



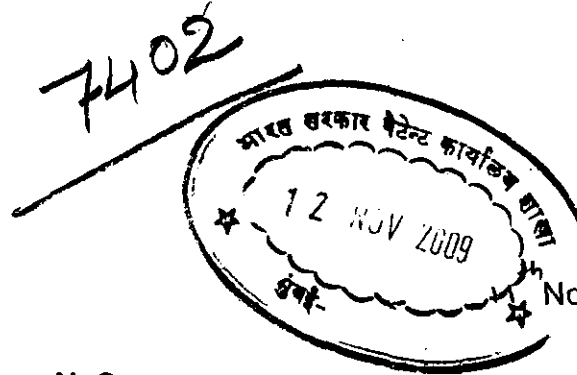
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Attn: Ld. Examiner Mr. Bharat N. S.

**Sub: Reply to First Examination Report of Patent Application No. 1544/MUM/2005**

**Your Ref: Letter No. 961, 30/01/2009**

With reference to the above letter, wherein a set of objections has been communicated, following is the report along with our observations to fulfill the requirements with regard to the objections raised in the First Examination Report.

**Objection 1: Claims do not sufficiently define the invention where indicated therein. The process steps should be clearly given**

**Our observation:** Claims are reworded in order to meet objections raised by Ld. Examiner.

**Objection 2: Abstract should be prepared as per rule 13(7) of the Patent Rules 2003 (as amended by 2006).**

**Our observation:** Abstract is reworded and enclosed in annexure I.

**Objection 3: The complete specification should be as per the sec. 10(4) of the Patents Act 1970 as amended by 2005.**

**Our observation:** Specification and claims are reworded to meet objection raised by Ld. Examiner.

**Objection 4: Distinguishing features as compared with prior art given is not clear. So it should be clearly given in the specification.**

**Our observation:** The reported processes for making the product involve a two-step process or else require the use of expensive reagents as mentioned in the specs. The process as invented is a one step process using cheap raw materials. The need two steps are overcome through the discovery that o-dichlorobenzene (ODCB), a relatively cheap solvent, is able to facilitate both the acylation as well as the Fries rearrangement. Other solvents though suitable for one step are unsuitable for the other hence the need for two steps else the need for expensive solvents, such as Trifluoromethane sulphonic acid and HF to achieve a one-pot synthesis.

**Objection 5: Kindly note that it may not be possible to repeatedly examine your amended specification, therefore you should submit the documents only after complying with above requirements.**

**Our observation:** Noted

**Objection 6: If you desire to discuss the matter, you can visit this office with prior appointments.**

**Our observation:** We request for personal hearing in case Ld. Examiner is not satisfy with the submission.

**Objection 7: Form 3 should be corrected as indicated therein.**

**Our observation:** Corrected form 3 is enclosed.

**Objection 8: Details regarding the search and/or examination report including claims of the applications allowed, as referred to in Rule 12(3) of the Patents Rules 2003 (as amended in 2006), In respect of same or substantially the same inventions filed in all the major patent offices such as USPTO, EPO and JPO, etc., along with appropriate translation where applicable, should be submitted within a period of six months from the date of receipt of this communication as provided under section 8(2) of the Patent Act, 1970.**

**Our observation:** The contents are noted.

**Objection 9: Details regarding application for Patents which may be filed outside India from time to time for the same or substantially the same invention should be furnished within six months from the date of filing of the said application under clause (b) of sub section (1) of section 8 and rule 12(1) of Indian Patent Act.**

**Our observation:** The contents are noted.

*Claims of the patent specification amended as per requirement and freshly typed pages 8 and 9 in duplicate is enclosed. The original page duly canceled is returned along with this letter.*

*The patent specification is amended as per requirement and freshly typed pages 1 - 7 in duplicate are enclosed. The original pages duly canceled are returned along with this letter.*

*Freshly typed reworded abstract as per requirement in duplicate is enclosed. The original abstract duly canceled is returned along with this letter.*

**We hope the above observations clarify the defects mentioned by you.**

We hereby request you to grant the application at an early date.

Sincerely yours,



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Asst. Manager - Scientific Information and IP Management.

Encl.:

Original Application on Form 1

Amended Claims (in duplicate)

Amended Specification (in duplicate)

Corrected Form 3

Fresh Form 3

Dully canceled original pages 1-5

Dully canceled original abstract

Corrected Abstract