Remarks

The Pending Claims

Claims 26-45 are currently pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Reply of the Advisory Action

The advisory action states: "Reissue Declaration: the examiner notes that the reissue declaration remains defective since both inventors must sign the declaration. In addition, with respect to the broadening statement, as set forth in the Final Rejection, "any error in the claims must be identified by reference to the specific claim(s) and the specific claim language where lies the error". In the revised declaration, the Applicant has cited several limitations from claim 1. This is insufficient since it does not identify "the specific claim language".

Thus the corrected reissue declaration is insufficient since the error statement does not specifically identify the error in original claim 1."

In response to the above objection, applicant submits a new reissue declaration with the correction as follows:

The digital signal processor in claim 1 of the issued patent US RE47,049 E did not include an echo cancellation unit. It included only a sound source localization unit, an adaptive beamforming unit, and a noise reduction unit. Echo cancellation unit had been missed out. This error is corrected in claim 26 of current application, where the digital signal processor includes the in addition to the sound source localization unit, the adaptive beamforming unit, and the noise reduction unit. The specific claim language in claim 26 where the correction is made is shown below:



"providing a microphone array system comprising an array of sound sensors positioned in an arbitrary a linear, circular, or other configuration, a sound source localization unit, an adaptive beamforming unit, [and] a noise reduction unit, and an echo cancellation unit, wherein said sound source localization unit, said adaptive beamforming unit, [and] said noise reduction unit, and said echo cancellation unit are integrated in a digital signal processor, and wherein said [sound source localization unit, said adaptive beamforming unit, and said noise reduction unit are] said digital signal processor is in operative communication with said array of said sound sensors;"

Applicant, therefore respectfully requests that the objection to the reissue declaration be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The advisory action further states: "IDS: The IDS submitted on December 6,2019 is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97(d). As set forth therein: an ids submitted after a final office action, must included "(1) The statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; and (2) the fee set forth in 1.17(p)."

The Applicant does not appear to have submitted a fee with their submission. In addition, one of the submitted IDS does not have a certification statement.

Therefore, the examiner has not considered the Applicant's submission of December 6, 2019."

In response to the above objection, applicant resubmits all the IDS forms not considered till now along with required USPTO fee. Applicant, therefore respectfully requests that the objection to the IDS forms be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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