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For: **METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR LICENSE USE MANAGEMENT ON A NETWORK**

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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action mailed May 7, 2002. Applicants provide herewith a copy of the amended portion of the claims and the specification entitled "Version With Changes Indicated," which identifies the changes made to the claims and the specification.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, beginning at line 10 with the following:

Tivoli™ server 20 provides a means for software distribution and management in computer network system 10. Furthermore, on-demand servers 22, 22' each provide an application management system for managing configurable application programs using both user and administrative preferences for various application programs. More particularly, as described in the embodiments herein, on-demand servers 22, 22' are configured to operate within the eNetwork™ environment available from International Business Machines Corporation (IBM). An on-demand server which may be modified according to the present invention is described in United States Patent Application No. 09/211,528 (attorney docket number 5577-130) which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. However, while the

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Referring now to the flowchart of **FIG. 2**, operations for distribution of an application program having configurable preferences and implementing management of configurable application programs on a network according to an embodiment of the present invention will now be described. At block **50**, an application program having a plurality of configurable preferences and a plurality of authorized users is installed on server **22** coupled to network **10**". This may be accomplished, for example, by placing the application program compact disc (CD) in a compact disc read only memory (CD ROM) drive coupled to on-demand server **22**. Alternatively, as is described in United States Patent Application No. 09/211,528 (Attorney Docket No. 5577-130) with reference to **FIGS. 5-7**, the application program may be provided to on-demand server **22** from a central location such as Tivoli™ server **20**.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, beginning at line 3 with the following:

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While the description above was generally provided for a particular sequence and distribution of operations between a server and a client, it is to be understood that functions may be divided differently and at different times according to the teachings of the present invention. Alternative preferred embodiments are described in United States Patent Application No. 09/211,528 (Attorney Docket No. 5577-130) which has been incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. One of these alternatives will now be generally described again herein.

In The Claims:

Please replace Claim 19 with the following:

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19. (Amended) A method for management of license use for a network comprising the steps of:

maintaining license management policy information for a plurality of application programs at a license management server, the license management policy information including

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receiving at the license management server a request for a license availability of a selected one of the plurality of application programs from a user at a client;
determining the license availability for the selected one of the plurality of application programs for the user based on the maintained license management policy information; and
providing an unavailability indication to the client responsive to the selection if the license availability indicates that a license is not available for the user or an availability indication if the licensed availability indicates that a license is available for the user.

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Please replace Claim 22 with the following:

22. (Amended) A license use management system for a network comprising:
means for maintaining license management policy information for a plurality of application programs at a license management server, the license management policy information including at least one of a user identity based policy, an administrator policy override definition or a user policy override definition;

means for receiving at the license management server a request for a license availability of a selected one of the plurality of application programs from a user at a client;

means for determining the license availability for the selected one of the plurality of application programs for the user based on the maintained license management policy information; and

means for providing an unavailability indication to the client responsive to the selection if the license availability indicates that a license is not available for the user or an availability indication if the licensed availability indicates that a license is available for the user.

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Please replace Claim 25 with the following:

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computer readable program code means for maintaining license management policy information for a plurality of application programs at a license management server, the license management policy information including at least one of a user identity based policy, an administrator policy override definition or a user policy override definition;

computer readable program code means for receiving at the license management server a request for a license availability of a selected one of the plurality of application programs from a user at a client;

computer readable program code means for determining the license availability for the selected one of the plurality of application programs for the user based on the maintained license management policy information; and

computer readable program code means for providing an unavailability indication to the client responsive to the selection if the license availability indicates that a license is not available for the user or an availability indication if the licensed availability indicates that a license is available for the user.

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Please add the following new claims:

⁴30. (New) A method according to Claim ~~19~~ wherein ones of the plurality of application programs have associated default policies and wherein the at least one of a user identity based policy, an administrator policy override definition or a user policy override definition comprises at least one of an administrator policy override definition or a user policy override definition that defines ones of the associated default policies that may be modified by an administrator or user.

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¹⁰31. (New) A system according to Claim ~~22~~ wherein ones of the plurality of application programs have associated default policies and wherein the at least one of a user

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