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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Office Action Identifier***

This office action is given an identifier, Paper No. 20160408, for reference purposes only.

### ***Continuation Application***

This application is a continuation application (“CON”) of U.S. App# 14027860, now U.S. Pat# 9100826 which is a CON of U.S. App# 13621609, now U.S. Pat# 8538881 which is a CON of U.S. App# 13168556, now U.S. Pat# 8271397 which is a CON of U.S. App# 11677490, now U.S. Pat# 8001055 . See MPEP §201.07. In accordance with MPEP §609.02 A. 2 and MPEP §2001.06(b) (last paragraph), the Examiner has reviewed and considered the prior art cited in the Parent Application. Also in accordance with MPEP §2001.06(b) (last paragraph), all documents cited or considered ‘of record’ in the Parent Application are now considered cited or ‘of record’ in this application. Additionally, Applicant(s) are reminded that a listing of the information cited or ‘of record’ in the Parent Application need not be resubmitted in this application unless Applicant(s) desire the information to be printed on a patent issuing from this application. See MPEP §609.02 A. 2. Finally, Applicant(s) are reminded that the prosecution history of the Parent Application is relevant in this application. See e.g., *Microsoft Corp. v. Multi-Tech Sys., Inc.*, 357 F.3d 1340, 1350, 69 USPQ2d 1815, 1823 (Fed. Cir. 2004) (holding that statements made in prosecution of one patent are relevant to the scope of all sibling patents).

***Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status***

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

***Track-1 Status***

Track-1 status was granted to this application by the USPTO on 22 March 2016.

***Status of Claims***

Claims 1-12 filed 9 February 2016 are examined in this office action.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 3-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome all pending objection(s) and all pending rejection(s) set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Claim Objections***

1. Claims 1 and 10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 does not follow the convention of separating distinct elements/steps of the claims with line spacings or line indentations. MPEP 608.01(i) expressly states, "... Where a claim sets forth a plurality of elements or steps, each element or step of the claim should be separated by a line indentation." For example, claim 1 contains an individual "wherein" clause hiding a

plurality of further “wherein” clauses that also including multiple distinct steps and/or elements; however, the claim as presented fails to delineate these elements in accordance with MPEP 608.01(i).

Claim 10 does not follow the convention of separating distinct elements/steps of the claims with line spacings or line indentations. MPEP 608.01(i) expressly states, “... Where a claim sets forth a plurality of elements or steps, each element or step of the claim should be separated by a line indentation.” For example, claim 10 contains more than one “wherein” clause; however, the claim as presented fails to delineate these elements in accordance with MPEP 608.01(i).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112(B) or (pre-AIA) Second Paragraph***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112(B):

(B) CONCLUSION.—The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor regards as the invention.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(B) or 35 U.S.C. 112 (pre-AIA), second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor or a joint inventor, or for pre-AIA the applicant regards as the invention.

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