13, Glock discloses a total knee replacement cutting guide for forming a cut surface on a bone in preparation to receive a total joint replacement component comprising a disposable cutting guide (10) customized for a single bone, disposable as no longer useful after the bone for which it has been customized has been cut and thereby changed, having a body (12, 44) dimensioned for attachment to a surface of an end portion of the bone free of extramedullary or intramedullary alignment rod; as best seen in FIGS. 2-4; and at least one guide surface (40) dimensioned for engagement with a cutting tool to thereby direct the cutting tool.

With respect to claims 14-18, 39, Glock discloses all the limitations, as set forth in column 3, lines 30-67, column 4, lines 1-67, column 5, lines 1-20, and as best seen in FIGs.1-5.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-12, 19-20, 22-26, 28-37, 40-42 are allowed.

Response to Amendment

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Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-18, 39 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Furthermore, the passage "disposable as no longer useful after the bone for which it has been customized has been cut and thereby changed" is considered as functional limitations. Furthermore, anything could be disposable, if one so desired.

Conclusion

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-4716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571) 272 - 4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Pedro Philogene/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3733
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