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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 29, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003, and published at 1267 OG 106 on February 25, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: Listing of Claims:

(Cancelled without Prejudice)

1.

(Currently Amended) <u>A printing and publishing system which generates a</u> printing plate-ready file from data provided remotely in real time using a communication network, the printing and publishing system comprising:

an end user facility coupled to a communication network, the end user facility providing page building operations, the page building operations including the design and construction of pages from images, text, and data available via said communication network;

a central service facility coupled to said communication network, the central service facility providing storage, file processing, remote access, and content management operations; the file processing operations including generating a plate-ready file from pages designed at said end user facility, said plate-ready file having a file format capable of high resolution and ready for creation of a printing plate;

a printing company facility coupled to said communication network, the printing company facility providing printing operations, the printing operations including producing a printing plate from said plate-ready file; and

The printing and publishing system of claim 1, wherein the end user facility further comprises a communication routing device coupling the end user facility to the communication network, a computer which performs page building operations, and a proofer which provides printed samples of pages.

(Cancelled without Prejudice)

 2μ (Currently Amended) <u>A printing and publishing system which generates a</u> printing plate-ready file from data provided remotely in real time using a communication network, the printing and publishing system comprising:

an end user facility coupled to a communication network, the end user facility providing page building operations, the page building operations including the design and construction of pages from images, text, and data available via said communication network;

a central service facility coupled to said communication network, the central service facility providing storage, file processing, remote access, and content management operations: the file processing operations including generating a plate-ready file from pages designed at said end user facility, said plate-ready file having a file format capable of high resolution and ready for creation of a printing plate;

a printing company facility coupled to said communication network, the printing company facility providing printing operations, the printing operations including producing a printing plate from said plate-ready file; and

The printing and publishing system of claim 1, wherein said file processing further comprises performing open prepress interface (OPI) operations.

(Cancelled without Prejudice)

(Currently Amended) <u>A printing and publishing system which generates a</u> printing plate-ready file from data provided remotely in real time using a communication network, the printing and publishing system comprising:

an end user facility coupled to a communication network, the end user facility providing page building operations, the page building operations including the design and construction of pages from images, text, and data available via said communication network;

a central service facility coupled to said communication network, the central service facility providing storage, file processing, remote access, and content management operations; the file processing operations including generating a plate-ready file from pages designed at said end user facility, said plate-ready file having a file format capable of high resolution and ready for creation of a printing plate;

a printing company facility coupled to said communication network, the printing company facility providing printing operations, the printing operations including producing a printing plate from said plate-ready file; and

The printing and publishing system of claim 1, wherein the printing customer facility further comprises a communication routing device coupling the printing company facility to the communication network, a computer which performs imposition operations, and a platesetter which exposes a printing plate.

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19. (Original) A method of generating a plate-ready file configured for the creation of a printing plate, said plate-ready file being associated with page layouts and being provided in real time from a remote location using a communication network, the method comprising: remotely providing access to imaging files for searching and retrieving images used in the design of a page layout by a remote user;

establishing links to said imaging files, thereby creating a thin Postscript file from the page layout designed by the remote user;

parsing said thin Postscript file to extract data associated with low resolution images and replace with high resolution data, thereby forming a fat Postscript file;

creating a portable document format (PDF) file from said fat Postscript file;

converting said PDF file to a file in plate-ready format.

1/1. (Original) The method of claim 10/7, further comprising communicating said PDF file to said remote user for proofing and revision of the page layout.

 $\int 2.$ (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising converting said file in plate-ready format into a virtual proofing software proofing file.

 $\frac{1}{2}$. (Original) The method of claim $\frac{1}{2}$, wherein the step of remotely providing access to imaging files for searching and retrieving images and used in the design of a page layout by a remote user comprises dragging and dropping elements selected from a database of said imaging files.

4. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of remotely providing access to imaging files for searching and retrieving images used in the design of a page layout by a remote user comprises using a web browser configured for communications over the Internet.

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