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1. THE REQUEST FILED <u>21 March 2025</u> IS GRANTED . The above-identified application has met the requirements for prioritized examination A. ☒ for an original nonprovisional application (Track I). B. ☐ for an application undergoing continued examination (RCE). 2. The above-identified application will undergo prioritized examination. The application will be accorded special status throughout its entire course of prosecution until one of the following occurs: A. filing a <u>petition for extension of time</u> to extend the time period for filing a reply; B. filing an <u>amendment to amend the application to contain more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims</u>, or a multiple dependent claim; C. filing a <u>request for continued examination</u> ; D. filing a notice of appeal; E. filing a request for suspension of action; F. mailing of a notice of allowance; G. mailing of a final Office action; H. completion of examination as defined in 37 CFR 41.102; or I. abandonment of the application. Telephone inquiries with regard to this decision should be directed to FIKIRTE GEREMEW at (703) 756-1930. In his/her absence, calls may be directed to Petition Help Desk at (571) 272-3282.			
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which is a CON of 18/341,655 06/26/2023 PAT 12,015,375
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which is a CON of 14/849,458 09/09/2015 PAT 10,992,254
which claims benefit of 62/047,773 09/09/2014

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Title

LEAD ASSEMBLY FOR CONNECTING SOLAR PANEL ARRAYS TO INVERTER

Preliminary Class

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