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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated July 6, 1994. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Add the following new claims:

- ~~12~~. A method for verifiably controlling the disposition of an asset, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) creating an asset record uniquely associated with said asset;
 - (b) securely sealing said asset in a tamper-proof transport means;
 - (c) creating a transport record associating said asset with said tamper-proof transport means;
 - (d) transporting said asset from a customer facility to a disposition facility;

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- (e) unsealing said asset from within said tamper-proof transport means;
- (f) creating a receipt record associating said asset with said tamper-proof transport means, said receipt record being reconcilable with said transport record;
- (g) sorting said asset in accordance with a preselected method of disposition; and
- (h) disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition and creating a disposition record uniquely associated with said asset to be maintained for customer verification.--

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~~--13.~~ A method for verifiably controlling the disposition of an asset, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) creating an asset record uniquely associated with said asset;
- (b) securely sealing said asset in a tamper-proof transport means;
- (c) creating a transport record associating said asset with said tamper-proof transport means;
- (d) transporting said asset from a customer facility to a disposition facility;
- (e) unsealing said asset from within said tamper-proof transport means;
- (f) creating a receipt record associating said asset with said tamper-proof transport means, said receipt record being reconcilable with said transport record;
- (g) sorting said asset in accordance with a preselected method of disposition;
- (h) disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition and creating a disposition record uniquely associated with said asset to be maintained for customer verification;

and

- (i) storing said transport record, said receipt record and said disposition record in a database, said database being coupled to a system process controller, said system process controller being coupled to a communications network.--

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~~--14.~~ The method of claim ²~~13~~ further comprising the step of storing said transport record, said receipt record and said disposition record in a redundant database accessible only by a customer, said redundant database being coupled to said system process controller.--

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~~--15.~~ The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of creating said transport record is comprised of the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a transport image record of the secure sealing of said asset in said tamper-proof transport means;
- (b) associating said transport image record with said asset record; and
- (c) transmitting said transport record to said system process controller via said communications network for storage in said database.--

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~~--16.~~ The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of creating said receipt record is comprised of the steps of:

- (a) creating a receipt image record of the unsealing of said asset from within said tamper-proof transport means;
- (b) associating said receipt image record with said asset record; and
- (c) transmitting said receipt record to said system process controller via said communications network for storage in said database.--

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step comprises communicating said preselected method of disposition to an operator via a multimedia device, said multimedia device being coupled to a system terminal which is in communication with said system process controller via said communication network.--

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~~18~~. The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition is comprised of the steps of:

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- (a) creating a marketing record pertaining to said asset;
 - (b) selling said asset in as-is condition;
 - (c) creating a sale record of said sale; and
 - (d) transmitting said marketing record and said sales record to said system process controller via said communications network for storage in said database.--

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~~19~~. The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition is comprised of the steps of:

- (a) refurbishing said asset in accordance with said predetermined customer instructions;
- (b) creating a refurbishment record uniquely associated with said asset; and
- (c) transmitting said refurbishment record to said system process controller via said communications network for storage in said database.--

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~~20~~. The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition is comprised of the steps of:

- (a) dismantling said asset in accordance with said predetermined customer instructions;
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- (b) creating a dismantle record uniquely associated with said asset; and
- (c) transmitting said dismantle record to said system process controller via said communications network for storage in said database.--

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~~--21.~~ The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition is comprised of the steps of:

- (a) dysfunctioning said asset in accordance with said predetermined customer instructions;
- (b) creating a dysfunction record uniquely associated with said asset; and
- (c) transmitting said dysfunction record to said system process controller via said communications network for storage in said database.--

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~~--22.~~ The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition is comprised of the steps of:

- (a) reclaiming said asset in accordance with said predetermined customer instructions;
- (b) creating a reclaim record uniquely associated with said asset; and
- (c) transmitting said reclaim record to said system process controller via said communications network for storage in said database.--

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~~--23.~~ The method of claim ²~~13~~ wherein the step of disposing of said asset in accordance with said preselected method of disposition is further comprised of the step of communicating predetermined customer instructions to an operator via an interactive multimedia device, said multimedia device being coupled to a system terminal which is in communication with said system process controller via said communication network.--

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