


EXHIBIT 16

Notice of Allowability	Application No. 08/672,004	Applicant(s) DeLuca et al	
	Examiner Anthony Asongwed	Group Art Unit 2735	

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to 01/21/99.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-43.

The drawings filed on Jun 24, 1996 are acceptable.

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

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED"** of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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This office action is in response to application serial number 08672004 Attorney's Docket No. PTO1678UP01.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 35 through 43 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art made of record failed to specifically teach of an apparatus at a fixed portion of a communication system for authorizing utilization of software in a portable portion of the communication system wherein the apparatus comprises a processor, a memory coupled to the processor for maintaining a list of authorized software corresponding to the portable portion; a request receiver element coupled to the processor for receiving a request from the portable portion, the request including an address identifying the portable portion, and a software name; a list checker element coupled to the processor for checking the list of authorized software corresponding to the portable portion identified by the address, to determine whether the software corresponding to the software name is authorized; and an external authorization element coupled to the processor for transmitting the external authorization to

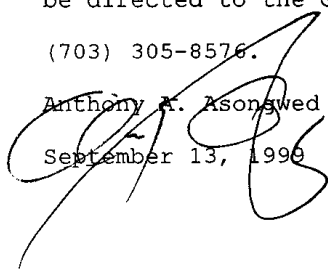
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the portable portion in response to the software being authorized for the portable portion (claims 35, 40, & 43).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony A. Asongwed whose telephone number is (703) 305-4071. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday's through Thursday's from 8:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday's.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Michael Horabik, can be reached on (703) 305-4704. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3988. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8576.


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September 13, 1996

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