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In re Applicant:	§		
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DAVID A. MONROE, ET AL	§		
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For: APPARATUS FOR	§	Docket No.:	06-0719
CAPTURING, CONVERTING	§		
AND TRANSMITTING A	§		
VISUAL IMAGE SIGNAL VIA	§		
A DIGITAL TRANSMISSION	§		
SYSTEM	§		
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action Mailed December 12, 2008, please enter and consider the "Affidavit of David A. Monroe Under 37 CFR 1.131", which is submitted herewith. A request for one month extension of time is requested in this submission via EFS-Web.

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<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims shall replace all previous versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

      1- 42. (canceled).

      43. (currently amended) Apparatus comprising:

            a portable housing, the portable housing being wireless;

            an image collection device supported by the portable housing, the image collection device being operable to provide visual image data of a field of view;

            a display supported by the portable housing, the display being operable to display for viewing by a user a perceptible visual image, the perceptible visual image being generated from the visual image data;

            memory supported by the portable housing, the memory being suitable to receive visual image data in digital format, the memory being suitable to retain the visual image data in digital ~~formal~~ format,

            an input device supported by the portable housing, the input device being operable by the user;

            operation of the input device by the user enabling the. memory to retain the visual image data in digital format, the memory being suitable to provide retained visual image data in digital format;

            media supported by the portable housing, the media being suitable to embody at least one compression algorithm;

            at least one processing platform supported by the portable housing, the at least one processing platform being operable to execute the at least one compression algorithm, the at least one processing platform being provided the retained visual image data in digital format, execution of the at least one compression algorithm providing compressed visual image data; and

            a mobile phone supported by the portable housing, the mobile phone being operable to send to a remote recipient a wireless transmission, the wireless transmission conveying the compressed digital image data; and

movement by the user of the portable housing commonly moving the image collection device,

movement by the user of the portable housing commonly moving the display.

44. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the processing platform including at least one processor.

45. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the portable housing including a handset.

46. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

a microphone supported by the portable housing, the microphone being associated with the mobile phone;

a speaker supported by the portable housing, the speaker being associated with the mobile phone.

47. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the mobile phone being selectively operable to send to a remote recipient a wireless transmission, the wireless transmission conveying a voice transmission.

48. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the mobile phone being selectively operable to receive from a remote sender an incoming wireless transmission. the incoming wireless transmission conveying at least one of:

incoming compressed digital image data,

an incoming voice transmission, and

both incoming compressed digital image data and an incoming voice transmission.

49. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

a camera supported by the portable housing. the camera including the image collection device.

50. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the image collection device being suitable to provide the visual image data in digital format.

51. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the image collection device being suitable to provide the visual image data in analog format:

an analog to digital converter supported by the portable housing. the analog to digital converter being suitable to receive the visual image data in analog format, the being suitable to provide the visual image data in digital format.

the display including an LCD. the LCD being operable to display for viewing by a user a perceptible visual image. the perceptible visual image being generated from the visual image data.

52. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the display including a viewfinder, the viewfinder being suitable to receive the visual image data, the viewfinder being operable to display for viewing by a user a perceptible visual image, the perceptible visual image being generated from the visual image data.

53. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 52 and further comprising:

the viewfinder being suitable to receive the visual image data in digital formal.

54. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 52 and further comprising:

the viewfinder being suitable to receive the visual image data in analog format.

55. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising:

the display including a display screen, the display screen being defined apart from a viewfinder, the display screen being operable to display for viewing by a user a perceptible visual image, the perceptible visual image being generated from the visual image data.

56. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 55 and further comprising:

the display including an LCD, the LCD being operable to display for viewing by a user a perceptible visual image, the perceptible visual image being generated from the visual image data.

57. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 56 and further comprising:

the LCD being suitable to receive the visual image data in digital format.

58. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 43 and further comprising;

at least one transmission protocol algorithm embodied in suitable media;

a processing platform associated with the at least one transmission protocol algorithm, the associated processing platform being operable to execute the at least one transmission protocol algorithm, the associated processing platform being provided the compressed visual image data, execution of the at least one transmission protocol algorithm providing the compressed visual image data in a transmission format, the visual image data in a transmission format being compatible with the mobile phone for wireless transmission by the mobile phone.

59. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 58 and further comprising:

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