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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2000.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3,8 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 29 December 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

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Priority

Priority has been claimed to Korean application number 2000-54807. The effective filing date of the application is September 19, 2000.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) was submitted on December 29, 2000. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

Figures 1, 2 and 3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 450, 490.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description:

Fig 1, items 100, 101, 120, 121, 130, 150, 151.

Fig 2, items 220, 223, 240.

Fig 3, items 310, 311, 320, 321, 330, 331, 340.

Fig 5, items 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 530.

Fig 6, items 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605.

A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claims 3 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities: The phrasing "constructed by a pair". The intended meaning of the phrase is uncertain to the examiner, and for reference purposes in the application of prior art, the examiner is interpreting the phrase to mean "constructed in pairs". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lui et al. (US Patent 5812754), hereinafter referred to as Lui.

In regards to claim 1, Lui discloses an apparatus for a redundant interconnection between multiple hosts and a RAID, comprising:

- A plurality of RAID controlling units for processing a requirement of numerous host computers (Figure 3 shows items 302 A and B, separate RAID controllers).
- A plurality of connecting units for connecting the plurality of RAID controlling units to the numerous host computers (In Figure 3, controller chassis 344 contains a plurality of connecting units, the connections between the local hosts and the host loops, see also col 5 lines 36-40).
- A plural number of network interface controlling units respectively contained into the plurality of RAID controlling units, for exchanging information directly with the numerous host computers and an opposite network interface controlling unit provided within an opposite RAID

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