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☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on ____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15 and 17-25. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____. 3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material ____. 4. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.	5. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment 6. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 7. ☐ Other _____.
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/DANIEL P DILLON/ Examiner, Art Unit 1783	/MARIA V EWALD/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1783
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 10, 21 and 25 are allowed. **Claims 2-9, 11-15, 17-20 and 22-24** are allowed based on their dependency to claims 1, 10 and 21.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In response to the decision from the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) dated 12/11/2020, Piedbouf fails to teach the simulated natural wood-grained polymer boards of claims 1, 10, 21 and 25 in that the examiner failed to establish that Piedbouf's products are equivalent to those described in the instant claims. In particular, the rejection failed to indicate that the products being formed from the streams of viscous material would have the same pattern as those described in the claims. As such, claims 1, 10, 21 and 25 are indicated as allowable over the prior art of Piedbouf.

With respect to the rejections of claims 1, 10, 21 and 25 in view of Piedbouf and Sudano, the PTAB decision further indicated that the rejection failed to address how one of ordinary skill in the art would for the claimed products would have been formed by the combination of Piedbouf in view of Sudano. As such, claims 1, 10, 21 and 25 are allowable over the prior art of Piedbouf and Sudano. Furthermore, claims 2-9, 11-15, 17-20 and 22-24 are allowable based on their dependency on claims 1, 10 and 21.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL P DILLON whose telephone number is (571)270-5657. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri; 8 AM to 5 PM.

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