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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 19, 2015, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.



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REMARKS

Claims 1-63 were presented for examination and were rejected. In the present Amendment, claims 1-3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14-16, 20, 22, 23, 25-27, 31, 33, 34, 36-38, 40, 45, 48, 49, 51, 56, and 59-63 are amended, claims 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, 21, 28, 29, 32, 39, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50, 54, 55, 57, and 58 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 64-81 are added.

No new matter is added. Support for the claims amendments and new claims can be found, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 7,630,724 (e.g., col. 9:31-47; col. 10:57 – 11:15, col. 12:12-62; col. 15:7-8; FIG. 4). It is noted that the '724 patent was incorporated by reference into the present application at the time of the present application's filing.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended herein to correct an error in the priority claim. In particular, the priority claim has been corrected to indicate that the present application is a continuation-in-part (rather than a continuation) of U.S. Application No. 14/027,410. The same correction is included in the Corrected Application Data Sheet (ADS) filed herewith. MPEP § 211.03 states that no petition or surcharge is required for correcting a timely submitted benefit claim to correct the indicated relationship between applications from "continuation" to "continuation-in-part." Accordingly, entry of the correction and issuance of an updated Filing Receipt are respectfully requested.

In addition, for the Examiner's benefit, it is noted that a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim Under 35 U.S.C. § 120 was filed in U.S. Patent No. 8,364,129 ("the '129 patent") on September 21, 2015. The present application claims priority to the '129 patent, and claims priority through the '129 patent to other issued patents identified in the Petition. A copy of the Petition is filed herewith, for the Examiner's reference.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112(a)

Claims 1, 15, 26, 37, and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112(a) as purportedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Office Action (p. 3) indicated that the following limitation lacked adequate written description support: "for each of the devices, **based on passage of a predetermined time interval since receiving information comprising a location** of the device, **a displacement of the device by a predetermined distance relative to a previous location of the device**, or both, receiving from the device