possessed by the distinguished home, and wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model is applied to altered attributes. (see at least col. 10, lines 20-50 disclosing attributes such as the area of a bathroom or bedroom; col. 12, lines 62-65 and col. 13, lines 1-20 that disclose the Fusion system that creates a new evaluation)

# Regarding claim 33:

Khedkar teaches that the method of claim 30 wherein adjustment of the obtained user input further includes identifying a scoring of the homes sold in the identified sales reflecting the relative level of similarity of the sold homes to the distinguished home, and wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model emphasizes the significance of the identified sales in a manner consistent with the identified scoring. (see at least col. 10, lines 20-50 disclosing attributes such as the area of a bathroom or bedroom; col. 12, lines 62-65 and col. 13, lines 1-20 that disclose the Fusion system that creates a new evaluation)

#### Regarding claim 34:

Khedkar teaches that the method of claim 30, further comprising:

among the identified recent sales of nearby homes regarded as similar to the

distinguished home, determining an average selling price per square foot; (see at least

col. 10 lines 40-50 disclosing square footage)

multiplying the determined average selling price per square foot by the floor area of the

distinguished home to obtain an alternate valuation of the distinguished home; and

before presenting the refined valuation of the distinguished home, blending into the refined valuation of the distinguished home the obtained alternate valuation. (see at least col. 10 lines 40-50 disclosing square footage and col. 13, lines1-20 disclosing the Fusion system that blends the valuations)

# Regarding claim 35:

Khedkar teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model also emphasizes the significance of sales of homes whose locations are determined to be near the location of the distinguished home. (see fig. 6 disclosing distance from the house and col. 9 lines 30-55 explaining various attributes including distance)

#### Regarding claim 36:

Khedkar teaches that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the location of the distinguished home if it has the same zip code as the distinguished home. (see fig. 6 disclosing distance from the house and col. 9 lines 30-55 explaining various attributes including distance)

# Regarding claim 37:

Khedkar teaches/suggests that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the location of the distinguished home if it has the same neighborhood name as the distinguished home. (see fig. 6 disclosing

distance from the house and col. 9 lines 30-55 explaining various attributes including distance)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 38:

Khedkar teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30, further comprising: accessing a floor area attribute of the distinguished home and the nearby homes whose recent sales were identified, and a selling price for each of the identified sales; (see at least col. 8 lines 30-55 disclosing other properties) determining among the identified sales a selling price per square foot metric; multiplying the obtained selling price per square foot metric by the floor area of the distinguished home to obtain a product; (see at least col. 10 lines 40-50 disclosing square footage) and combining the product with the result to obtain the determined refined valuation. (see at least col. 9, lines 35-45; col. 10, lines 20-50 disclosing attributes such as the area of a bathroom or bedroom; col. 12, lines 62-65 and col. 13, lines 1-20 that disclose the Fusion system that creates a new evaluation)

# Regarding claim 39:

Khedkar teaches that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the distinguished home if the location of the

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distance between it and the distinguished home is less than a threshold distance. (see fig. 6 disclosing distance from the house)

# Regarding claim 40:

Khedkar teaches that the method of claim 15 wherein the automatic valuation of the distinguished home involves applying a geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, (see at least col. 10, lines 20-50 disclosing attributes such as the area of a bathroom or bedroom; col. 12, lines 62-65 and col. 13, lines 1-20 that disclose the Fusion system that creates a new evaluation) and wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes both (1) altering the home attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home and (2) adding a description of an improvement to the distinguished home, (see at least col. 10, lines 20-50 disclosing attributes such as the area of a bathroom or bedroom; col. 12, lines 62-65 and col. 13, lines 1-20 that disclose the Fusion system that creates a new evaluation) the method further comprising detecting that the alteration of home attributes and the improvement description are both directed to adding a new feature to the distinguished home, (see at least col. 10, lines 20-50 disclosing attributes such as the area of a bathroom or bedroom; col. 12, lines 62-65 and col. 13, lines 1-20 that disclose the

and wherein, in response to the detecting, the determined refined valuation is based at

Fusion system that creates a new evaluation)

least in part on applying the geographically-specific home valuation model to the altered attributes, and is not based on the improvement description. (see at least paragraphs 7-9)

# Regarding claim 41:

Khedkar teaches that one or more computer memories collectively containing a home valuation data structure, comprising:

information identifying a home; and

a valuation for the identified home automatically generated based on both information about the identified home obtained from a public source and information about the identified home obtained from an owner of the identified home, such that the contents of the data structure may be used to determine the value of the identified house. (see at least col. 10, lines 20-50 disclosing attributes such as the area of a bathroom or bedroom; col. 12, lines 62-65 and col. 13, lines 1-20 that disclose the Fusion system that creates a new evaluation)

# Regarding claim 42:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer memories of claim 41 wherein the data structure is a display specification capable of causing a computing system to display the identifying information and the valuation. (see at least paragraphs Fig. 1, element 106 and 108)

Thus, it would have been obvious to try to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use modify Khedkar with Kim so as for the use of a computer to display.

# Regarding claim 43:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer memories of claim 41 wherein the data structure is a web page presenting the identifying information and the valuation. (see at least paragraphs Fig. 1, element 106 and 108)

Thus, it would have been obvious to try to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use modify Khedkar with Kim so as for the use of a web page.

3. Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khedkar in view of Kim and in further view of Clemens (US Pat. No. 7,567,262)

# Regarding claim 11:

Clemens, not Khedkar teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further comprising displaying a map showing properties in a geographic region surrounding the distinguished property, and wherein the owner identifies the recent sales of nearby properties regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by selecting them on the displayed map. (see at least Fig. 1 that discloses a map and pop balloon capability)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Khedkar with Clemens. Motivation to modify exists because a map is a common method of indicating properties in a geographic region.

#### Regarding claim 12:

Kim, not Cheetham, teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further

comprising displaying a map showing properties in a geographic region surrounding the distinguished property, and wherein the owner identifies each recent sale of a nearby property regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by selecting a control in a popup balloon associated with its location on the displayed map. (see at least Fig. 1 that discloses a map and pop balloon capability)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Khedkar with Clemens. Motivation to modify exists because a map is a common method of indicating properties in a geographic region.

4. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khedkar in view view of Kim and in further view of Ramamoorti (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0108084)

# Regarding claim 19:

Ramamoorti teaches that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographically-specific home

valuation model is a forest of classification trees each constructed from information about recent sales of homes near the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 18 and 34

Thus, it would have been obvious to try to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use valuation model with trees since it is a known method of modeling. Application/Control Number: 11/347,024 Page 30

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5. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khedkar in view of Kim and in further view of Eder (US pat. Pub. No. 2009/0043637)

# Regarding claim 20:

Eder teaches that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographically-specific home valuation model is a linear regression model constructed from information about recent sales of homes near the distinguished home. (see at least paragraph 158)

Thus, it would have been obvious to try to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use valuation model with trees since it is a known method of modeling.

6. Claim 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khedkar in view of Kim and in further view of Vladimir Svetnik article "Random Forest: A Classification and Regression Tool for Compound Classification and QSAR Modeling)

#### Regarding claim 21:

Svetnik teaches that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographically-specific home valuation model is a hybrid model, utilizing both a forest of classification trees and a linear regression-derived function, both constructed from information about recent sales of home near the distinguished home. (see at least abstract, page 1947 – Introduction) Thus, it would have been obvious to try to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Svetnik, since Svetnik teaches evaluating values for predictive modeling.

# Regarding claim 22:

Khedkar teaches the value of recent homes sales. (see at least col. 4 lines 1-25 disclosing weighting and col. 10, lines 20-55 disclosing homes with different evaluations)

Svetnik, not Khedkar, teaches forest classification and linear regression. (see at least abstract, page 1947 – Introduction)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. This includes Kim (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0154656).

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For:

AUTOMATICALLY DETERMINING A

CURRENT VALUE FOR A REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, SUCH AS A HOME, THAT IS TAILORED TO INPUT FROM A HUMAN

**USER, SUCH AS ITS OWNER** 

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 2. Claims 1-2, 5-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheetham (US Pat. No. 6,178,406).

#### Regarding claim 1:

Cheetham teaches/suggests a method in a computing system for automatically determining a

valuation for a subject home in response to input from an owner of the home, comprising:

presenting a display that includes an indication of a first valuation determined for the subject home and indications of attributes of the subject home used in the determination, the indicated valuation being determined by applying to the indicated attributes a geographically-specific home valuation model is based upon a plurality of homes near the subject home recently sold; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that updates one or more of the indicated attributes; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)
receiving first input from the owner that updates one or more of the indicated

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attributes; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

applying the geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes of the subject home as updated by the first input to determine and display a second valuation for the

subject home; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that identifies the type, cost, and timing of one or more home improvements performed on the subject home; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

receiving second input from the owner that identifies the type, cost, and timing of one or more home improvements performed on the subject home; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

using the second input to determine and display (a) a present value of the identified home improvements and (b) a third valuation that takes into account the present value of the identified home improvements; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally) presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that identifies other assets or liabilities of the subject home and the value attributed to them by the owner; receiving third input from the owner that identifies other aspects of the subject home affecting its value and the value attributed to them by the owner; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

determining a valuation adjustment corresponding to the identified aspects; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

displaying a fourth valuation that takes into account the determined valuation adjustment corresponding to the identified aspects; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4

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generally)

presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that identifies homes near the subject home that the owner regards as similar to the subject home; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

receiving fourth input from the owner that identifies homes near the subject home recently sold that the owner regards as similar to the subject home; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

using the fourth input to generate a tailored geographically-specific home valuation model that (1) is based upon a plurality of homes near the subject home recently sold that is a superset of the homes identified by the fourth input, but (2) places special emphasis on the homes identified by the fourth input; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

applying the tailored valuation model to the updated attributes of the subject home to obtain a fifth valuation of the subject home; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally) and

displaying the fifth valuation based on the application of the tailored valuation model. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 2:

Cheetham teaches/suggests a computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computing

system to perform a method for procuring information about a distinguished property from its owner that is usable to refine an automatic valuation of the distinguished property, the method comprising:

displaying at least a portion of information about the distinguished property used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished property; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

obtaining user input from the owner adjusting at least one aspect of information about the distinguished property used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished property; (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally) and

displaying to the owner a refined valuation of the distinguished property that is based on the adjustment of the obtained user input. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 5:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes altering property attributes used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on the altered property attributes. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

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Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 6:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an improvement to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a valuation of the described improvement. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 7:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an aspect of the distinguished property not considered by the automatic valuation of the distinguished property and an estimate by the owner of its value, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on the estimate of the value of the described aspect. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 8:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes identifying recent sales of nearby

properties regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a repetition of the automatic valuation of the distinguished property in which the influence of the identified sales is magnified. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 9:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input further includes identifying a scoring of the properties sold in the identified sales reflecting the relative level of similarity of the sold properties to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a repetition of the automatic valuation of the distinguished property in which the influence of the identified sales is magnified in a manner consistent with the identified scores. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 10:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 9 wherein the user input identifies a scoring of the properties sold in the identified sales reflecting the relative level of similarity of the sold properties to the distinguished property by specifying a ranked order for the identified sales. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 13:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further

comprising displaying a table comprising rows each containing textual information about a different one of a plurality of recent sales of nearby properties,

and wherein the owner identifies each recent sale of a nearby property regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by interaction with the row containing information about the sale. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 14:

Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes identifying nearby properties regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a repetition of the automatic valuation of the distinguished property in which the influence of values for the identified sales properties is magnified. (see at least Figs. 1-3 and col. 2-4 generally)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Cheetham to suggest all the features in the claim.

3. Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheetham in view of Kim (US pat. Pub. No. 2005/154657)

# Regarding claim 11:

Kim, not Cheetham teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further comprising displaying a map showing properties in a geographic region surrounding the distinguished property, and wherein the owner identifies the recent sales of nearby properties regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by selecting them on the displayed map. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Cheetham with Kim. Motivation to modify exists because a map is a common method of indicating properties in a geographic region.

#### Regarding claim 12:

Kim, not Cheetham, teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further

comprising displaying a map showing properties in a geographic region surrounding the distinguished property, and wherein the owner identifies each recent sale of a nearby property regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by selecting a control in a popup balloon associated with its location on the displayed map. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the

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invention to modify Cheetham with Kim. Motivation to modify exists because a map is a common method of indicating properties in a geographic region.

3. Claims 15-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bradley (US pat. No. 7,289,965)

# Regarding claim 15:

Bradley teaches/suggests a method in a computing system for refining an automatic valuation of a distinguished home based upon input from a user knowledgeable about the distinguished home, comprising:

obtaining user input adjusting at least one aspect of information about the distinguished home used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished home; (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

automatically determining a refined valuation of the distinguished home that is based on the adjustment of the obtained user input; (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16) and presenting the refined valuation of the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 16:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the presenting involves displaying the refined valuation of the distinguished home to a user providing the user input. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 17:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the presenting involves displaying the refined valuation of the distinguished home to a user other than the user providing the user input. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 18:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the automatic valuation of the

distinguished home involves applying a geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home,

and wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes altering the home attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on

applying the geographically-specific home valuation model to the altered attributes. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

### Regarding claim 19:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographicallyspecific home

valuation model is a forest of classification trees each constructed from information about recent sales of homes near the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 20:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographicallyspecific home

valuation model is a linear regression model constructed from information about recent sales of homes near the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

# Regarding claim 21:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographicallyspecific home

valuation model is a hybrid model, utilizing both a forest of classification trees and a

linear regression-derived function, both constructed from information about recent sales of home near the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 22:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 21 wherein the refined valuation is determined by dividing by a first valuation of the distinguished home generated by the linear regression- derived function from the attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home a second valuation generated by the linear regression-derived function based upon the altered attributes to obtain a ratio, and wherein the ratio is multiplied by a valuation generated by the forest of classification trees based upon the home attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 23:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 21, further comprising weighting in the

construction of the linear regression-derived function information about recent sales of individual homes near the distinguished home based upon the extents to which the sold home and the distinguished home are similar to high-value homes near the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 24:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 21, further comprising weighting in the

construction of the linear regression-derived function information about recent sales of individual homes near the distinguished home based upon the degree of nearness of each of the sold homes to the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

### Regarding claim 25:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographicallyspecific home

valuation model is constrained to consider only home attributes available for alteration by the user. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 26:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an improvement to the distinguished home, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on a valuation of the described improvement. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 27:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 26 wherein the added improvement description identifies an improvement type and a cost for the described improvement, further comprising determining the valuation of the described improvement by applying a localized improvement cost recovery rate for the identified improvement type to the identified cost. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

### Regarding claim 28:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 26 wherein the added improvement description identifies an age of the described improvement and a cost for the described improvement, further comprising determining the valuation of the described improvement by applying a depreciation schedule to the identified age and cost. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 29:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an aspect of the distinguished home not considered by the automatic valuation of the distinguished home and an

estimate by a user providing the user input of its value, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on the estimate of the value of the described aspect. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

### Regarding claim 30:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the automatic valuation of the

distinguished home involves applying a geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, and wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes identifying recent sales of nearby homes regarded as similar to the distinguished home, the method further comprising:

constructing a new geographically-specific home valuation model that emphasizes the significance of the identified sales; (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16) and applying the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes of the distinguished home to obtain a result, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on the obtained result. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 31:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein the constructed new geographically- specific home valuation model is applied to attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 32:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input further includes altering the home attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, and wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model is applied to altered attributes. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 33:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein adjustment of the obtained user input further includes identifying a scoring of the homes sold in the identified sales reflecting the relative level of similarity of the sold homes to the distinguished home, and wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model emphasizes the significance of the identified sales in a manner consistent with the identified scoring. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 34:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30, further comprising: among the identified recent sales of nearby homes regarded as similar to the distinguished home, determining an average selling price per square foot; multiplying the determined average selling price per square foot by the floor area of the distinguished home to obtain an alternate valuation of the distinguished home; and before presenting the refined valuation of the distinguished home, blending into the refined valuation of the distinguished home the obtained alternate valuation. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 35:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model also emphasizes the significance of sales of homes whose locations are determined to be near the location of the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 36:

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Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the location of the distinguished home if it has the same zip code as the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

### Regarding claim 37:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the location of the distinguished home if it has the same neighborhood name as the distinguished home. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 38:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30, further comprising: accessing a floor area attribute of the distinguished home and the nearby homes whose recent sales were identified, and a selling price for each of the identified sales; (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16) determining among the identified sales a selling price per square foot metric; multiplying the obtained selling price per square foot metric by the floor area of the distinguished home to obtain a product; (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16) and combining the product with the result to obtain the determined refined valuation. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

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Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 39:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the distinguished home if the location of the distance between it and the distinguished home is less than a threshold distance. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 40:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the automatic valuation of the

distinguished home involves applying a geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

and wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes both (1) altering the home attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home and (2) adding a description of an improvement to the distinguished home, (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

the method further comprising detecting that the alteration of home attributes and the improvement description are both directed to adding a new feature to the distinguished home, (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

and wherein, in response to the detecting, the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on applying the geographically-specific home valuation model to the altered attributes, and is not based on the improvement description. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 41:

Bradley teaches/suggests that one or more computer memories collectively containing a home

valuation data structure, comprising:

information identifying a home; (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16) and a valuation for the identified home automatically generated based on both information about the identified home obtained from a public source and information about the identified home obtained from an owner of the identified home, such that the contents of the data structure may be used to determine the value of the identified house. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 42:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the computer memories of claim 41 wherein the data structure is a display specification capable of causing a computing system to display the identifying information and the valuation. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 43:

Bradley teaches/suggests that the computer memories of claim 41 wherein the data structure is a web page presenting the identifying information and the valuation. (see at least col. 1-3, 15 and 16)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Bradley to suggest all the features in the claim.

4. Alternatively claims 1-2, and 5-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0154657)

#### Regarding claim 1:

Kim teaches/suggests a method in a computing system for automatically determining a valuation for a subject home in response to input from an owner of the home, comprising:

presenting a display that includes an indication of a first valuation determined for the subject home and indications of attributes of the subject home used in the determination, the indicated valuation being determined by applying to the indicated attributes a geographically-specific home valuation model is based upon a plurality of homes near the subject home recently sold; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that updates one or more of the

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indicated attributes; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

receiving first input from the owner that updates one or more of the indicated

attributes; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

applying the geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes of the subject

home as updated by the first input to determine and display a second valuation for the

subject home; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that identifies the type, cost, and

timing of one or more home improvements performed on the subject home; (see at least

paragraphs 7-29)

receiving second input from the owner that identifies the type, cost, and timing of one or

more home improvements performed on the subject home; (see at least paragraphs 7-

29)

using the second input to determine and display (a) a present value of the identified

home improvements and (b) a third valuation that takes into account the present value

of the identified home improvements; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that identifies other assets or

liabilities of the subject home and the value attributed to them by the owner;

receiving third input from the owner that identifies other aspects of the subject home

affecting its value and the value attributed to them by the owner; (see at least

paragraphs 7-29)

determining a valuation adjustment corresponding to the identified aspects; (see at least

paragraphs 7-29)

displaying a fourth valuation that takes into account the determined valuation adjustment corresponding to the identified aspects; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) presenting a display that solicits input from the owner that identifies homes near the subject home that the owner regards as similar to the subject home; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

receiving fourth input from the owner that identifies homes near the subject home recently sold that the owner regards as similar to the subject home; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

using the fourth input to generate a tailored geographically-specific home valuation model that (1) is based upon a plurality of homes near the subject home recently sold that is a superset of the homes identified by the fourth input, but (2) places special emphasis on the homes identified by the fourth input; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) applying the tailored valuation model to the updated attributes of the subject home to obtain a fifth valuation of the subject home; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) and displaying the fifth valuation based on the application of the tailored valuation model. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 2:

Kim teaches/suggests a computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computing

system to perform a method for procuring information about a distinguished property

from its owner that is usable to refine an automatic valuation of the distinguished property, the method comprising:

displaying at least a portion of information about the distinguished property used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished property; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) obtaining user input from the owner adjusting at least one aspect of information about the distinguished property used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished property; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) and

displaying to the owner a refined valuation of the distinguished property that is based on the adjustment of the obtained user input. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 5:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes altering property attributes used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on the altered property attributes. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 6:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an improvement to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a valuation of the described improvement. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 7:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an aspect of the distinguished property not considered by the automatic valuation of the distinguished property and an estimate by the owner of its value, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on the estimate of the value of the described aspect. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 8:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes identifying recent sales of nearby properties regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a repetition of the automatic

valuation of the distinguished property in which the influence of the identified sales is magnified. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 9:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input further includes identifying a scoring of the properties sold in the identified sales reflecting the relative level of similarity of the sold properties to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a repetition of the automatic valuation of the distinguished property in which the influence of the identified sales is magnified in a manner consistent with the identified scores. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 10:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 9 wherein the user input identifies a scoring of the properties sold in the identified sales reflecting the relative level of similarity of the sold properties to the distinguished property by specifying a ranked order for the identified sales. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 11:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further

comprising displaying a map showing properties in a geographic region surrounding the distinguished property, and wherein the owner identifies the recent sales of nearby properties regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by selecting them on the displayed map. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 12:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further

comprising displaying a map showing properties in a geographic region surrounding the distinguished property, and wherein the owner identifies each recent sale of a nearby property regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by selecting a control in a popup balloon associated with its location on the displayed map. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 13:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 8, the method further

comprising displaying a table comprising rows each containing textual information about a different one of a plurality of recent sales of nearby properties,

and wherein the owner identifies each recent sale of a nearby property regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property by interaction with the row containing information about the sale. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 14:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer-readable medium of claim 2 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes identifying nearby properties regarded by the owner as similar to the distinguished property, and wherein the displayed refined valuation is based at least in part on a repetition of the automatic valuation of the distinguished property in which the influence of values for the identified sales properties is magnified. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 15:

Kim teaches/suggests a method in a computing system for refining an automatic valuation of a distinguished home based upon input from a user knowledgeable about the distinguished home, comprising:

obtaining user input adjusting at least one aspect of information about the distinguished

home used in the automatic valuation of the distinguished home; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

automatically determining a refined valuation of the distinguished home that is based on the adjustment of the obtained user input; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) and presenting the refined valuation of the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 16:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the presenting involves displaying the refined valuation of the distinguished home to a user providing the user input. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 17:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the presenting involves displaying the refined valuation of the distinguished home to a user other than the user providing the user input. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 18:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the automatic valuation of the

distinguished home involves applying a geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home.

and wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes altering the home attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on applying the geographically-specific home valuation model to the altered attributes. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 19:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographically-specific home

valuation model is a forest of classification trees each constructed from information about recent sales of homes near the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 20:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographically-specific home

valuation model is a linear regression model constructed from information about recent sales of homes near the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

### Regarding claim 21:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographically-specific home

valuation model is a hybrid model, utilizing both a forest of classification trees and a linear regression-derived function, both constructed from information about recent sales of home near the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 22:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 21 wherein the refined valuation is determined by dividing by a first valuation of the distinguished home generated by the linear regression- derived function from the attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home a second valuation generated by the linear regression-derived function based upon the altered attributes to obtain a ratio, and wherein the ratio is multiplied by a valuation generated by the forest of classification trees based upon the home attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the

invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 23:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 21, further comprising weighting in the construction of the linear regression-derived function information about recent sales of individual homes near the distinguished home based upon the extents to which the sold home and the distinguished home are similar to high-value homes near the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

### Regarding claim 24:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 21, further comprising weighting in the construction of the linear regression-derived function information about recent sales of individual homes near the distinguished home based upon the degree of nearness of each of the sold homes to the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 25:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 18 wherein the geographically-specific home

valuation model is constrained to consider only home attributes available for alteration by the user. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 26:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an improvement to the distinguished home, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on a valuation of the described improvement. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 27:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 26 wherein the added improvement description identifies an improvement type and a cost for the described improvement, further comprising determining the valuation of the described improvement by applying a localized improvement cost recovery rate for the identified improvement type to the identified cost. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 28:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 26 wherein the added improvement description identifies an age of the described improvement and a cost for the described improvement, further comprising determining the valuation of the described

improvement by applying a depreciation schedule to the identified age and cost. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 29:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes adding a description of an aspect of the distinguished home not considered by the automatic valuation of the distinguished home and an estimate by a user providing the user input of its value, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on the estimate of the value of the described aspect. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 30:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the automatic valuation of the

distinguished home involves applying a geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, and wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes identifying recent sales of nearby homes regarded as similar to the distinguished home, the method further comprising:

constructing a new geographically-specific home valuation model that emphasizes the

significance of the identified sales; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) and applying the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes of the distinguished home to obtain a result, and wherein the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on the obtained result. (see at least paragraphs 7-29) Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 31:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein the constructed new geographically- specific home valuation model is applied to attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 32:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input further includes altering the home attributes indicated by the external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, and wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model is applied to altered attributes. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 33:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein adjustment of the obtained user input further includes identifying a scoring of the homes sold in the identified sales reflecting the relative level of similarity of the sold homes to the distinguished home, and wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model emphasizes the significance of the identified sales in a manner consistent with the identified scoring. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 34:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30, further comprising: among the identified recent sales of nearby homes regarded as similar to the distinguished home, determining an average selling price per square foot; multiplying the determined average selling price per square foot by the floor area of the distinguished home to obtain an alternate valuation of the distinguished home; and before presenting the refined valuation of the distinguished home, blending into the refined valuation of the distinguished home alternate valuation. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 35:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30 wherein the constructed new geographically-specific home valuation model also emphasizes the significance of sales

of homes whose locations are determined to be near the location of the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 36:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the location of the distinguished home if it has the same zip code as the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 37:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the location of the distinguished home if it has the same neighborhood name as the distinguished home. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 38:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 30, further comprising: accessing a floor area attribute of the distinguished home and the nearby homes whose recent sales were identified, and a selling price for each of the identified sales; (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

determining among the identified sales a selling price per square foot metric; multiplying the obtained selling price per square foot metric by the floor area of the distinguished home to obtain a product; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) and combining the product with the result to obtain the determined refined valuation. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 39:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 35 further comprising determining that the location of a home recently sold is near the distinguished home if the location of the distance between it and the distinguished home is less than a threshold distance. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 40:

Kim teaches/suggests that the method of claim 15 wherein the automatic valuation of the

distinguished home involves applying a geographically-specific home valuation model to attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the distinguished home, (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

and wherein the adjustment of the obtained user input includes both (1) altering the home attributes indicated by an external data source to be possessed by the

distinguished home and (2) adding a description of an improvement to the distinguished home, (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

the method further comprising detecting that the alteration of home attributes and the improvement description are both directed to adding a new feature to the distinguished home, (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

and wherein, in response to the detecting, the determined refined valuation is based at least in part on applying the geographically-specific home valuation model to the altered attributes, and is not based on the improvement description. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

### Regarding claim 41:

Kim teaches/suggests that one or more computer memories collectively containing a home

valuation data structure, comprising:

information identifying a home; (see at least paragraphs 7-29) and a valuation for the identified home automatically generated based on both information about the identified home obtained from a public source and information about the identified home obtained from an owner of the identified home, such that the contents of the data structure may be used to determine the value of the identified house. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

# Regarding claim 42:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer memories of claim 41 wherein the data structure is a display specification capable of causing a computing system to display the identifying information and the valuation. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

#### Regarding claim 43:

Kim teaches/suggests that the computer memories of claim 41 wherein the data structure is a web page presenting the identifying information and the valuation. (see at least paragraphs 7-29)

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Kim to suggest all the features in the claim.

5. Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cheetham in view of Official Notice.

# Regarding claim 3:

Official notice, not Cheetham, teaches that the computer-readable medium of claim 2, further comprising: determining whether any of the altered home attributes is an attribute not present among home sales used to construct the geographically-specific home valuation model; and if so, displaying a warning. It would have been obvious to

one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a warning in the event a data value was not correct.

### Regarding claim 4:

Official notice, not Cheetham, teaches that the computer-readable medium of claim 2, further comprising: determining whether the refined valuation diverges from the automatic valuation by more than a threshold percentage; and if so, displaying a warning. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a warning in the event a data value was not correct.

7. Alternatively, claim 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Official Notice.

#### Regarding claim 3:

Official notice, not Kim, teaches that the computer-readable medium of claim 2, further comprising: determining whether any of the altered home attributes is an attribute not present among home sales used to construct the geographically-specific home valuation model; and if so, displaying a warning. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a warning in the event a data value was not correct.

#### Regarding claim 4:

Official notice, not Kim, teaches that the computer-readable medium of claim 2, further comprising: determining whether the refined valuation diverges from the automatic

valuation by more than a threshold percentage; and

if so, displaying a warning. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a warning in the event a data value was not correct.

#### Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. This includes Kim (US Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0154656).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABDUL BASIT whose telephone number is 571-272-5506. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

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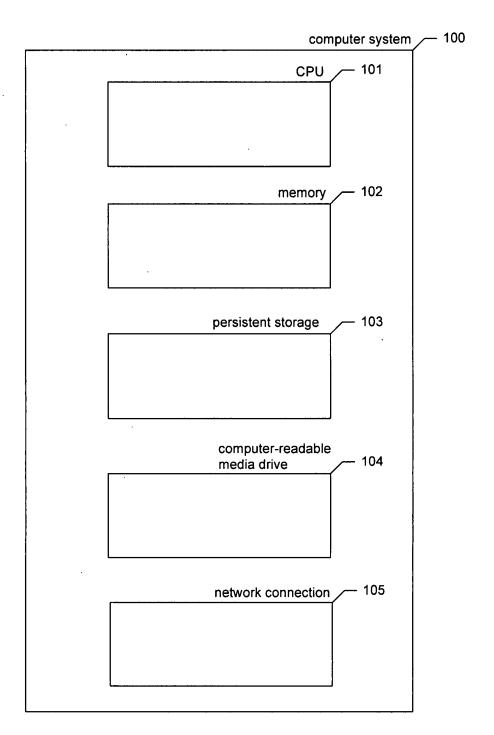
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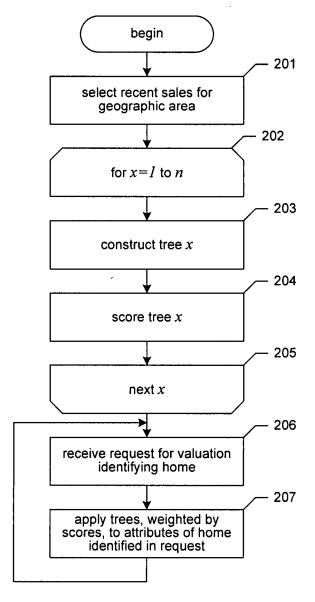


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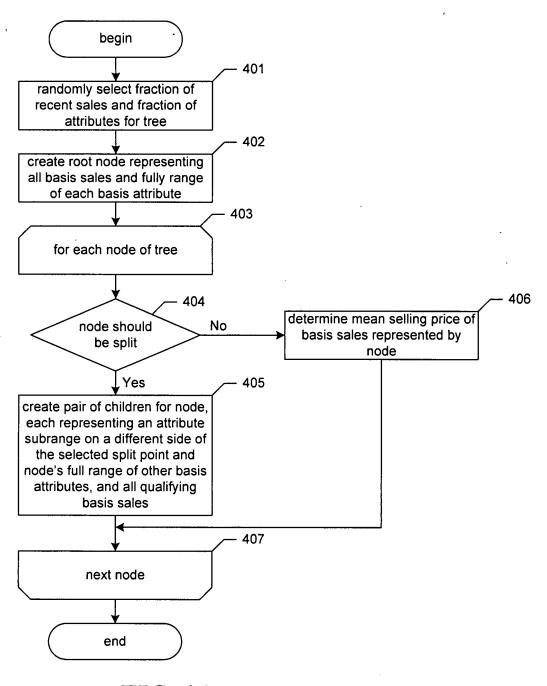
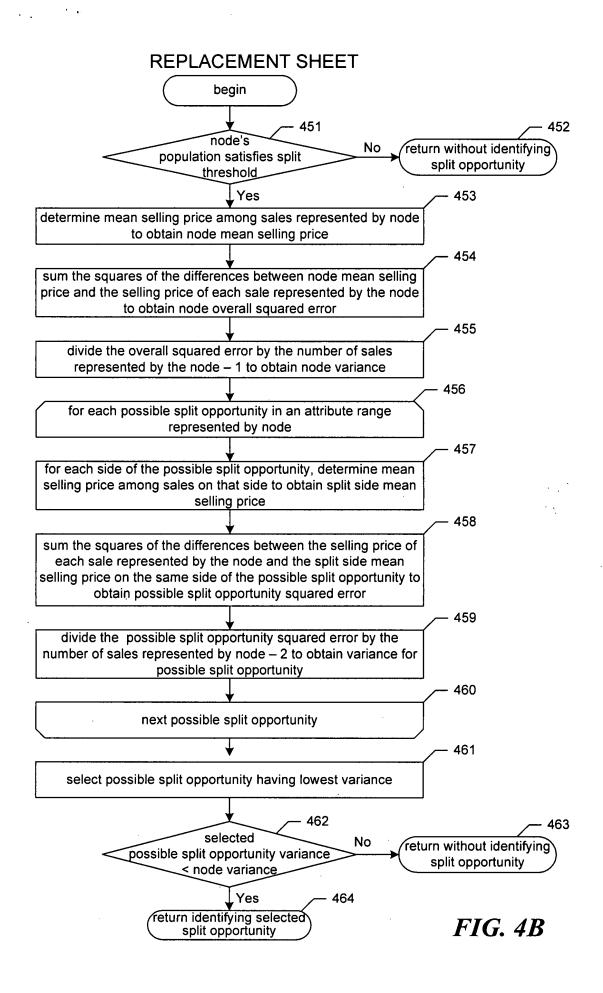


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