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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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The request for *ex parte* reexamination filed 16 March 2011 has been considered and a determination has been made. An identification of the claims, the references relied upon, and the rationale supporting the determination are attached.

Attachments: a) ☐ PTO-892, b) ☒ PTO/SB/08, c) ☐ Other: _____

1. ☒ The request for *ex parte* reexamination is GRANTED.

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2. ☐ The request for *ex parte* reexamination is DENIED.

This decision is not appealable (35 U.S.C. 303(c)). Requester may seek review by petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.181 within ONE MONTH from the mailing date of this communication (37 CFR 1.515(c)). **EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE SUCH A PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 ARE AVAILABLE ONLY BY PETITION TO SUSPEND OR WAIVE THE REGULATIONS UNDER 37 CFR 1.183.**

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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR *EX PARTE* REEXAMINATION

1. Substantial new questions of patentability ("SNQ") affecting claims 4-8, 11, and 15-18 of USP 6,034,652 ("**652 patent**") have been proposed by the third party requester ("3PR") in the *ex parte* reexamination request filed Mar. 16, 2011 ("Request").

References Cited Proceeding

2. USP 5,748,190 to Kjorsvik filed Sep. 5, 1995. ("**Kjorsvik**")
3. USP 5,781,894 to Petrecca filed Aug. 11, 1995. ("**Petrecca**")
4. USP 5,913,040 to Rakavy filed Aug. 22, 1995. ("**Rakavy**")
5. USP 5,740,549 to Reilly filed Jun. 12, 1995. ("**Reilly**")
6. USP 5,796,945 to Tarabella filed Jun. 7, 1995. ("**Tarabella**")
7. Roberts, Jason. Director Demystified. Peachpit Press. 1995. ("**Roberts**")
8. Salm, Walter. "Buying a Real Computer Monitor". Popular Electronics. October 1984. pp. 102-103, 132, and 134. ("**Salm**")

Prosecution History

9. The prosecution history of the application (08/620,641) which became the '**652 patent**' is presented below.

- On Mar. 22, 1996, claims 1-67 were presented for examination.
- On Feb. 3, 1998, claims 1-67 were rejected.
 - Claims 1-19, 21-31, 33-46, and 48-67 were rejected as being anticipated by Judson. (USP 5,572,643)
 - Claims 19, 21-22, 46, and 48 were rejected as being anticipated by Pirani. (USP 5,105,184)
 - Claims 19, 20, 25-28, 32, 41-47 were rejected as being anticipated by PointCast as described in the Feb. 13, 1996 Wall Street Journal article by Joan E. Rigdon.

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- Claims 1-20, 22-47, and 49-67 were rejected as being anticipated by Schena (WO 96/30864).
- On July 9, 1998, applicant filed remarks and amended claims 1 and 66.
- On Sept. 22, 1998, claims 1-67 were finally rejected.
- On Jan. 22, 1999, applicant filed a continued prosecution application.
- On Feb. 10, 1999, claims 1-67 were again finally rejected.
- On Jun. 14, 1999, applicant filed remarks and amended claims 49, 53, and 54.
- On Jul. 23, 1999, applicant's arguments of Jun. 14, 1999 were reconsidered and, *inter alia*, claim 13, 20, 32-40, 47, 51-54, 58, and 65 were amended was objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims . (see pg. 4) The Examiner did not provide a specific reason for indicting allowable subject matter other than the Judson, Pirani, PointCast, and Schena did not teach these elements.
- On Aug. 12, 1999, applicant filed after-final amendments cancelling claims 1-12, 14-19, 21-31, 41-46, 48-50, 55-57, 59-64, and 66-67. Claims 13, 20, 32-40, 47, 51-54, 58, and 65 were amended to included all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims.
- On Aug. 26, 1999, claims 13, 20, 32-40, 47, 51-54, 58, and 65 were allowed.
- On Nov. 13, 2001, dependent claims 19-33 were added via a certificate of correction.

10. Since the prosecution history does not make clear the reasons for indicating allowability, the Examiner considers any teaching as to *a method or system for engaging the peripheral attention of a person in the vicinity of a display device such as the display monitor of a computer* to form the basis of an SNQ as to **claims 4-8, 11, and 15-18**.

Decision

11. **Petrecca** discloses an advertising system to be used with personal computers which enables sponsors to present advertisements to a user during periods of waiting-time which are inherent in normal computer use. (Abstract) **Petrecca** was not before the Examiner during the prosecution of the application that became the '**652 patent**. However, there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider this teaching of **Petrecca** important in deciding whether claims 4-8, 11, and 15-18 are patentable. Accordingly, **Petrecca** raises a substantial new question of patentability as to claims 4-8, 11, and 15-18 which have not been decided in a previous examination.

Conclusion

12. For the reasons set forth above, claims 4-8, 11, and 15-18 of the '**652 patent** will be reexamined.

13. All correspondence relating to this ex parte reexamination proceeding should be directed:

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