Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.
1. ☑ The amendment filed on 12 January 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
   a) ☐ entered.
   b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
   c) ☒ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
      Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1)
      and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
   d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
   e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Applicant's submission of the signed Oath of all inventors in the filing of 12 January 2007 is acknowledged. However, the
change of inventorship cannot be accepted as timely filed because one of the signatures of the inventors was missing at the
time the Rule 312 Amendment was filed and the issue fee paid (see Response of 3 January 2007). Applicant's submission
of the signed Oath of all inventors was filed on 12 January 2007, but did not contain a Petition Request or appropriate fee as
required by 37 CFR 1.48. Applicant's corrected Oath was received AFTER a Response to Rule 312 Communication was
sent out by the Examiner on 3 January 2007. Thus, although the submission of the signed Oath of all inventors is noted, it
is not considered timely.

Applicant may withdraw the Application from Issue to correct the inventorship OR Applicant may file a Certificate of
Correction after issue to correct inventorship.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cherie M.
Woodward whose telephone number is (571) 272-3329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday
9:00am-7:30pm (EST).
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be
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