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PATENT NO. : 7027418

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address. --

Responsive to the communication(s) filed by:

Patent Owner on _____

Third Party(ies) on 27 October, 2011.

RESPONSE TIMES ARE SET TO EXPIRE AS FOLLOWS:

For Patent Owner's Response:

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PART I. THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892
2. Information Disclosure Citation, PTO/SB/08
3. _____

PART II. SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- 1a. Claims 1-122 and 125-128 are subject to reexamination.
- 1b. Claims 123 and 124 are not subject to reexamination.
2. Claims _____ have been canceled.
3. Claims _____ are confirmed. [Unamended patent claims]
4. Claims _____ are patentable. [Amended or new claims]
5. Claims 1-122 and 125-128 are rejected.
6. Claims _____ are objected to.
7. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable are not acceptable.
8. The drawing correction request filed on _____ is: approved. disapproved.
9. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d). The certified copy has:
 - been received. not been received. been filed in Application/Control No 95000648.
10. Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Reexamination

1. **Claims 1-122 and 125-128** of U.S. Patent Number 7,027,418 (hereafter “the ‘418 Patent”) are the subject of this *inter partes* reexamination.

Listing of Prior Art

2. In the Request for Reexamination dated 10/27/2011; the Third Party Requester alleges that the ‘418 Patent **claims 1-122 and 125-128** are unpatentable in light of the following references:

- a. U.S. Patent Number 6,272,353 (noted as “Dicker ‘353”);
- b. U.S. Patent Number 6,760,319 (noted as “Gerten ‘319”);
- c. Kostic *et al.* “Dynamic Frequency Hopping in Wireless Cellular Systems - Simulations of Full-Replacement and Reduced-Overhead Methods,” 1999 IEEE 49th Vehicular Technology Conference, 1999 (noted as “Kostic”);
- d. Canadian Published Patent Application 2,252,012 (noted as “Duplessis ‘012”);
- e. U.S. Patent Number 6,418,317 (noted as “Cuffaro ‘317”);
- f. U.S. Patent Number 6,115,407 (noted as “Gendel ‘407”);
- g. U.S. patent Number 7,440,484 (noted as “Schmidl ‘484”);
- h. Japanese Patent Application Publication 10-107693 (noted as “Imamura ‘693”);

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- i. Bluetooth Specification 1.0 B (noted as “BT Spec.”);
- j. U.S. Patent Number 5,937,002 (noted as Andersson ‘002”);
- k. U.S. Patent Number 5,956,642 (noted as “Larsson ‘642”); and
- l. U.S. Patent Number 5,323,447 (noted as “Gillis ‘447”).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. 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 –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Issue #1.

4. **Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14-19, 21-27, 32-42, 75-82, 85-90, 93-113, 118, and 119** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dicker ‘353.

Regarding ***claim 1***, Dicker ‘353 discloses a method for selecting communications channels for a communications system, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

selecting, based upon performances of a plurality of communications channels at a first time and channel selection criteria, a first set of two or more communications channels from the plurality of communications channels [see Abstract; also see col. 3, lines 23-45, wherein “To

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