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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

In paragraph 0051, line 13, PCMCIA card 50" should read PCMCIA card 72".

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "81" has been used to designate both the hardwired personal computer in Fig. 4 and the data multiplexer circuit in Fig. 5, and reference character "83" has been used to designate both the communications interface module in Fig. 4 and the sync signal in Fig. 5. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 (d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.
3. 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: reference numeral "29", in paragraph 0049, line 18. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended

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replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

4. The drawings are objected to because in Fig. 4, PC modem protocol box "66" should read "68", as read in paragraph 0053, lines 20 and 21. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 3 and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 3, line 1, "claim 1" should read "claim 2", as reference is made to "said memory", introduced in claim 2;

In claim 5, line 1, "claim 1" should read "claim 4", as reference is made to "the digital signal", introduced in claim 4. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. 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.

7. Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 21, 23-27, and 30-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hassan et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,550,646).

Regarding claim 1, Hassan discloses a self-contained image processing system (device 110 in Figs. 1 and 2) for capturing a visual image and transmitting it to a remote receiving station (see abstract, column 1, lines 47 through 52, column 2, lines 43 through 61, and column 3, lines 10 through 20), with the system comprising an image capture device (CCD 203, column 3, lines 21 through 67), a processor (microcontroller 205) for generating a data signal representing the image (column 3, lines 21 through 67), a communications device (facsimile interface 219) adapted for transmitting the data signal to the remote receiving station (column 4, line 65 through

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