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Office Action Summary

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AIA (FITF) Status

Yes

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/7/2020.
 A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

- 5) Claim(s) 22-39 is/are pending in the application.
5a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 7) Claim(s) 22-39 is/are rejected.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 9) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

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Application Papers

- 10) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) The drawing(s) filed on 4/7/2020 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

- a) All b) Some** c) None of the:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

** See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 3) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

In the preliminary amendment filed 4/7/2020, Applicant cancelled claims 1-21 and added new claims 22-39. Currently, claims 22-39 are pending in the application.

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Specification

A substitute specification excluding the claims is required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) for at least the following reason:

Applicant filed two different specifications on 4/7/2020 – one specification is 18 pages long and appears to be a description of the claimed invention while the other specification is 25 pages long and is directed to an unrelated invention (entitled “Self Contained Monitor and System for Use”). It appears that the 25 page-long specification is from WO 2019/084156 and was filed in error. It has been assumed for purposes of examination that Applicant intended for the 18 page specification filed 4/7/20 be considered (and this is the version the Office will consider at this time). However, clarification is necessary and a substitute specification should be filed in order to make the record clear as to which specification should be examined for this application.

A substitute specification must not contain new matter. The substitute specification must be submitted with markings showing all the changes relative to the immediate prior

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version of the specification of record. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. An accompanying clean version (without markings) and a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter must also be supplied. Numbering the paragraphs of the specification of record is not considered a change that must be shown.

Additionally, the lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application for at least the following reason:

Two different sets of drawings were filed on 4/7/2020 – one set includes 14 drawing sheets and does not correspond to the subject matter of the present application; the other set of drawings includes 9 drawing sheets and appears to illustrate the claimed subject matter. It has been assumed for purposes of examination that Applicant intended for the drawings with 9 sheets to be examined in this application and that the drawings with 14 sheets were filed in error. However, Applicant needs to clarify which drawings are to be considered and if the 14-sheet group of drawings was filed in error, Applicant should specifically direct the Office to

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CANCEL the drawings which were filed in error (i.e. figures 1A-21B) and file replacement drawing sheets showing the correct drawings in order to clarify the record.

The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claim 27 is objected to because of the following informalities: “the opposing edges” should be “the pair of opposing edges”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

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.

Claims 23-24, 33 and 37 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 applications subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 112, the applicant), regards as the invention.

Claim 23 recites the limitation "the first portion" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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