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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/852,915
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Examiner Temica M. Beamer
Art Unit 2681

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Period for Reply
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM
THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.
- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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Status
1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ 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
4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-19 and 21-64 is/are pending in the application.
   4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) 16,19,37,38,56 and 57 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9,12,13,16,17,21-28,31-33,35,36,40-47,50,51,54,55 and 58-64 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 10,11,14,15,29,30,34,48,49,52 and 53 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers
9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ 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).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

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).
    a) ☐ All  b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
    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) ☒ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/24/2004.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-64 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.


Regarding claims 2, 7, 16, 17, 36, 21, 26, 35, 40, 45, 54, 58, 62 and 63, Lehtovirta discloses ascertaining a failure of the radio network control node (RNC), and upon such failure, preparing an omnibus release message (RESET message) to indicate that all connections controlled by the RNC are to be released (0038).

Lehtovirta, however, fails to disclose wherein the message has a first selected parameter having a predetermined value.

Leppisaari discloses this limitation (col. 5: lines 4-45).

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Lehtovirta with the teachings of Leppisaari for the purpose of ensuring that the correct connections are released.
Regarding claims 3, 22, 41, and 59, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses when the first selected parameter is in a reserved range of values, all radio connections controlled by the radio network control node are released (Leppisaari, col. 5: lines 4-45).

Regarding claims 4, 23, and 42, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses the radio network control node is a serving radio network control node, and further comprising preparing the omnibus release message upon failure of the serving radio network control node (Lehtovirta, paragraphs 0038, 0050).

Regarding claims 5, 24, 43, and 60, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses the first selected parameter is included in a mobile terminal global identity information element of the omnibus release message (Leppisaari, col. 5: lines 4-7).

Regarding claims 6, 25, 44, and 61, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses the first selected parameter is included in a radio network temporary identity information element of the omnibus release message (Leppisaari, col. 5: lines 4-7 (temporary flow identity code).

Regarding claims 8, 27, and 46, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses preparing the omnibus release message whereby, when a first selected parameter thereof has a first predetermined value and a second selected parameter thereof has a second predetermined value, all radio connections in cells controlled by the radio network node are released (Leppisaari, col. 5: lines 4-45).

Regarding claims 9, 28, and 47, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses when the first selected parameter is in a first reserved range of values, all
radio connections in cells controlled by the radio network control node are released (Leppisaari, col. 5: lines 4-45).

Regarding claims 12, 31, and 50, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses the first selected parameter is included in a mobile terminal global identity information element of the omnibus release message (Leppisaari, col. 5: lines 4-7).

Regarding claims 13, 32, and 51, the combination of Lehtovirta and Leppisaari discloses the first selected parameter is included in a radio network temporary identity information element of the omnibus release message (Leppisaari, col. 5: lines 4-7 (temporary flow identity code)).

Regarding claims 17, 36, 55, and 64, the Examiner takes official notice that it would have been well known to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include transmitting the omnibus release message on paging channel. The motivation for this would have been to include the message on a channel in which all relevant recipients could receive the release message.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 10, 11, 14, 15, 29, 30, 34, 48, 49, 52 and 53 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 18, 19, 37, 38, 56 and 57 are allowed.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Temica M. Beamer whose telephone number is (703) 306-5837. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (alternate Fridays) 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on (703) 308-4825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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