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 - (a) ☒ Patent owner's communication(s) filed: 25 October 2013.
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 - (c) Status of the Claim(s):
 - (1) Patent claim(s) confirmed: _____.
 - (2) Patent claim(s) amended (including dependent on amended claim(s)): 1-42 and 46-56
 - (3) Patent claim(s) canceled: 43-45.
 - (4) Newly presented claim(s) patentable: 57-66.
 - (5) Newly presented canceled claims: _____.
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5. ☐ Note attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED (PTO-892).
6. ☒ Note attached LIST OF REFERENCES CITED (PTO/SB/08 or PTO/SB/08 substitute).
7. ☐ The drawing correction request filed on _____ is: ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
8. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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9. ☐ Note attached Examiner's Amendment.
10. ☐ Note attached Interview Summary (PTO-474).
11. ☐ Other: _____.

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/JASON PROCTOR/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3992

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE
***EX PARTE* REEXAMINATION CERTIFICATE**

This Office Action addresses original patent claims 1-56 and newly presented claims 57-66 of US Patent No. 8,078,436 B2 issued to Pershing et al. ("the '436 Patent"). A Non-Final Office Action rejecting claims 1-56 was entered on 25 July 2013.

Patent Owner timely filed a response on 25 October 2013 ("PO Remarks"), including amendments to claims 1, 18, 36, 37, and 41; canceling claims 43-45; and presenting new claims 57-66; and submitting declarations under 37 CFR 1.132. Patent Owner also submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on 23 September 2013, 25 October 2013, and 21 March 2014.

For the reasons set forth below, claims 1-42 and 46-67 are patentable.

Claims 43-45 are canceled by Patent Owner amendment.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08A and 08B or its equivalent) filed on 18 July 2013, 23 September 2013, 25 October 2013, and 21 March 2014, the material has been considered with this action, the information cited thereon has been considered to the extent suggested in the MPEP. Note that MPEP §§ 2256 and 2656 indicate that degree of consideration to be given to such information will be normally limited by the degree to which the party filing the information citation has explained the content and relevance of the information.

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may be errors in the citations, missing documents, or the documents bear no identification that corresponds to the listed citations.

II. Response to Remarks

Rejection A. Claims 36-40 and 42-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 101

These claims were rejected because the claimed invention was not limited to statutory subject matter. NF Action, p. 11. Patent Owner has amended the claim language to overcome the rationale given in the rejection. Accordingly, the previous Rejection A under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has been withdrawn in response to the amendments to claim 36.

Rejections B-I. Claims 1-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 966 alone or in combination with Aerodach Website, Novak, Official Notice, or Admitted Prior Art

Claim 1 has been amended to require “wherein the first aerial image provides a top plan view of the roof and the second aerial image provides an oblique perspective view of the roof, and are not a stereoscopic pair”.

Claim 18 has been amended to require “wherein the first aerial image provides a top plan view of the roof and the second aerial image provides a view of the roof that is other than a top plan view and neither of the two images are part of a stereoscopic pair”.

Claim 36 has been amended to require “wherein at least one of the two or more images provides an oblique perspective view of the roof and one of the images provides a top plan view of the roof”.

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Patent Owner submits:

EP 966 does not teach or suggest a roof estimation system “wherein the first aerial image provides a top plan view of the roof and the second aerial image provides an oblique perspective view of the roof, and are not a stereoscopic pair.”

Instead, in the ‘966 Patent, the images are taken and received as a stereoscopic pair and the raw data comes already matched as a stereoscopic pair. The images in a stereoscopic pair are not taken independently of each other, as they include geometric image data and parameter data that contain highly detailed information on the camera angle of the image pairs with respect to each other (see paragraph 2 of EP 966).
(PO Remarks, p. 14)

This argument has been fully considered and found persuasive.

The claims, as amended, recite a combination of features that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art. EP 966 relies upon stereoscopic images, *i.e.*, two images having substantially identical views or perspectives of the roof. Accordingly, previous Rejections B-I are withdrawn. Patent Owner’s other remarks are considered moot.

Therefore claims 1-42 and 46-56 are patentable.

III. Statement of Reasons for Patentability and/or Confirmation

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for patentability and/or confirmation of the claims found patentable in this reexamination proceeding:

Claim 1 has been amended to require “wherein the first aerial image provides a top plan view of the roof and the second aerial image provides an oblique perspective view of the roof, and are not a stereoscopic pair”.

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Claim 18 has been amended to require “wherein the first aerial image provides a top plan view of the roof and the second aerial image provides a view of the roof that is other than a top plan view and neither of the two images are part of a stereoscopic pair”.

Claim 36 has been amended to require “wherein at least one of the two or more images provides an oblique perspective view of the roof and one of the images provides a top plan view of the roof”.

New claim 58 requires:

- receiving a first aerial image of a building having a type of view of the roof that is a top plan view of the roof;
- receiving a second aerial image of the building having a type of view of the roof that is a perspective oblique view of the roof;
- receiving a third aerial image having a type of view of the roof that is an oblique perspective from a different direction than the second aerial image, each of the aerial images providing a different view of the roof of the building;

New claim 60 requires:

- receiving a first aerial image of a building;
- receiving a second aerial image of the building having the roof;
- receiving a third aerial image of the building, each of the aerial images providing a different view of the roof of the building;

New claim 63 requires “the first and second images of the roof being independent of each in the views provided of the roof, each of the aerial images providing a different view of the roof of the building”.

As discussed above, the closest cited prior art is EP 966 which relies upon stereoscopic images. Accordingly, each independent claim recites a combination of features that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited prior art.

Dependent claims 2-17, 19-35, 37-42, 46-57, 59, 61-62, and 64-66 are patentable at least because they inherent the features of the independent claims noted above.

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IV. Conclusion

Claims 1-42 and 46-67 are patentable.

Claims 43-45 are canceled by Patent Owner amendment.

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