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Re: **ONE-YEAR FILING REMINDER**  
U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/637,865, filed  
December 22, 2004, for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
REPRESENTING THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN MULTIPLE  
INPUTS AND AT LEAST ONE OUTPUT  
Inventors: Coruzzi et al.  
NYU Reference No.: SHA01-02PRO  
NP Reference No.: 57953/1360

Dear Dr. Chitale:

You should now consider whether or not you wish to convert the above-identified provisional patent application into a regular U.S. application, as well as whether or not you wish to file foreign patent applications claiming priority of this provisional application.

It is important that you decide these issues now for the following reasons:

1. The conversion of a provisional application cannot be delayed for more than one year after the provisional filing date. After one year, priority of the provisional application cannot be claimed, since the provisional application automatically abandons one year after its filing date (i.e., on December 22, 2005).
2. If foreign filing is delayed for more than one year after the provisional filing date and the invention has been disclosed to others after

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the provisional filing date without express or implied confidentiality, the number of countries where valid patent protection could be obtained may be drastically reduced.

3. A regular U.S. application and foreign patent applications filed within 12 months of the provisional filing date can claim priority from that date under U.S. and international laws. The effect of this priority claim is to make the effective filing date of the regular U.S. application and the applications in the relevant foreign countries that of the provisional application. Therefore, the disclosure of the invention between the dates does not invalidate patent protection in that country. If the invention has been disclosed to others without express or implied confidentiality before the provisional filing date, this priority claim will not nullify the effect of such disclosures.

**Please let us have your instructions prior to October 22, 2005.** If you have any questions with respect to conversion of a provisional application or with respect to foreign filing, such as the potential cost or the countries where you might be able to obtain valid protection, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Very truly yours,



Patricia Knisley  
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