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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2018, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** are described on page \_\_\_ of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page \_\_\_ of this paper.

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

**Remarks** begin on page \_\_\_ of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Amendments to the Specification:

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

REMARKS

Claims \_\_\_ are pending in this application. Claims \_\_\_ have been canceled. Applicant has amended claims \_\_\_. Applicant has added new claims \_\_\_. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the specification, with specific reference to paragraphs/sections/lines .

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Specification.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects claims 1-14 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by US Patent No. 440,656 (“Sefton”).

The Examiner rejects claims 1-8, 13, 15, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by US Patent No. 2,714,911 (“Fontana”).

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by US Patent No. 2,533,539 (“Vivian”).

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejects claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Fontana and US Patent No. 6,948,632 (“Kellogg”).

The Examiner rejects claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Fontana and Kellogg.

Reservation of Rights

In interest of furthering prosecution, additional or alternative arguments for the allowability of various of the claims are not addressed in more detail herein. Accordingly, Applicant reserves the right to further present arguments regarding the Examiner’s statements about what is known in the art or taught by the cited references at a later time, should such become necessary. Specifically, no waiver (legal, factual, or otherwise), implicit or explicit, is hereby intended.

Conclusion

Based upon the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to enter these amendments and to reconsider this application and its timely allowance. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50‑1050. In the event the Examiner disagrees with Applicant or finds minor informalities, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview to discuss any issues and to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Again, Applicant’s representative thanks the Examiner for his prompt and courteous attention.

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