UBIQUITOUS CONNECTIVITY AND CONTROL SYSTEM
FOR REMOTE LOCATIONS

Related Application

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Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a remote monitoring and control system for an environment. More specifically, the system relates to on demand bidirectional communication between a remote access unit and a multifunctional base control unit in a geographically remote location.

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Background of the Invention

In addition to a main residence, modern times provide people and families with vacation homes that are geographically remote from the regular places of residence. Also, owners of businesses generally have their place of business remote from their residence. These structures tend to be affected by changes in environmental characteristics, either natural (i.e., weather conditions), or nonnatural (i.e., vandalism, break-ins, etc.). Generally, a thermostat monitors the ambient temperature and regulates a heating/cooling appliance to keep the building within the predefined temperature range thereby accomplishing the typical environmental control. The typical thermostat only monitors the ambient temperatures. Where the building is in a volatile climatic region, it is not always feasible to maintain the full functions of the appliances year round. For example, a building located in a region known for very warm temperatures, if the owner resides several hundred miles away, there would be no need to activate a cooling system on an abnormally warm day during a virtually cool season. There is no system found that monitors the ambient environmental factors

within a predefined range of values, upon an exception to the predefined values, alerts the remotely located owner, and allows the owner to remotely redefine the acceptable environmental parameters. Thus a remote control system solving the aforementioned problem, as well as several others, is desired.

The home control industry is a rapidly growing, multi-billion dollar industry. This growth has been accompanied by the recent development of smart appliances and efforts to development a universal protocol for home control by major companies. The present invention provides the next major development in today's home control industry, ubiquitous connectivity and control of structure environment.

The home control industry has taken steps toward ubiquitous connectivity and control over the years, but these steps have fallen short until now. The home control industry has moved from ultrasonic remote control to infrared remote control to local RF remote control and on to land-line phone home-away-from-home remote control. The advent of improved cell phone technology provided more mobility and convenience to home-away-from-home control. High-speed and wireless Internet access has allowed

connectivity to the home through home-based and wireless laptop computers. While an advance in connectivity, mobile Internet connectivity, like its predecessors, is not without significant challenges, especially with mobility and convenience.

The invention of the microcontroller and microcomputer has spawned a robust industry in home automation. An endless number of systems have been created by hobbyist, commercial, and industrial developers. Processes and devices for which automation has been pioneered include audio systems, video systems, security and surveillance systems, lighting systems, watering and irrigation systems, systems for measurement of vital statistics for medical patients, and garage door openers, to name a few. The typical control architecture includes a transmitter and a receiver in which a command is issued by the transmitter and is executed in response by the receiver. Communications links have used radio frequency, infrared, and ultrasonic technologies.

Other technologies used for home automation include power line carrier and telephone line. Power line carrier and telephone line systems both have the benefit of being able to use existing facility wiring for communications. Each has its own benefits and

detriments. Power line systems operate on existing building electrical wiring while telephone line systems use existing telephone wiring. Electrical wiring is usually available in more locations within a building than is telephone wiring. Telephone line systems are generally more secure.

By far the most popular and ubiquitous power line carrier system is the X10. This system use transmitter, receiver, and controller modules connected to the building wiring, usually by plugging directly into an electrical outlet. Each module is individually addressed by a companion module, which is responsive to commands issued or received that are encoded with a preset digital address. The X10 system, like most power line carrier technologies, is characteristically confined to operation within a very limited area, such as within a single building. Newer interfaces have been developed to allow control of a broad range of external communications systems with X10 systems.

The need to expand the geographic range of control for a limited system, such as power line carrier, radio frequency, or infrared, led to the development of telephone interfaces, including voice, DTMF, and Caller ID. While such systems allow users to

exercise control of their facilities remotely, they are not as user friendly and often use tones or cryptic, hard-to-understand, digitized voice prompts. Often a long distance call from a pay telephone was required to access the controller, which had to be interfaced with the facility telephone network.

The availability of personal computers, the Internet, and broadband networks has fueled the explosion in the number of home automation methods and devices. Controlling software is available for Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and DOS based computers. Every imaginable type of input–output port has been used to communicate data into and out of a computer. Examples of available interfaces usable for home automation and control purposes include USB, parallel port, joystick, serial (RS–232, RS–422, RS–485 and the like), audio, ActiveX, and TCP/IP. Bidirectional communications have become more prevalent, allowing a remote operator to not only control but also to observe and monitor the tasks performed by the automation system. Internet–based utilities allow control and monitoring of systems from any computer anywhere in the world.

One of the most relevant entries into the home automation universe is the cellular telephone. In their most basic mode, cell phones can be used to control the same systems accessible by conventional telephones through the dial-up POTS network. A more advanced method involves the use of the cell phone network's short message service ("SMS") in which text messages are sent to and received from a controlled system. SMS messages travel on the same cellular network (on the same physical layer) as standard voice calls but on a different logical channel.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention uses an on-demand digital, private, and direct communications interface to overcome the shortcomings and limitations of current communications interfacing. A digital, private, and direct-connect remote controller provides instant wireless connectivity to the home from anywhere in the world without dialing a number or waiting for a number of tones to send a command or to know the status of conditions in the home; provides silent and constant direct two-way communication privately and globally, with the home for control and monitoring of key functions; eliminates

limitations, immobility, and inopportunities to connect, monitor and control the home, globally; can be configured to interface with many existing and future home automation systems and technologies; provides instant ubiquitous control for the end-user; and, if so desired, eliminates the need for the PC, modems and interconnected wiring.

The digital private direct connect controller allows the enduser to finally realize true global connectivity to and control of the home.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The above features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent upon reading the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a block diagram illustrating a connectivity and control system according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a block diagram of the remote control unit of the system of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a block diagram of the essential components of the remote control unit of the system of Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a block diagram of the base control unit of the system of Figure 1.

Similar reference characters denote corresponding features consistently throughout the attached drawings.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 illustrates a ubiquitous connectivity and control system 10 wherein a master remote control unit 12 at a geographically remote location 14 on demand interfaces with a base control unit 16 in a structure 18 to monitor and control associated devices 21 thereat through a short message and/or the data bearer cellular telephone network 22 including control towers 24. The system 10 further includes associated control units 26 that are enabled by the base control unit 16 to undertake select monitoring and controlling activities in a proximate area 28. Associated control units 26 and the master control unit 12 utilize the global position network 27 and/or the cellular telephone network 22 and towers 24 in order to determine their geographical

locations 14, 20 and report this information back to the base control unit 16 using the short message and /or data bearer services of the cellular telephone network 22 and control towers 24.

Referring to Figure 2, the master remote control unit 12 and associated remote control units 26 are Java/J2ME enable cellular telephones 30 having a keypad 32 with a plurality of keys 34 including a select button 36, and an LCD display 38 for displaying textual information 40 and graphical icons 42 responsive to commands received from the base control unit 16 or from other control units configured through base control unit 16 to work with system 10.

Referring to Figure 3, the cellular telephone 30 suitable as a remote control unit 12 or 26 includes a microcontroller 45 electrically interconnected with random access memory 44, read only memory 46, the keypad 32, and the LCD display 38. Power is supplied to the operational components by power control circuits 48 connected to rechargeable batteries 50. Wire 52 electrically interconnects charger 54 to system connector 49. Power from the system connector 49 is controlled through the system bus circuits 47 and microcontroller 45 to charge battery pack 50. The remote

control unit 12 communicates with external devices through the cellular RF interface circuits 56 connected to an antenna 58, a Bluetooth module 60, a universal serial bus (USB) module 62 or through system connector 49 and system bus circuits 47. Cellular voice and data communications are transmitted to and received from the cellular telephone network 22 by the wireless cellular rf circuits 56 in a conventional manner. The Bluetooth data is received and transmitted by the Bluetooth module 60. Global satellite positioning information is received by either an external GPS module 64 or by an integrated GPS receiver incorporated into the cellular RF circuits 56. Data from the external GPS receiver 64 is communicated over serial interface cable 67 connected to system connector 49 and is then transferred to microcontroller 45 through the system bus circuits 47. Audio communications are received on the microphone 66 and are transmitted on the audio speaker 68 through audio interface circuits 69.

The custom JAVA/J2ME application software is transferred into the ROM 46 for access by the microcontroller 45. The application software can be downloaded into the ROM 46 by transmission from the cellular network 22 to the antenna 58 to the microcontroller 45,

which stores the software therein. The application may also be downloaded by an external program device, such as a personal computer (not shown) by Bluetooth module 60, USB interface 62, or from the system connector 49. The RAM 44 provides service or scratchpad memory for computational use by microcontroller 45.

Referring to Figure 4, the base control unit 16 consists a wireless module 70 communicating with a microcontroller 106 for operating a number of separate subsystems. The microcontroller communicates with each of the subsystem components using either a serial or parallel communications bus depending upon the capabilities of the particular subsystem component.

The subsystems contained within the base control unit 16 consist of either off-the-shelf integrated circuits combined with discreet components or complete modules provided by other original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). As there are many different providers of components and modules, only one particular method of systems design and integration is described herein. Those skilled in the art will recognize that there are many ways to put together components and modules to achieve a design with similar features.

The base control unit 16 includes a plurality of communication interfaces 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84 86 and 88 for providing the means for remote control and remote monitoring of the various subsystems within the residential environment. Remote monitoring and control can be achieved through either the wireless module 70 or the Ethernet interface 82. A multi-purpose expansion bus 89 is a proprietary bus providing a custom communications interface for accessories developed exclusively for use with the base control unit.

The base control unit 16 consists of an antenna 90 which is attached to the wireless interface module 70. The antenna connection may be made either directly through a connector incorporated as part of the antenna or through a coaxial cable so that the antenna 90 may be mounted at a location remote from the base control unit.

The wireless interface module 70 provides both voice and data communications capabilities to the base control unit 16 through audio interface 94, power interface 96 and I/O interface 98. A microphone 100 and a speaker 102 provide for voice communications to the user through the audio interface 94 of the wireless interface module 70. The power interface 96 provides

power to the module 70 via power supply 104 and also allows a system microcontroller 106 to control the on/off state of the module. The power supply 104 is connected to the structure power supply through connector 108. The I/O interface 98 provides for a data pathway for digital communications over bus 110 as well as providing the means for the system microcontroller 106 to control the various communications aspects of the wireless module 70. Data communicated over bus 110 is RS232 ASCII or text "AT" commands commonly used in telephone modem instruction sets.

The user interacts with the base station through keypad 120 and LCD display 112 to the system microcontroller 106.

Applications software embedded into the on-board ROM of the microcontroller 106 provides the functionality for interpreting the keypad 120 input and for displaying appropriate messages on the LCD display 112. Alternatively, the LCD display 112 may be of the well known touch pad design in which the keypad 120 functions are performed by pressing against predetermined screen areas that correspond to key designations. Further, the LCD Display 112 and keypad 120 may be eliminated completely with the base control unit 16 including web services that enable communication through one

of the communications interfaces, such as the Ethernet 82 interface or the USB interface 80, to a connected personal computer equipped with a web browser or other communications software. The base control unit 16 is TCP/IP enabled, permitting its direct connection to a local area network or directly to the Internet. With this configuration, programming and customization of the applications software in the base control unit can be performed from anywhere in the world with an Internet connection.

The interfaces of the base control unit 16 provide for the control and the monitoring of a variety of subsystems within the residential environment as well as providing a means of expanding the functionality of the base station through the use of industry standard interface technologies including universal serial bus (USB) 80; the Ethernet (10/100/1000 Base–T) bus 82 and the RS–232 serial bus 78.

The interface 76, environmental sensor network, is implemented as a 1-Wire® network allowing for a number of various types of temperature, humidity, light-level and other sensors to be monitored by the base control unit 16. The 1-Wire® network is expandable to a wide array of devices including general purpose

digital and analog I/O devices which would allow for the control of actuators and relays that may be useful for control of air dampers, water control valves, electronic windows, vents and other such devices utilized within a typical residential environment.

The interface 74, the air handling control systems interface, provides the means by which the base station serves to control the heating, air conditioning and other air handling equipment within the residence. This interface is designed to replace the standard thermostat that is typically used within residential heating and cooling systems. The interface 74 may provide multi–zone thermostat functions control as well as an interface to electronic air dampers. The thermostat portion of the base control unit is capable of controlling an unlimited number of zones.

The serial data bus interface 78 allows for data communications with the wide range of devices on the market that support this type of communications interface. Examples of such data communications include desk top computers, modems, and fax machines.

The USB interface 80 allows the base control unit 16 to communicate with other devices that support this type of interface.

This bus can be used to expand the capabilities of the base station and add support for: persistent data storage; peripheral expansion devices (digital cameras etc); and other wireless interfaces (Bluetooth, 802.11).

The Digital Analog and I/O interfaces 84 and 86 respectively allow the base control unit to connect to a wide array of devices that interface to the real world. This allows the base control unit to serve as a bridge between simple devices and the networks to which the base station is connected. Examples of such would include: alarm systems; electronic locks; gate controls; pressure transducers; contact closures; and relays.

The multi-purpose expansion bus 89 is a proprietary bus that allows for the addition of custom accessories developed exclusively for use with the base station.

The power line interface 72 allows the base control unit to communicate over the power line to devices that support a power line communications interface. Examples of these type of interfaces are X10 and HomePlug.

The remote control units 12, 26 take advantage of either GPS Assisted ("GPSA") technology, an external GPS unit 64 or location

based information provided by the cellular network 22. GPSA technology uses cellular-based location information provided by cellular infrastructure pursuant to the E911 protocol or mandate. With GPSA, cellular telephone towers locations have their own GPS receivers installed such that their coordinates are already known and can be readily communicated to the remote control units such that the normal three to five minute delay inherent in GPS position determination is avoided. For remote control units without GPSA technology, an external GPS can be used to communicate geographic location to the software within the remote control unit. The cellular carrier can further provide location based information to the cellular handset by using the cellular towers to determine its geographic location.

Each remote control unit 12, 26 communicates with the base control unit 16 to affect the operational aspects thereof and peripheral equipment operatively attached thereto. For example, a remote control unit can command the base control unit 16 to enter an energy conservation mode. The user moves the cursor of the LCD screen 38 until the desired operational icon 42 is highlighted. The function associated with the icon 42 by the applications software is

triggered by pressing the select button 36. The applications software communicates the command to the base control unit 16 through the cellular telephone network 22. The command string so transmitted is received and processed by the base control unit 16. Upon entering this mode the base control unit 16 adjusts air handling systems, open or close dampers, open or close window coverings, and adjusts operation of a hot water heater to conserve power consumption of the home. In the preferred embodiment, the remote control units are conventional cellular telephone handsets that are equipped with a programming kernel, such as Java or J2ME that enables the telephone to be customized to perform functions that are not typical of standard cellular telephone operation. For example, to use a cellular telephone that has a home automation terminal in its conventional mode, the user would have to enter a telephone number, dial into a home automation controller, and press the telephone keys to send DTMF audio signals to the controller. After the session is completed, the user has to manually disconnect from the cellular network. The data path between the remote control unit and the base control unit is SMS ("simple message service".) However, the implemented port addressing

scheme allows short messages to the remote control unit to bypass standard cellular telephone functions and to operate the features of the unit independently. The desired port to be addressed on the receiving unit is configured in the user data header of the SMS message that is transmitted to the receiving unit as is well known in the art. Further, the various remote control units can send SMS information to and from one another, exclusive of the base control unit in order to change the status information for a particular user. For example, if one remote control unit desires to be inactive, a command is sent to the other remote control unit to change the personal status thereof as displayed on the other units. Similarly, the remote control units can send SMS messages to the applications running in the other remote control units to affect operation parameters of those receiving remote control units.

By way of illustration, if the base control unit notifies the remote control unit of an activation of an alarm system associated with the base control unit, the remote control unit receives textual messages and graphical indicators to alert the user. The user acknowledges receipt of the alert by pressing a button or entering a code. The communication does not involve the voice mode for

communicating between the two units. Use of a conventional programmable cellular telephone readily meets the regulatory requirement that a device that participates in the cellular network be FCC or CTIA approved.

SMS port addressing allows Mobile Terminated SMS messages to be processed within the cellular telephone's application software without user intervention. Such uses include Voice Mail notifications, Wireless Access Protocol WAP, E-mail, and Phone Provisioning. The Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (http://www.iana.com) is responsible for defining the use of the various ports and specific ranges of numbers have been assigned for use by application software.

When the Java software application is operationally accessed by microcontroller 45 and started within the remote control unit 12, it attaches itself to a specific port for the reception of SMS messages. All Mobile Terminated (MT) SMS messages that contain a User Data Header (UDH) that indicate a port address, such as 50120, will be forwarded to the application software for processing.

The following AT command sequence is illustrative of the commands the base station unit 16 sends to the wireless module 70

over serial communications interface 110 to send a message to the remote control unit 12 to notify it that the temperature in zone 0 is currently 72 degrees:

 $ATE=0 \ Turn off echoing of characters sent to the module$

AT+CMGF=0 \rSet Module in PDU Message format

AT+CMGS=44 \r Total length of PDU is 44 octets

0041000AC10294268088000023060504C3C800003C7AB90D

07E9DFEE724F041381EC6176BDDC13DD64A2970F <ctrl-Z>

The base control unit 16 is configured to interact with and respond to multiple remote control units 12. If multiple remote control units 12, or associate units 26 are deployed, one of the remote control units could be considered a master and all others could be considered slaves. Specific operational characteristics of the base control unit 16 may be configured as to only respond to commands from the master remote control unit. Alternatively, the remote control units may be segregated into classes such that the base control unit responds to commands and communicates

selected information to a class containing one or more remote control units. An example would be a first class consisting of remote control units operated by parents and a second class consisting of remote control units operated by children. Information pertaining to the activities of the children may be selectively reported by the base control unit to the parents. By way of illustration, when a child operating a remote control unit in the second class disarms the alarm system prior to entering the residence controlled by the base control unit, parents in the parent class are notified accordingly that the child has arrived at home. The class assignments and configurations are easily customized to provide the notifications desired by the authoritative system operators, in this case, the parents.

The GPS receiver module 64 including antenna 65 is optionally incorporated into the remote control unit 12 for allowing the remote control unit to communicate position information to the base control unit 16. The GPS may also be incorporated into wireless module 56, as in newer CDMA 2000 compatible cellular modules. This feature allows the base control unit to change its operational characteristics based upon the location of the remote control unit(s).

For example, the base control unit may adjust the water temperature and thermostats when one of the remote control units comes within a specific distance from the house. The geographic information that is acquired by the GPS subsystem in the remote control unit (whether it is a separate GPS unit or part of the module) can be compared to settings stored in either the remote control unit itself or the base control unit to provide capabilities such as Geo–Fencing, Asset Tracking, and Bio–Location (knowing where a living entity is located).

In the preferred embodiment, the position data are derived from NEMA data received from the GPS component. NEMA data includes latitude, longitude, time, velocity, and heading information. Each information packet is streamed once per second. Data are captured by the remote control unit, they are processed by its application software, and the results are transmitted by portaddressed SMS to the base control unit for proximity detection. Specific remote control units can be configured in such a way that they send a status message to the base control unit if they exceed a programmed set of boundary conditions. If desired, the base control

unit can on its own initiative query the remote control unit to learn its geographic location.

Geographic location information is programmed into the base control unit through keypad 120. Additionally, the geographic location of the base control unit may be entered into a GPS-enabled remote control unit through the application software user interface. A user-determined distance is then programmed into the remote control unit. When the remote control unit travels a distance that exceeds the programmed distance from the base control unit, the remote control unit reports this information to the base control unit. The base control unit will then send this information to the appropriate user or to a predetermined class of users. This is an example of geo-fencing and would be typically used to notify parents that one of their children has traveled beyond a set distance from the home.

The base control unit communicates status information to the remote control unit either on a periodic or event-driven basis. It can initiate communications based on its aggregated inputs, or it can respond to individual requests and commands received from the remote control unit.

Examples of events that could cause the base control unit to initiate a communications session with the remote control unit include fire or burglar alarm activation, HVAC or freezer temperature thresholds exceeded, equipment failures, an air filter change necessary, a change in the home state vector, (occupied, unoccupied) or a geographical boundary condition exceeded by of one of the other remote control units.

In addition to communicating status information to the remote control unit, the base control unit will, as programmed, initiate corrective action for the indicated event. For example, upon communicating an alarm activation message to a remote control unit, the base control unit, upon detecting the presence of an authorized user arriving at the local location, could disable the alarm system. Upon the detection of a member of an authorized class member, the base control unit can start the operation of the whirlpool bath in anticipation of the user's arrival, turn on specified interior and exterior lighting, or increase or decrease the thermostatic set point for the heater or air conditioner.

Yet additional geographical dependent operation or control may be provided by the inherent aspects of Bluetooth wireless

technology presently available from a wide variety of professional and consumer electronic equipment manufacturers and vendors. Bluetooth radio-frequency protocol enabled devices allow totally wireless operation of devices such as computers, computer keyboards, printers, pointing devices, digital audio players, headphones, computer games, personal digital assistances, remote controls, and the like. Each Bluetooth device is characterized by one of three power classes: Class 1 is designed for long range (approximately 100m) devices, with a maximum output power of 20 dBm; Class 2 is for ordinary range devices (approximately 10m) devices, with a maximum output power of 4 dBm; and Class 3 is for short range devices (approximately 10cm) devices, with a maximum output power of 0 dBm. Class 2 devices are used in the preferred embodiment as they provide a beneficially sized geographic range or fence around the local location to allow the system to provide presence detection functionality.

Each chipset in a Bluetooth enabled device has a unique serial or identification number. To enable the base control unit to recognize and respond to the presence of a Bluetooth enabled device, the device must be physically held within operable range of

the control unit. The user instructs the control unit to request authorization from the Bluetooth device. An authorization code is manually entered into the base control unit and then into Bluetooth device. If the unique identification or serial number entered into each unit matches, it is stored and associated with the particular user or class of users, and the base control unit and the Bluetooth enable device are authenticated and are in communication with each other. At a periodic interval, the base control unit directs the Bluetooth master unit (located in the base control unit) to do a device discovery and report back the unique identification numbers it finds. If an identification number is not discovered, the user is assumed not within close proximity of the base control unit, which then reports the results to the designated class of users. If desired or necessary based on environmental circumstances, the Bluetooth receiver can be remotely located from the base control unit for controlled reception or to compensate for radio frequency coverage problems. The Bluetooth enabled device could be a cellular telephone, a watch, an MP3 player, a pendant, or any other Bluetooth equipped device compatible with current Bluetooth standards.

In the preferred embodiment, the Bluetooth enabled remote control unit may be programmed using Java J2ME to send a message to other remote control units when they detect a specific base station control units. This feature allows multiple base station control units in a large environment and the case that the remote control unit handles the notification.

While the preferred embodiment employs popular Bluetooth technology, it should be appreciated and understood that other presently available technologies, such as 802.11(x), or future technologies can be used in the same manner as Bluetooth. The base control and remote control units each contain application software that is readily modifiable to adapt to a new or different technology or protocol.

Application software within the systems microcontroller 106 provides for autonomous control that is either preprogrammed at the time of manufacture or customized by the end user of the base station for their specific needs. Examples of autonomous control include: shut down of the air handling system if a fire is detected, thereby the spread of smoke and the possibility of "fanning" the fire; adjusting of indoor temperature and humidity settings depending

upon conditions and information such as outdoor environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity, sun load and wind, short-term weather forecasts, family schedule and activities, structure occupancy, context, location of users; shutdown of sensitive electronic components and subsystems in cases of severe weather, or failures in other subsystems; closing and opening of windows and/or window coverings to conserve energy; control of sprinkler systems based upon current weather conditions and weather forecasts. The application software includes a macro language interpreter to enable efficient end-user customization and future expansion to the system. A macro is a miniature computer program activated by a symbol, name, or key that represents a list of commands, actions, or keystrokes. A macro allows a local or remote user to enter a single character or word to perform a series of predetermined actions.

Base control unit 16 further comprises the Ethernet interface 82 to respond to external web services generally accessible through an Internet connection. For example, at present, weather services on the Internet can be queried using the SOAP protocol. The services respond with timely weather information, typically encoded in XML.

The base control unit 16 understands and interprets that received information and responds according to instructions, including macros, programmed into its application software. Such capability allows the base control unit to take actions, like causing the sprinkler system to bypass its scheduled watering cycle should rain be forecast. Other information services allow other responses. A school system's notification that schools are being released early due to inclement weather conditions could cause the base control unit to notify the class containing the parental remote control users of the decision to afford the parent the opportunity to make transportation and custodial decisions with regard to their children in the schools. The application software is RSS-aware and is capable of receiving and responding accordingly to RSS feeds. RSS ("really simple syndication") is an efficient and popular web content syndication serial data format. Any information that can be broken down into discrete data items can be syndicated via RSS. Once information about each item is in RSS format, in the present invention, the base control unit examines the feed for changes and reacts to the changes in an appropriate way. The Ethernet bridge

function is easily updated and expanded by an upload of revised application software to the base control unit.

Messages from the remote control unit 12 to the base control unit 16 do not need to rely on port addressing for processing. The base control unit 16 uses a cellular telephone module that does not contain a user interface. The processing of SMS messages is handled by the base control unit applications software.

The base control unit 16 commands the cellular module to send newly received SMS messages directly to the base control unit 16 over the serial port using unsolicited result codes. Upon receipt of a new message the cellular module sends the following:

+CMT: <length> <CR> <LF> <pdu>

Where <length> is the length of the <pdu> element

<CR> is carriage return and <LF> is line feed.

<pdu> is the Short Message data in either PDU or text format.

The base control unit 16 processes the data according the content of the message data.

Although port addressing is not currently used when messages are sent from the remote control unit 12 to the base control unit 16 software (it still is used within the base control unit 16 cellular

module for provisioning and control from the carriers), the system can utilize the port addressing to direct messages to specific subsystems that are tied to the base control unit 16.

The present invention thus provides an on-demand bidirectional communications interface for monitoring, controlling, and securing various environment functions and characteristics attendant the interior and exterior of a building. The system may thus monitor and control temperature, and a myriad of other environmental functions of the building include, by way of example and not limitation, temperature, power status for the building and discrete applications therein, humidity/moisture, smoke/toxic gases, structural breaches, security status, visual conditions and a host of other natural and non-natural phenomena.

The base control unit is preferably mounted at an appropriate location on a wall within the building to provide a local access for regulation. The base control unit is locally operatively interfaced with a plurality of sensors and devices systematically distributed throughout the building and communicating according to varying protocols such as infrared, radio frequency, X–10, and hard wiring.

The sensors provide continuous measurement and status of target environmental characteristics. Examples of sensor applications include utilities status, moisture and humidity detection, door and window condition, and the like. Associated controlled devices providing operational functions refrigeration, water heating, security cameras, illumination devices, and the like.

The air handling unit receives signals from the associated sensors and communicates them to the base control unit 16 that, based on the processed measured characteristics thereof, activates or deactivates one or more of the devices of the unit in response to the measurement. For example, if the temperature sensor exceeds a preset value, the HVAC unit is activated, and when the measured characteristic is within a preset value range, the unit is deactivated. In addition, when a measured characteristic exceeds a predetermined value range, an alarm signal may be transmitted to a remote control unit 14 to provide an audible, tactile, and/or visual indication. Thus, if utility sensor S2 indicates a loss of electrical, water, or communications service, a signal is sent to the remote control unit 14 and the operator thereof has the ability to take corrective action in response thereto. Also, the operator may invoke

the a command from the remote control unit 14 to the base control unit 16 to activate a select device such as the HVAC unit, a water heater, a refrigeration appliance or other discrete device remotely in order to prepare the building for occupancy by the operator or designee.

The sensors for the system are distributed throughout the building to detect the environmental characteristics of the building. These characteristics include, but are not limited to, temperature, humidity/moisture, smoke/toxic gases, structural breaches, and a host of other natural and non-natural phenomena.

In a conventional thermostat, a temperature sensor and switch automatically control a heating or cooling appliance when the sensed temperature is beyond a preset value. The thermostatic interface of the invention would include a temperature sensor that constantly monitors the environmental temperature and control of a heating and/or cooling appliance to maintain the building at a substantially constant temperature.

The thermostatic interface also receives other environmental characteristics of the building and responds in a like manner. For example, a sensor would monitor the humidity (or moisture content

of the air) of the building. If the temperature monitored by temperature sensor is within the preset range value, a conventional thermostat would not adjust the heating and/or cooling appliance to regulate the moisture content, thus presenting favorable environment for the growth on molds and mildew. The thermostatic interface receives the humidity value measured by the humidity sensor, determines that the value exceeds a predefined limit, and generates an alarm signal that is transmitted as an alarm signal via the communication link to the remote control unit. The operator receives the information and transmits a control signal from the remote access unit to the base control unit via the communication link and activates the appropriate appliance in response thereto, thus reducing the humidity value to acceptable levels and preventing the progression of mold and mildew growth.

The sensors are distributed according to a predetermined plan that effectively makes the "most likely place" for a change in environmental characteristics to be sensed. For example, several smoke/toxic gas sensors would be distributed about the ceilings and floors so as to identify the presence of smoke (i.e. fire) or carbon monoxide (i.e. toxic gas), and relaying the measured

characteristic to the thermostat. Other types of sensors would be optimally placed in order to monitor the egression of water into the building, lighting striking the building, suspension or cessation of a provided utility (i.e., electric power, water and sewer provisions, natural gas), collapse of the building or a portion thereof due to weather (i.e., tornado, hurricane, blizzard), or breach of the building security (i.e., break-ins). The sensors may be hard wired through the structure of the building. Also, the sensors may have a wireless communication. The optimal presentation would be a dual connection, such a hard-wired and wireless communication, e.g., a transmitter/receiver. This provides maximum effective monitoring of the building because the hard wiring would alleviate the need for constant battery monitoring, likewise, the wireless communication provides monitoring should the absence of electrical power be a factor. For example, the combined hard wired and wireless connection of the sensors to the unit allows the monitoring of the building and generates the alarm when the power is lost due to an area wide electrical outage. The unit transmits that information (i.e., the loss of electrical power) to the remote control unit and the operator is aware that the electrical power is absent. If the loss of

electrical power were due to a nefarious figure seeking to breach the building, i.e., breaking a window to gain access, a security sensor would still be able to provide the base control unit with an indication that the building has a security breach. The base control unit, operating under an alternate electrical power supply such as a backup battery, would generate a subsequent alarm signal and transmit the subsequent alarm signal for routing through the direct connect wireless for immediate transmission to the remote control unit, thereby alerting the operator that in addition to the loss of electrical power, the security of the building has been breached. The operator can thereby contact the law enforcement facility of the local jurisdiction and have an immediate response. If the remote control units are organized in classes, such as "managers", the information would be almost simultaneously provided to each member of the class who would have a need to receive and react to it.

In addition to main residence use, the system is typically suited for a vacation/second dwelling, a business concern, or any building structure that is not constantly occupied. For example, if the thermostat control system is installed in a vacation home in one

locality, the operator may effectively be in any other portion of the globe so long as an effective communication link is provided with the remote control unit 14.

Multiple base station units could be controlled through a single cellular phone for those instances where a person desires to have systems installed in multiple residences. The application software uses the Source Address field of the message to distinguish between different base control units 16.

It is to be understood that the present invention is not limited to the embodiments described above, but encompasses any and all embodiments within the scope of the following claims.

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;

a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages;

wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit;

means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device;

input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device;

means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

2. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition.

- 3. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.
- 4. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said remote device is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means.
- 5. The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.
- 6. The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.
- 7. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting and receiving unit in said remote device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network.

- 8. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for providing an indication of current status to said base unit and said means for transmitting said indication of current status is a short message service (SMS) message carried along a cellular telephone network.
- 9. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is a liquid crystal display module.
- 10. The system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to environmental conditions being monitored or controlled.
- 11. The system as recited in claim 8 including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto.
- 12. A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status, and receive an indication of revised status:

a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; and

send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to:

receive the indication of current status from the device:

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the

wireless connection from the wireless remote device as the second SMS message;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

- 13. The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises a first wireless connection interfacing with the wireless base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the wireless remote device, and a non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection.
- 14. The system of claim 12 wherein the device includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with the device for controlling the environmental condition.
- 15. The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless base unit further comprises a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.

- 16. The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless remote device further comprises a cellular telephone handset.
- 17. The system of claim 16 wherein the cellular telephone handset includes at least one of a customizable JAVA programming kernel and a customizable J2ME programming kernel.
- 18. The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises a cellular telephone network.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A thermostat control system for monitoring and controlling environmental characteristics of a building includes a base station unit and a remote access unit continuously interfacing through instant wireless private direct connectivity. The system also includes a plurality of sensors that measure the environmental characteristics and provide the thermostat unit with the measurements.

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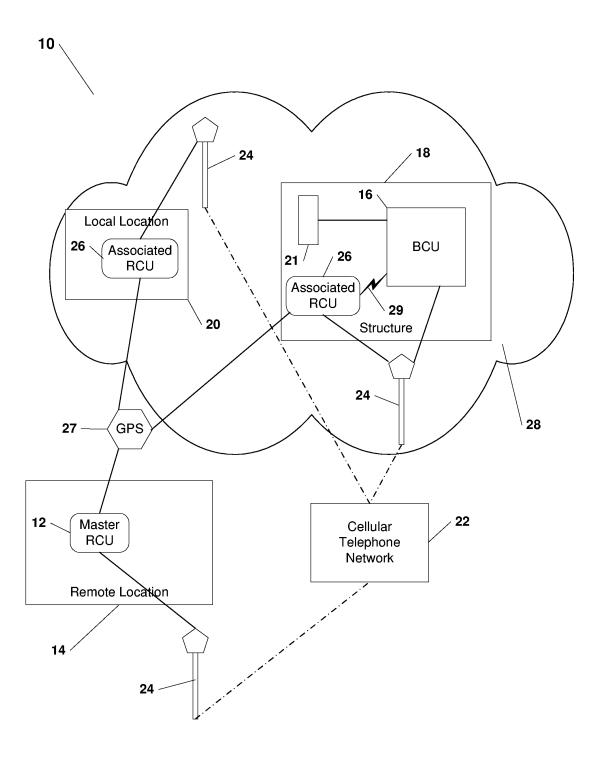


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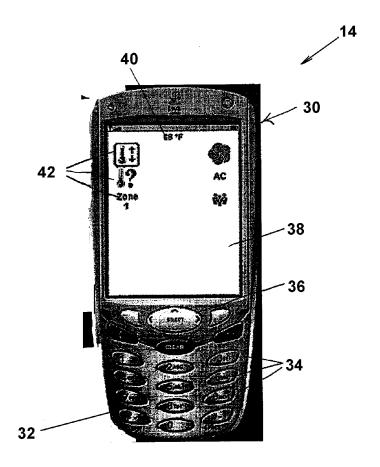
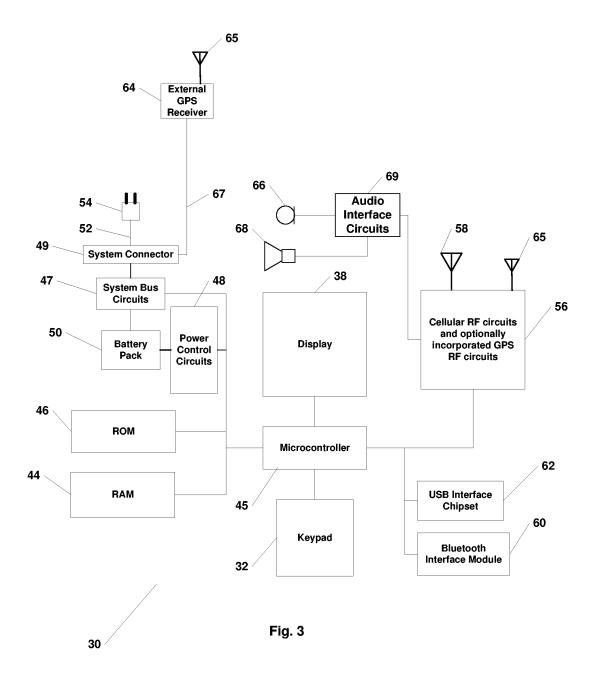


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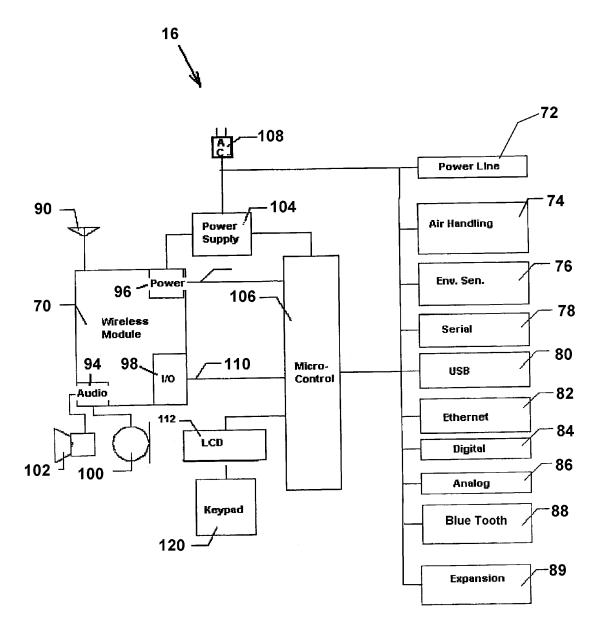


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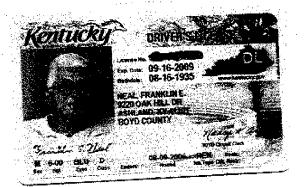
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This amendment is being filed prior to the issuance of a first office action. The status of the pending claims is set forth in the Claims Status below.

CLAIM STATUS

1. (Original) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;

a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages;

wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit;

means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device;

input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device;

means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

2. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition.

- 3. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.
- 4. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said remote device is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means.
- 5. (Original) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.
- 6. (Original) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.
- 7. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting and receiving unit in said remote device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network.

- 8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for providing an indication of current status to said base unit and said means for transmitting said indication of current status is a short message service (SMS) message carried along a cellular telephone network.
- 9. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is a liquid crystal display module.
- 10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to environmental conditions being monitored or controlled.
- 11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 8 including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto.
- 12. (Original) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status, and receive an indication of revised status:

a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; and

send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to:

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message;

receive the indication of current status from the device:

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the

wireless connection from the wireless remote device as the second SMS message;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

- 13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises a first wireless connection interfacing with the wireless base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the wireless remote device, and a non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection.
- 14. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the device includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with the device for controlling the environmental condition.

- 15. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless base unit further comprises a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless remote device further comprises a cellular telephone handset.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the cellular telephone handset includes at least one of a customizable JAVA programming kernel and a customizable J2ME programming kernel.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises a cellular telephone network.
- 19. (New) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:
- a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;

a remote device adapted to send and receive messages using short message service (SMS) and/or data bearer service over a cellular network;

wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device with said service and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit;

means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device using said service as a first message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device based on said first message;

input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second message, wherein the second message includes information associated with the remote device;

means for transmitting said second message using said service including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

20. (New) A connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status, and receive an indication of revised status;

a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first message using short message and/or data bearer services of a cellular network via a wireless

connection, said first message including the indication of the current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of said first message;

display said first message; and

send a second message via said wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device; transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as using said services of said cellular network;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection from the wireless remote device using said services;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and

send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant is adding claims 19 and 20 and presenting for consideration claims 1 through 20.

It is submitted that claims 1 through 20 recite patentable novelty over prior art and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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In re Application of Charles G. Shamoon et al. Application No. 11/686,993 Filed: March 16, 2007 Attorney Docket No. 8006-06-07

DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed April 20, 2007, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes statement from the applicant Franklin Eugene Neal declaring that he is 65 years of age or older. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at 571-272-2991.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 2614 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Terri Williams
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. 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.
- 2. Claim1, 3, 4, 7-10, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1).

Regarding claims 1 and 19, Shamoon discloses a ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure ([0024], also see Fig. 1), comprising: a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure ([0018]); means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device ([0045], lines 1-5, also see [0047], lines 1-5 wherein the user is enabled to reconfigure/enter the temperature condition revised status for said device.

However, Shamoon lacks the teachings of a base unit a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages (col. 6, lines 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9); wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit (col.

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3, lines 46-58); means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message (col. 7, lines 10-20); display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device ([0021]); input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit

In the same field of endeavor, Heinonen discloses a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit; means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message; display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device; input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit.

However, Shamoon and Heinonen still fails to teach input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a

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second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device; means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

In the same field of endeavor, Kim teaches input means ([0012], lines 1-5 and [0024] wherein the input means/user terminal 7 prescribes an indication of adequate status to be set device) at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device ([0013]); the server is adapted to authenticate the SMS message using the information associated with the remote device ([0012], lines 5-12); means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device ([0014]).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to implement the teachings of input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of adequate status to be set device) at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device the server is adapted to authenticate the SMS message using the information associated with the remote device means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device as taught by Shamoon and Heinonen which extents the range of the access control while maintaining the convenience of using existing cellular infrastructure with the timely SMS alert in order to establish the intrusion of the third party.

Regarding claims 3 and 15, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches all the limitations as applied to claims 1 and 12. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-

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based processing unit having customizable application specific software (col. 4, lines 40-44, also see col. 8, lines 14-33 wherein the BSC features the microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software).

Regarding claims 4 and 18, Shamoon in view of Heinonen teaches all the limitations as applied to claims 1 and 12. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said remote device is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means (col. 7, lines 13-24).

Regarding claim 7, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting an receiving unit in said remote device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network (col. 7, lines 35-49).

Regarding claim 8, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen teaches the system wherein said means for providing an indication of current status to said base unit and said means for transmitting said indication of current status is a short message service carried along a cellular telephone network (col. 6, lines 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9).

Regarding claim 9, Shamoon further teaches the system recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is a liquid crystal display module ([0042]).

Regarding claim 10, Shamoon further teaches the system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to environmental conditions being monitored or controlled ([0032]).

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Regarding claim 12 and 20, Shamoon discloses a system with ubiquitous connectivity and communication system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising: a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure ([0018]), send an indication of current status ([0018], lines 1-6), and receive an indication of revised status ([0045], [0047]) wherein the user is enabled to reconfigure/enter the temperature condition revised status for said device); notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status ([0018], also see [0034] wherein the security system requires the user to be authorized before the receipt of an indication of current status can be notified to the user to prevent the trespassed party for entering the premise).

However, Shamoon lacks the teachings of a wireless remote device adapted to: receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device; and send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device; transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message; receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote as the second SMS message.

In the same field of endeavor, Heinonen discloses a system wherein a wireless remote device is adapted to: receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device

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(col. 6, line 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9); and a wireless base unit associated with the structure (col. 3, lines 46-58) adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device (col. 6, line 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9); transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message (col. 3, lines 46-58); receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message (col. 3, lines 46-58 wherein the response/revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device/measurement data is included in the responding personal message to the user's mobile station).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to modify the teachings of receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device; and send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device; transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message; receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message; receive the indication revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote as the second SMS message; authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device as taught by Heinonen in order to incorporate the cellular network remote access control and SMS

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messaging scheme.

However, Heinonen still lacks the teaching of authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

In the same field of endeavor, Kim discloses the system of authenticating the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device ([0012], lines 5-12).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to adapt the teachings of authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device as taught by Kim in order to establish comprehensive access control mechanism with enhanced security and to prevent the intrusion of the third party from the premise.

Regarding claim 13, Shamoon in view of Heinonen teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen teaches the system wherein Heinonen further teaches the system connection further comprises a first wireless connection interfacing with the wireless base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the wireless remote device (col. 2, lines 60-67 -> col. 3, lines 1-6), and a non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection (col. 9, lines 60-67, also see Fig. 4).

Regarding claim 16, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. Heinonen further teaches the system wherein the wireless remote device further comprises a cellular

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telephone handset (col. 8, lines 14-19).

Claims 2 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) of Ljunggren (US PGPub 2004/0260406 A1).

Regarding claims 2 and 14, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches the system discussed in claims 1 and 12. However, the combination of Heinonen and Kim lacks the teaching of the system wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition.

In the same field of endeavor, Ljunggren discloses the system wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition ([0034], [0035]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the time of the invention to implement the teachings of the system wherein said device includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition as taught by Ljunggren in order to establish efficient relay functionality to execute the remote control and access.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) and further in view of Cocciadiferro (US Pat 7610113 B2).

Regarding claim 5, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches the system discussed in claim 4. However, the combination of

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Shamoon, Heinonen and Kim lacks the teaching of the system wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.

In the same field of endeavor, Cocciadifferro teaches the system wherein said custom programmability means is JAVA programming kernel (col. 15, lines 66-67 -> col. 16, lines 1-5).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to adapt the teaching of the system wherein said custom programmability means is JAVA programming kernel as taught by Cocciadiferro in order to utilize the ubiquitous JAVA application environment and use it to optimize the control access system software configuration.

Claims 6 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) and further in view of Ahya (US PGPub 2005/0259618 A1).

Regarding claim 6, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches the system discussed in claim 4. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen and Kim lacks the teaching of system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.

In the same field of endeavor, Ahya teaches the system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel ([0029]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to adapt the teaching of the system of system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel as taught by Ahya in order to adaptively implement the remote access control on the cellular or other consumer electronic apparatus.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over

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Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) and further in view of a well known art.

Regarding claim 11, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches the system discussed in claim 8. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen and Kim lack the teaching of the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto.

The examiner takes official notice that the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto because the system disclosed by the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen and Kim with the controller on the wireless device in conjunction to the BSC is configured to be necessitated in transmitting or suspend/disable the transmission according to the feasible response with respect to the current environmental condition and status.

Conclusion

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2010, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

Remarks

Claims 1-20 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-10, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1); Claims 2 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) of Ljunggren (US PGPub 2004/0260406 A1); Claim 5 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2004/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) and further in view of Cocciadiferro (US Pat 7610113 B2); and Claims 6 and 17 were are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2004/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) and further in view of Ahya (US PGPub 2005/0259618 A1); and Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2004/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Kim (US PGPub 2004/0092282 A1) and further in view of a well known art.

These rejections are respectively traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that Shamoon does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including the means for transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote

device in independent claim 1, albeit defined as sending a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device in independent claim 12, albeit defined as a remote device adapted to send and receive messages using short message service (SMS) and/or data bearer service over a cellular network in independent claim 19 and albeit defined as authenticating the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device in independent claim 20.

Shamoon discloses a thermostat and remote control apparatus that is made up of a housing, an interface disposed in the housing, a plurality of icons on the interface, which correspond to a set of controls for items that can be controlled by the apparatus, a display screen, which indicates the current temperature setting, time and date, a recessed program and enter button that allows a user to enter temperature settings to a thermostat, a clear button for deleting any entered information, an electric cradle that is used to recharge the apparatus, a universal serial bus port (USB) that is used to connect a computerized device to the apparatus, an RS-232 port to standardize a transmission of serial data between any devices and the apparatus and a microcontroller for processing information and data. The apparatus specifically utilizes infrared and radio frequency technology for transmitting and receiving information from various items.

There is nothing in Shamoon to suggest SMS messaging.

It is respectfully submitted that Heinonen does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including means for transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device in the various forms in independent claims 1, 12, 19 and 20.

Heinonen discloses automatic environmental measuring stations being connected in a physical connection with base stations of a cellular radio system which stations measure

certain basic phenomena of the atmosphere and/or the concentrations of certain substances in the air. The information of the measurements is transferred using a base station over the cellular radio system to central equipment either as regular reports or as acute alarms if any alarm limit is exceeded. The information may also be transmitted over the base station of the cellular radio system to mobile stations in the area of the base station in the form of individually tailored reports and alarms.

There is nothing in Heinonen to suggest the second SMS message.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that Shamoon and/or Heinonen does not disclose or suggest the second SMS messaging as evidenced by the fourth page of the office action. It is respectfully submitted that Kim does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including means for transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device in the various forms in independent claims 1, 12, 19 and 20.

Kim discloses a remote control system and a remote control method of an electronic appliance, capable of controlling an electronic appliance remotely by means of <u>a user's terminal accessible to the Internet</u>, without constructing a separate network. Kim requires an Internet connection 3 at the user terminal 7 to communicate with the remote server 5 and the electronic apparatus 10. A telephone network 32 is used between a telephone signal trains made unit 24 and a telephone network accessing unit 12 to provide a dialtone multi-frequency (DTMF) control of the electronic appliance.

There is nothing in Kim to suggest that SMS messaging.

The Kim system requires the Internet to operate his remote control system. There are many places and times where the Internet is simply not available. Typically, Internet access may not be available while traveling in a vehicle.

The present invention advantageously uses SMS messaging which does not require the Internet. The coverage of SMS messaging may be broader and more available than Internet coverage.

It is respectfully submitted that Ljunggren does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including means for transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device in the various forms in independent claims 1, 12, 19 and 20.

Ljunggren discloses a system for controlling at least one residential property in a plurality of connected residential networks. The system comprises a remote control unit arranged to control residential properties, which remote control unit via the Internet is in connection with an access network, which is provided and supported by a telecommunications operator. Each connected residential network is divided into an open branch containing content terminals, such as a personal computer and an interactive information terminal. Furthermore the system includes a service gateway is arranged in a secure branch of the residential network, the secure branch is provided with subcontroller means, each of which is in bi-directional connection with at least one sensor, the sub-controller means being adapted to activate various residential properties, measurement values from the sensors are transmitted via the sub-controller means to the service gateway, where they are compiled, and the service gateway is controlled by the remote control unit in a way that measurement values from different sensors are combined.

There is nothing in Ljunggren to suggest SMS messaging. The Ljunggren system requires the Internet to operate his remote control system.

There are many places and times where the Internet is simply not available. Typically, Internet access may not be available while traveling in a vehicle.

The present invention advantageously uses SMS messaging which does not require the Internet. The coverage of SMS messaging may be broader and more available than Internet coverage.

It is respectfully submitted that Cocciadiferro does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including means for transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device in the various forms in independent claims 1, 12, 19 and 20.

Cocciadiferro discloses a system and method for providing operational control and/or remote monitoring of a manufacturing device as in a foam dispenser device such as a foam-in-bag dispensing device. In architecture, the remote monitoring system includes a server device containing a remote monitoring system.

There is nothing in Cocciadiferro to suggest SMS messaging.

It is respectfully submitted that Ahya does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including means for transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device in the various forms in independent claims 1, 12, 19 and 20.

Ahya discloses a method of remotely controlling a wireless mobile device that can include the step of establishing a communication channel between the wireless mobile device and a remotely located controlling device. At least one operation can be performed) using an interface of the controlling device.

In light of the above amendment, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-20 are patently distinct.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully submitted.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, and should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

If the Examiner should have any questions, Applicant's legal representative can be contacted at 214-893-8886.

Respectfully submitted;

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IN THE CLAIMS

- (original) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:
 - a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;
- a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;
- a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages;

wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit;

means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device;

input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device;

means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

- (original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said device for controlling the
 environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching
 means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition.
- (original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base unit is a
 microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific
 software.
- 4. (original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said remote device is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means.
- 5. (original) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.
- 6. (original) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.
- 7. (original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting and receiving unit in said remote device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network.
- 8. (original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for providing an indication of current status to said base unit and said means for transmitting said indication of current status is a short message service (SMS) message carried along a cellular telephone network.
- 9. (original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is a liquid crystal display module.

- 10. (original) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to environmental conditions being monitored or controlled.
- 11. (original) The system as recited in claim 8 including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto.
- 12. (original) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising: a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status and receive an indication of revised status;

a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; and

send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and

a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to:

receive the indication of current status from the device;

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection from the wireless remote device as the second SMS message;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and

send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

- 13. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises first wireless connection interfacing with the wireless base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the wireless remote device, and non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection.
- 14. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein the device includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with the device for controlling the environmental condition.
- 15. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless base unit further comprises a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.
- 16. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless remote device further comprises a cellular telephone handset.
- 17. (original) The system of claim 16 wherein the cellular telephone handset includes at least one of a customizable JAVA programming kernel and a customizable J2ME programming kernel
- 18. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises a cellular telephone network.
- 19. (previously presented) A ubiquitous connectively and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:
 - a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;
- a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;

a remote device adapted to send and receive messages using short message service (SMS) and/or data bearer service over a cellular network;

wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device with said service and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit;

means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device using said service as a first message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device based on said first message;

input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second message, wherein the second message includes information associated with the remote device:

means for transmitting said second message using said service including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

20. (previously presented) A connectivity and communications systems for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status, receive an indication of revised status; a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first message using short message and/or data bearer services of a cellular network via a wireless connection, said first message including the indication of current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of said first message;

send a second message via said wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless unit associated with the structure adapted to:

received the indication of current status from the device;

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as using said services of said cellular network;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection from the wireless remote device using said services;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and

send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. 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.
- 2. Claim1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Donner (US PGPub 2005/0079880 A1).

Regarding claims 1 and 19, Shamoon discloses a ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure ([0024], also see Fig. 1), comprising: a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure ([0018]); means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device ([0045], lines 1-5, also see [0047], lines 1-5 wherein the user is enabled to reconfigure/enter the temperature condition revised status for said device.

However, Shamoon lacks the teaching of discloses a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit; means for providing an indication of

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current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message; display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device.

In the same field of endeavor, Heinonen teaches a base unit a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages (col. 6, lines 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9 wherein the remote terminal device is operated via the cellular radio system network GSM using short message system); wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit (col. 3, lines 46-58 which is automated upon request on demand from the central controller); means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message (col. 7, lines 10-20 wherein the current status of the weather condition is being provided and indicated by all measuring stations upon connecting via the base station and further transmitted to the remote user terminals); display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device (col. 7, lines 18-20).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit; means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said

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indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message; display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device as taught by Heinonen in order to collect the measuring data from the various measuring stations and to transfer the measuring data to mobile station of the cellular network.

However, Shamoon and Heinonen still fails to teach input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device; means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner teaches input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message ("present a user interface for modifying the rules", [0011]), wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message ("the rule engine may be operable to determine a communication for transmission to a wireless network based on the satisfied rule. The communication may be destined for a second wireless device", [0008]) including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit ([0007], [0008], [0010], also see [0072] wherein the rule editor/base unit is used to send out the indication of revised status/rule change through connectivity means/via network), wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated

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with the remote device ([0054], [0055]); means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device ([0056], [0057]).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to implement the teachings of input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device; means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device as taught by Donner into the combination of Shamoon and Heinonen in order to timely make necessary changes due to the variation of the environment.

Regarding claims 2 and 14, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches the system discussed in claims 1 and 12. However, the combination of Shamoon and Heinonen lacks the teaching of the system wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner discloses the system wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition ([0044]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the

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time of the time of the invention to implement the teachings of the system wherein said device includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition as taught by Donner in order to establish efficient relay functionality to execute the remote control and access.

Regarding claims 3 and 15, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claims 1 and 12. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software (col. 4, lines 40-44, also see col. 8, lines 14-33 wherein the BSC features the microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software).

Regarding claims 4 and 18, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claims 1 and 12. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said remote device is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means (col. 7, lines 13-24).

Regarding claim 5, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches the system discussed in claim 4. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen lacks the teaching of the system wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner teaches the system wherein said custom programmability means is JAVA programming kernel ([0051]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to adapt the teaching of the system wherein said custom programmability means is JAVA programming kernel as taught by Donner

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in order to utilize the ubiquitous JAVA application environment and use it to optimize the control access system software configuration.

Regarding claim 6, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches the system discussed in claim 4. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen and Donner lacks the teaching of system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.

In the same field of endeavor, Ahya teaches the system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel ([0051]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to adapt the teaching of the system of system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel as taught by Donner in order to adaptively implement the remote access control on the cellular or other consumer electronic apparatus.

Regarding claim 7, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting an receiving unit in said remote device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network (col. 7, lines 35-49).

Regarding claim 8, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen teaches the system wherein said means for providing an indication of current status to said base unit and said means for transmitting said indication of current status is a short message service carried along a cellular telephone network (col. 6, lines 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9).

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Regarding claim 9, Shamoon further teaches the system recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is a liquid crystal display module ([0042]).

Regarding claim 10, Shamoon further teaches the system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to environmental conditions being monitored or controlled ([0032]).

Regarding claim 11, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches the system discussed in claim 8. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen lack the teaching of the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner discloses the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto ("deleting, and/or editing rules", [0045] wherein the rule of data transmission can be removed/disabled).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to adapt the teachings of the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto as taught by Donner into the combination of Shamoon and Heinonen in order to enable the connectivity means to make necessary changes according to feasible respond with respect to the current environmental condition and status.

Regarding claim 12 and 20, Shamoon discloses a system with ubiquitous connectivity and communication system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising: a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure ([0018]), send an indication of current status ([0018], lines 1-6), and receive an

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indication of revised status ([0045], [0047]) wherein the user is enabled to reconfigure/enter the temperature condition revised status for said device);

However, Shamoon lacks the teachings of a wireless remote device adapted to: receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device; and send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device; transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message; receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message; receive the indication revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device via the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote as the second SMS message.

In the same field of endeavor, Heinonen discloses a system wherein a wireless remote device is adapted to: receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device (col. 6, line 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9); and a wireless base unit associated with the structure (col. 3, lines 46-58) adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device (col. 6, line 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9); transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message (col. 3, lines 46-58); receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message (col. 3, lines 46-58 wherein the response/revised status including the

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information associated with the wireless remote device/measurement data is included in the responding personal message to the user's mobile station).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to modify the teachings of receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device; and send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device; transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message; receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message; receive the indication revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote as the second SMS message; authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device as taught by Heinonen in order to incorporate the cellular network remote access control and SMS messaging scheme.

However, Heinonen still lacks the teaching of notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner discloses the method of notify

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an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status ([0020]); authenticating the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device ([0054]-[0056]).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to adapt the teachings of notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device as taught by Donner in order to establish comprehensive access control mechanism with enhanced security and to prevent the intrusion of the third party from the premise timely make necessary changes due to the variation of the environment.

Regarding claim 13, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen teaches the system wherein Heinonen further teaches the system connection further comprises a first wireless connection interfacing with the wireless base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the wireless remote device (col. 2, lines 60-67 -> col. 3, lines 1-6), and a non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection (col. 9, lines 60-67, also see Fig. 4).

Regarding claim 16, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. Heinonen further teaches the system wherein the wireless remote device further comprises a cellular telephone handset (col. 8, lines 14-19).

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Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, filed 07/30/2010, with respect to the rejection(s) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Donner (US PGPub 2005/0079880 A1).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to XIANG ZHANG whose telephone number is (571)270-7693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8AM-4PM.

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• The Power of Attorney to you in this application has been revoked by the assignee who has intervened as provided by 37 CFR 3.71. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record(37 CFR 1.33).

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Ubiquitous Connectivity and Control System for

Remote Locations

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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 3, 2010

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2010 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), thus extending the due date for this Response from December 3, 2010 to March 3, 2011. The fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) accompanies this Response. In response to the Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: NONE

Amendments to the Claims: see Claims Status

Amendments to the Drawings: NONE

The claims as they now stand are reproduced in the Claims Status starting on page 2 of this Office Action for clarification and ease of reference.

Claims Status

1. (Original) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;

a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device; input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device;

means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

- (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said device for controlling the
 environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means
 interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition.
- (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.

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4. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said remote device is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means.

- 5. (Original) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.
- 6. (Original) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.
- 7. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting and receiving unit in said remote device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network.
- 8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for providing an indication of current status to said base unit and said means for transmitting said indication of current status is a short message service (SMS) message carried along a cellular telephone network.
- 9. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is a liquid crystal display module.
- 10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to environmental conditions being monitored or controlled.
- 11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 8 including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto.
- 12. (Original) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status and receive an indication of revised status;

a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; and

send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and

a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to:

receive the indication of current status from the device;

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection from the wireless remote device as the second SMS message;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and

send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

- 13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises first wireless connection interfacing with the wireless base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the wireless remote device, and non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection.
- 14. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the device includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with the device for controlling the environmental condition.

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- 15. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless base unit further comprises a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless remote device further comprises a cellular telephone handset.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the cellular telephone handset includes at least one of a customizable JAVA programming kernel and a customizable J2ME programming kernel
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises a cellular telephone network.
- 19. (Currently amended) A ubiquitous connectively and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising: [a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;]
 a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in a structure [said device to control the operation thereof];

said base unit comprising a transmitter and receiver unit for sending to and receiving from a remote device [adapted to send and receive] messages using short message service (SMS) and/or data bearer service over a cellular network using: wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device with said service and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit; and

[means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit ;] means for transmitting an [said] indication of current status [through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device] using said service as a first message for display [;

display means] at said remote device for indicating said current status of said environmental device based on said first message, said receiver unit receiving from said remote device

[input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication] a second message

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<u>indicating a [of]</u>revised status for said <u>environmental</u> device [as a second message], wherein the <u>said</u> second message includes information associated with the <u>said</u> remote device;

[means for transmitting] said second message being received at said base unit using said service, and including information associated with the remote device, and including [the] said indication of revised status, [through said connectivity means to said base unit,] wherein the said base unit is adapted to authenticate the said second message using the said information associated with the said remote device; and means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status for said environmental device.

20. (Cancelled) A connectivity and communications systems for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status, receive an indication of revised status;

a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first message using short message and/or data bearer services of a cellular network via a wireless connection, said first message including the indication of current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of said first message; send a second message via said wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless unit associated with the structure adapted to:

received the indication of current status from the device;

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as using said services of said cellular network;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection from the wireless remote device using said services;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and

send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the

device.

21. (New) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure;

a transmitter associated with said base unit for sending over a cellular network to a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection, wherein said first message provides an indication of the current status of said environmental device for display on said remote device;

a receiver associated with said base unit for receiving an indication of a revised status for said environmental device from said remote device as a on-demand, authenticated second message via said wireless connection, wherein said second message includes information associated with said_remote device and wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said second message using said information associated with said remote device; and

a controller operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status therefor, wherein said transmitter thereafter sends a third message via said wireless connection indicating said revised status has been established.

22. (New) A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure;

a receiver associated with said base unit for receiving over a cellular network from a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection for effecting a revised status for said environmental device and wherein said_first message includes information associated with said remote device and wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said first message using said information associated with said remote device;

a controller operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status therefor;

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and

a transmitter operatively associated with said controller for sending said indication of said revised status for said environmental device to said remote device as a on-demand, authenticated second message via said wireless connection.

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REMARKS

Prior Claims 1-19 and newly presented claims 21-22 are pending. Claim 20 has been

cancelled. Claim 19 has been amended.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and

further in view of Donner (US PGPub 2005/0079880 A1). The Office Action claim

rejections and references cited therein have been carefully considered. This Response has

been prepared with traverse of all rejections to current claims. The following remarks are

presented in a sincere attempt to place this application in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Response to Office Action Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Supreme Court, in Graham v. John Deere Co., 383 U.S. 1 (1966), held that to

make a determination of obviousness, three factors must be considered: (1) the scope and

content of the pertinent prior art; (2) differences between the pertinent prior art and the

invention at issue; and (3) the ordinary level of skill in the pertinent art. MPEP § 2142-3 call

for PTO examiners to evaluate whether a prima facie case of obviousness is present using

three criteria:

(1) whether the prior art references, taken in combination, teach each of the

limitations of a claim; (emphasis added)

(2) whether there is a suggestion or motivation in the art to combine the prior art

references; and

(3) whether there was a reasonable chance of success (that the proposed combination

would work as expected) at the time of an applicant's invention.

The burden is on the examiner to establish a prima facie case of obviousness. If an

examiner cannot support his findings for these three criteria, or if his findings are easily

rebutted, then the obviousness rejection will not withstand appeal. (See In re Dow Chemical

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Co., 837 F.2d 469 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Only if an examiner makes out a prima facie case of

obviousness, does the burden of proving non-obviousness shift to the applicant. MPEP §

2142-3 also call for PTO examiners to consider whether the invention "as a whole" was

obvious in light of the prior art only, not including the revelations of the disclosure in the

application.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the examiner has erred regarding the factual

findings which led to the Office Action rejection of claims 1-20, and hence conclusion of

obviousness, based on the alleged scope and content of Shamoon, Heinonen and Donner and

their alleged similarities with applicant's invention. Therefore, the examiner has not made a

prima facie case of obviousness regarding claims 1-20. The remarks that follow are offered

as a factual inquiry to explain the scope, content, techniques, methods, functionality and

problems solved by the cited references and how they differ from that of applicant's

invention. See Graham, 383 U.S. 1, 17 (1966). In Stratoflex, Inc. v. Aeroquip Corp., 713

F.2d 1530, 1535, 218 U.S.P.Q. 871, 876 (Fed.Cir. 1983): "The scope of the prior art has

been defined as that 'reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the inventor

was involved." (quoting In re Wood, 599 F.2d 1032, 1036, 202 U.S.P.Q. 171, 174 (C.C.P.A.

1979)).

Because the **claims** define the invention, it is essential that any proper obviousness

rejection under 35 USC \$103(a) account for all claim limitations, and "[a]ll words in a

claim... be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art." In re

Wilson, 165 U.S.P.Q. 494, 496 (C.C.P.A. 1970). In addition, claim terms "should be given

the meaning they would have to one of ordinary skill in the pertinent art when read in the

light of and consistent with the specification..." In re Benson and Tabbott, 169 U.S.P.Q. 548,

552 (C.C.P.A. 1971); see also MPEP 608.01(o). In re Benson and Tabbot, therefore,

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requires the consistent construction of the meaning of terms.

To combine references, there must be some "suggestion of desirability of the

combination." In re Noznik, Tatter and Obenauf, 178 U.S.P.Q. 43, 45 (C.C.P.A. 1973). No

cited reference, by itself or in combination, teaches the recited elements and functionality.

Further, as succinctly expressed in Ex Parte Calhoun and Bennet, 195 U.S.P.Q. 455, 457

(Bd. of Appeals 1977):

We have reviewed Ruggiero in light of the examiner's arguments, but find nothing therein which would teach or suggest modifying Davidson et al. or

Radley in the manner proposed by the examiner. Stated differently, we find that the collective teachings of the references before us neither teach nor

suggest that which is set forth in the claims without first having read

appellant's disclosure.

The foregoing requirements for rejection are not met by the current rejection,

specifically with regard to independent claims 1° and 13, and such deficiencies are apparent

in the application of the Shamoon reference. As Examiner well knows this reference bears

partially common inventorship to the present application. It is manifestly apparent that the

reference is not a ubiquitous system, and was not intended nor suggested by the current

inventors to be anything other that a local system, providing control only in a limited area

constrained by IF and RF transmission.

In applying the reference, no attempt was made to identify the portions of the

reference regarded as teaching the limitations of the claim. Accordingly, Applicants are

forced to speculate on Examiner's intention. So constrained, it appear that Examiner is

asserting that Shamoon teaches "means operatively associated with said base unit and

operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said

device" (emphasis supplied). Paragraphs 0045 (lines 1-5) and 0047 (lines 1-5) are cited for

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support. Applicants respectfully traverse this interpretation. Neither paragraph supports the

position. Paragraph 0047 only "sends a signal". It does not effect a revised status. Paragraph

0047 only provides transmit or receive indication. It does not effect a revised status. Further,

the claim recites a "base unit". In the next paragraph of the Office Action, however,

Examiner states that Shamoon "lacks the teaching of discloses (sic) a base unit". These

positions are inconsistent. Examiner is impeaching a prior statement rendering the rejection

invalid by its own words. Further, it is asserted there is a revised status taught. As indicated,

the cited portion do not effect a status, and if there is an asserted "revised status", implicitly

there must be an initial or current status for the rejection to have sensible meaning.

current status is not attributed to the Shamoon reference, rendering the indefinite. For each

and all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application of the Shamoon

reference is fatally defective and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1

and 13, and the claims dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

Yet further, Shamoon neither discloses nor suggests applicant's means for

transmitting an authenticated second SMS message having self-defining information

associated with the remote device and an indication of revised status through applicant's

connectivity means to the base control unit within the structure. In Shamoon, the system is

entirely local, i.e. all components within the structure, and utilizes line of sight transmission

(radio frequency or infrared) between the handheld remote and the base station. SMS

messaging is not employed. A wireless network is not employed, and in fact is

contraindicated and would increase the cost and complexity of the system. In the present

system of claim 1, the base unit is adapted to authenticate a second SMS message using the

information associated with the remote device of independent claim 1, albeit defined as

sending a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of

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revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device in independent

claim 12, albeit defined as a remote device adapted to send and receive messages using short

message service (SMS) and/or data bearer service over a cellular network in independent

claim 19 and albeit defined as authenticating the second SMS message using the information

associated with the wireless remote device in independent claim 20. Nothing remotely

structurally or functionally is taught or suggest by the present Applicants' prior application.

As the coinventors of the reference, Applicants can assertively state that system was local and

not ubiquitous, and intended and required only short range, non-network communication, of

the type commonly employed with consumer audio and visual equipment.

In summary, the Shamoon reference is limited in its disclosure to a thermostat and

remote control apparatus that is made up of a housing, an interface disposed in the housing, a

plurality of icons on the interface, which correspond to a set of controls for items that can be

controlled by the apparatus, a display screen, which indicates the current temperature setting,

time and date, a recessed program and enter button that allows a user to enter temperature

settings to a thermostat, a clear button for deleting any entered information, an electric cradle

that is used to recharge the apparatus, a universal serial bus port (USB) that is used to connect

a computerized device to the apparatus, an RS-232 port to standardize a transmission of serial

data between any devices and the apparatus and a microcontroller for processing information

and data. The apparatus specifically utilizes infrared and radio frequency technology for

transmitting and receiving information. There is nothing in Shamoon to suggest SMS

messaging.

Nor are such deficiencies overcome by the secondary reference. As set forth in prior

response, Applicants' respectfully submit that Heinonen does not disclose or suggest the

presently claimed invention of independent claims 1 and 13. Notwithstanding withdrawal of

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the prior rejection, Applicants' basis for inapplicability of the reference has apparently been

disregarded. Examiner asserts that this reference teaches "a base unit a base unit (sic) in said

structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof"

(emphasis supplied). The reference specifically discloses three, and only three, base units,

i.e. 11a, 11b, and 11c.(c. 4, 1. 40-45) None of these base units are in a structure. They are all

located outside. None of these base units control anything. They only report a condition.

These errors in interpretation are compelling reasons for withdrawal of the rejection and

allowance of the claims. In applying the reference, Examiner is using the same components

for two different claim components. In one breath, units 10-11 are considered base units. In

another breath, units 10-11 are considered remote unit. Such inconsistency is not permissible

and further grounds for reversal of the rejection and allowance of the claims. In the further

attempt at application of the reference to the claims, Examiner is arbitrarily and

inconsistently applying "base unit" and "remote unit" frustrating understanding of the same.

Consistently applied, a rational basis for the rejection cannot be sustained. Finally, in

attempted summarization, the combination of Shamoon and Heinonen is advanced without

any explainer motivation or suggestion for the action.

Moreover, this reference does not disclose or suggest means for transmitting the

second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the

indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the

base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated

with the remote device in the various forms in independent claims 1, 13, and 19. Further, the

Heinonen does not control and environmental function within a structure. As clear from the

title and disclosure, the reference only reports weather conditions from a plurality of

locations for the purpose of advising. Applicants' are confident that Examiner would not

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assert that the reference is capable of controlling the weather. The system is merely has

environmental measuring stations connected in a physical connection with base stations of a

cellular radio system which stations measure certain basic phenomena of the atmosphere

and/or the concentrations of certain substances in the air. The information of the

measurements is transferred using a base station over the cellular radio system to central

equipment either as regular reports or as acute alarms if any alarm limit is exceeded. The

information may also be transmitted over the base station of the cellular radio system to

mobile stations in the area of the base station in the form of individually tailored reports and

alarms. Heinonen's "base station" is clearly not the same as applicant's base control unit

with sensors to control the environment INSIDE a structure. There is nothing in Heinonen to

suggest the second SMS message. Applicant agrees with the examiner that neither Shamoon

nor Heinonen disclose or suggest the second SMS message (page 4 of the Office Action), but

the examiner's statement on page 3 of the Office Action that "Heinonen teaches a base unit in

said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;" is

clearly false. Heinonen is not a proper reference to show that Applicant's base control unit

lacks novelty. On the contrary, Applicant's base control unit is nowhere to be found in the

prior art. Further, it is Applicants' position that there is no basis for combining any portion of

Heinonen as a modification of the Shamoon reference system. Heinonen does not control an

environmental function in a structure, and the use of a cellular communications network in

Shamoon creates a counterproductive and expensive complexity that does not advance the

needs of the basis system and it accordingly demonstratively non-obvious.

In addition to these deficiencies and those also noted by Examiner, it is important to

understand that: Heinonen is a data acquisition, storage and transmission system that sends

out messages but does not receive return messages, and there is no two way messaging.

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Accordingly, using any subsequent reference to provide such a function cannot be rationally

proposed.

Nonetheless, to overcome the admission that nothing resembling a second message is

disclosed or possible in either of the prior references, Examiner attempts to assert that such a

second SMS message is disclosed in the Donner publication.. Applicant submits that such a

position is erroneous in plural respects:

first, any second message does not in any manner involve the control or status

of an environmental device in a structure, and

second, Donner is not an enabled reference under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The second message proposed by Examiner is merely an access to revise the rules

regarding the alarm threshold for notification. It does not, and cannot in any way, be

interpreted as controlling or revising the status of an environmental device in a structure.

It is also readily apparent that Donner is totally prophetic and does not enable one

skilled in the art to send a second SMS message to control anything. In a first aspect,

Applicant asserts that, on page 4 of the Office Action, the examiner does not show with

particularity how Donner's second SMS message controls anything. Where such facts exist,

the reference is non-enabling and cannot properly be used to reject claims (In re Gunn, 537 F.

2d. 1123 (1976)). Absent examiner fulfillment of the required burden of demonstrating to the

contrary, applicant submits that Chan is not an enabled reference, and accordingly, it is not a

proper basis for claim rejections. More specifically Donner neither meets the "enablement"

requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112, nor the minimum requirements for definiteness required by 35

U.S.C. 112 (first two paragraphs of the statute follows).

35 U.S.C. 112 Specification.

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in

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the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same, and

shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and

distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

The main thing to consider is that one cannot now, back in history, or in the future,

gain access to a cellular telephone's OS (operating system) via an external port located on

the PCB nor can one access any microprocessor ports for interfacing hardware applications

on the cellular telephone PCB. Donner describes a system that is impossible to construct

regardless of how plausible it sounds to someone with no real understanding of cellular

telephone design and construction. No cellular telephone manufacturer will allow users to

interface off-the-shelf cellular phones to external systems via OS or hardware hooks. This

would expose them liability suits and would not protect their intellectual property rights. All

one can do to a cellular telephone is manipulate user interface functions. This is NOT the

same thing as interfacing user generated code and user constructed sensor networks to an off-

the-shelf cellular telephone. Applicants request that Examiner establish through credible

technical publication that Donner disclosed an operable system. Applicants are prepared to

file a Rule 132 declaration establishing through impeccable technical credentials that the

sensor of Donner could not be operatively interfaced with a cellular phone as proposed by

Examiner. As similar issue arose in Applicants' related patent United States Patent No.

7,643,823 wherein a proposed reference was accepted as non-enabled.

The examiner seems to be grounding a prima face case of obviousness on the

argument that Shamoon, Heinonen and Donner teach each of the limitations of applicant's

claims by attempting to attribute to Heinonen applicant's base control unit for controlling the

environment WITHIN A STRUCTURE and to Donner an enabling disclosure of using an

SMS message to control the environment within that structure. The examiner has not shown

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applicant's invention to be described with particularity in these combined references, so it is

contended the burden of proof for obviousness has not been met. This reasoning asserted by

the examiner is: (a) merely conclusory; (b) based on the teachings of the present application;

and (c) not sufficiently specific to suggest the precise combination of Shamoon, Heinonen

and Donner, because there would be no motivation for one skilled in the art to combine these

references. Applicant respectfully submits that the provided rationale fails to satisfy the

"rational underpinning" requirement of both the Patent Office's "Examination Guidelines for

Determining Obviousness Under 35 U.S.C. 103 in View of the Supreme Court Decision in

KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc." ("KSR Guidelines") and the KSR decision itself:

"Rejections on obviousness cannot be sustained by mere conclusory statements; instead,

there must be some articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning to support the legal

conclusion of obviousness." See also MPEP 2142(I).

In this case, the asserted rationale is not only conclusory; it improperly uses the

claims as a roadmap for combining references. In making the assessment of differences

between the prior art and the claimed subject matter, section 103 specifically requires

consideration of the claimed invention "as a whole." Inventions typically are new

combinations of existing principles or features. The "as a whole" requirement in section 103

and MPEP 2141.02 prevents evaluation of an invention part by part. Without this important

requirement, an examiner seeking to reject a claim could simply break a claim into its

component parts, then find a prior art reference corresponding to each component. This

approach improperly imports hindsight into the obviousness determination by using the

invention as a roadmap to find its separate components in the prior art. Further, this improper

method discounts the value of combining various existing features or principles in a new way

to achieve a new result, which is often the essence of invention.

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The primary arguments for rejection of claims 1-20 identified no prior art reference

that disclosed, suggested or motivated the present invention, and the examiner merely asserts

that a narrow combination of elements from the prior art, identified by three references,

renders the present invention obvious. In In re Newell, 891 F.2d 899, 58 U.S.L.W. 2392, 13

U.S.P.Q.2d 1248 (Fed.Cir. 1989), this type of "combination" rejection by the examiner was

not upheld, since there was "no suggestion or motivation in the prior art to combine these

elements as combined by Newell". In re Wright, 848 F.2d 1216, 1219, 6 U.S.P.Q.2d 1959,

1961-62 (Fed.Cir. 1988) provides further guidance relevant here, as it pronounced that "[t]he

determination of whether a novel structure is or is not 'obvious' requires cognizance of the

properties of that structure and the problem which it solves..." [emphasis added]. None of

the references cited by the examiner solves the same problems contemplated by applicant's

invention, to wit controlling the environment within a structure from anywhere.

In view of the foregoing, it is apparent that the cited references do not disclose, teach

or even suggest the unique combination of elements recited in claims 1-18, nor do they solve

the same problems, as does applicant's invention. Applicant contends the examiner has not

made a prima facie case of obviousness regarding claims 1-18, and therefore submits that

claims 1-18 are clearly and precisely distinguishable over the cited prior art, and are therefore

allowable over those references. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the

rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 USC §103(a) be withdrawn and that claims 1-18 be

allowed. For the aforementioned reasons, claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance and

notification thereof is requested.

Claim 21 has been added and Claim 19 has been amended to recite the structure and

function of the base unit for effecting connectivity and environmental control distinguishing

over the applied references as discussed above. The therein recited base unit messaging and

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controlling is not disclosed or suggested in any of the components of Shamoon or Heinonen or Donner. Moreover, the functional and informational control of the first, second and third messages is also not taught. Accordingly, these claims are also deemed allowable.

Applicant welcomes a telephone interview with the examiner at any time to speed allowance of the application. Please contact Carl Melito at (800) 988-3966 for further discussion.

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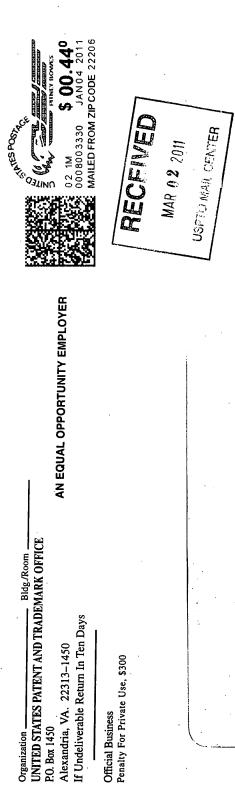
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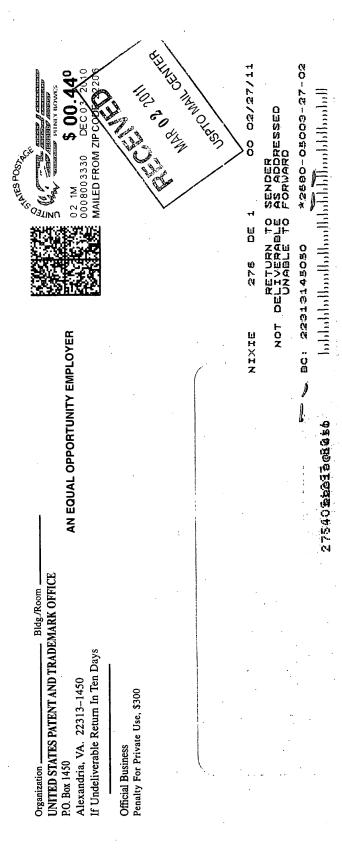
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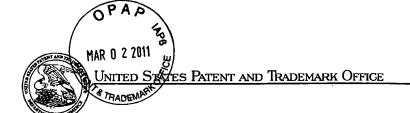
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. 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.
- 2. Claim1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shamoon (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Donner (US PGPub 2005/0079880 A1).

Regarding claims 1 and 19, Shamoon discloses a ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure ([0024], also see Fig. 1), comprising: a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure ([0018]); means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device ([0045], lines 1-5, also see [0047], lines 1-5 wherein the user is enabled to reconfigure/enter the temperature condition revised status for said device.

However, Shamoon lacks the teaching of discloses a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit; means for providing an indication of

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current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message; display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device.

In the same field of endeavor, Heinonen teaches a base unit a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages (col. 6, lines 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9 wherein the remote terminal device is operated via the cellular radio system network GSM using short message system); wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit (col. 3, lines 46-58 which is automated upon request on demand from the central controller); means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message (col. 7, lines 10-20 wherein the current status of the weather condition is being provided and indicated by all measuring stations upon connecting via the base station and further transmitted to the remote user terminals); display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device (col. 7, lines 18-20).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof; a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit; means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit; means for transmitting said

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indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message; display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device as taught by Heinonen in order to collect the measuring data from the various measuring stations and to transfer the measuring data to mobile station of the cellular network.

However, Shamoon and Heinonen still fails to teach input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device; means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner teaches input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message ("present a user interface for modifying the rules", [0011]), wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message ("the rule engine may be operable to determine a communication for transmission to a wireless network based on the satisfied rule. The communication may be destined for a second wireless device", [0008]) including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit ([0007], [0008], [0010], also see [0072] wherein the rule editor/base unit is used to send out the indication of revised status/rule change through connectivity means/via network), wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated

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with the remote device ([0054], [0055]); means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device ([0056], [0057]).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to implement the teachings of input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device; means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device; means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device as taught by Donner into the combination of Shamoon and Heinonen in order to timely make necessary changes due to the variation of the environment.

Regarding claims 2 and 14, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Kim teaches the system discussed in claims 1 and 12. However, the combination of Shamoon and Heinonen lacks the teaching of the system wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner discloses the system wherein said device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition ([0044]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the

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time of the time of the invention to implement the teachings of the system wherein said device includes electronic and electromechanical switching means interfaced with said device for controlling the environmental condition as taught by Donner in order to establish efficient relay functionality to execute the remote control and access.

Regarding claims 3 and 15, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claims 1 and 12. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software (col. 4, lines 40-44, also see col. 8, lines 14-33 wherein the BSC features the microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software).

Regarding claims 4 and 18, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claims 1 and 12. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said remote device is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means (col. 7, lines 13-24).

Regarding claim 5, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches the system discussed in claim 4. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen lacks the teaching of the system wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner teaches the system wherein said custom programmability means is JAVA programming kernel ([0051]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to adapt the teaching of the system wherein said custom programmability means is JAVA programming kernel as taught by Donner

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in order to utilize the ubiquitous JAVA application environment and use it to optimize the control access system software configuration.

Regarding claim 6, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches the system discussed in claim 4. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen and Donner lacks the teaching of system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.

In the same field of endeavor, Ahya teaches the system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel ([0051]).

It would have been obvious for one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to adapt the teaching of the system of system wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel as taught by Donner in order to adaptively implement the remote access control on the cellular or other consumer electronic apparatus.

Regarding claim 7, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen further teaches the system wherein said connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting an receiving unit in said remote device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network (col. 7, lines 35-49).

Regarding claim 8, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen teaches the system wherein said means for providing an indication of current status to said base unit and said means for transmitting said indication of current status is a short message service carried along a cellular telephone network (col. 6, lines 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9).

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Regarding claim 9, Shamoon further teaches the system recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is a liquid crystal display module ([0042]).

Regarding claim 10, Shamoon further teaches the system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to environmental conditions being monitored or controlled ([0032]).

Regarding claim 11, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches the system discussed in claim 8. However, the combination of Shamoon, Heinonen lack the teaching of the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner discloses the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto ("deleting, and/or editing rules", [0045] wherein the rule of data transmission can be removed/disabled).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to adapt the teachings of the system including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission thereto as taught by Donner into the combination of Shamoon and Heinonen in order to enable the connectivity means to make necessary changes according to feasible respond with respect to the current environmental condition and status.

Regarding claim 12, Shamoon discloses a system with ubiquitous connectivity and communication system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising: a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure ([0018]), send an indication of current status ([0018], lines 1-6), and receive an

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indication of revised status ([0045], [0047]) wherein the user is enabled to reconfigure/enter the temperature condition revised status for said device);

However, Shamoon lacks the teachings of a wireless remote device adapted to: receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device; and send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device; transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message; receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message; receive the indication revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote as the second SMS message.

In the same field of endeavor, Heinonen discloses a system wherein a wireless remote device is adapted to: receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device (col. 6, line 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9); and a wireless base unit associated with the structure (col. 3, lines 46-58) adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device (col. 6, line 67 -> col. 7, lines 1-9); transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message (col. 3, lines 46-58); receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message (col. 3, lines 46-58 wherein the response/revised status including the

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information associated with the wireless remote device/measurement data is included in the responding personal message to the user's mobile station).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to modify the teachings of receive a first short message service via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device; and send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to: receive the indication of current status from the device; transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message; receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote device as the second SMS message; receive the indication revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection form the wireless remote as the second SMS message; authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device as taught by Heinonen in order to incorporate the cellular network remote access control and SMS messaging scheme.

However, Heinonen still lacks the teaching of notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

In the same field of endeavor, Donner discloses the method of notify

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an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status ([0020]); authenticating the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device ([0054]-[0056]).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to adapt the teachings of notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device as taught by Donner in order to establish comprehensive access control mechanism with enhanced security and to prevent the intrusion of the third party from the premise timely make necessary changes due to the variation of the environment.

Regarding claim 13, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. In addition, Heinonen teaches the system wherein Heinonen further teaches the system connection further comprises a first wireless connection interfacing with the wireless base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the wireless remote device (col. 2, lines 60-67 -> col. 3, lines 1-6), and a non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection (col. 9, lines 60-67, also see Fig. 4).

Regarding claim 16, Shamoon in view of Heinonen and further in view of Donner teaches all the limitations as applied to claim 1. Heinonen further teaches the system wherein the wireless remote device further comprises a cellular telephone handset (col. 8, lines 14-19).

5. Claim 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

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Yamamoto (US Pat 6970539 B2) in view of Yarkoski (US Pat 6959196 B1).

Regarding claims 21 and 22, Yamamoto teaches a ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising: a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure; a transmitter associated with said base unit for sending over a network to a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection, wherein said first message provides an indication of the current status of said environmental device for display on said remote device; a receiver associated with said base unit for receiving an indication of a revised status for said environmental device from said remote device as a ondemand, authenticated second message via said wireless connection, wherein said second message includes information associated with said remote device and wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said second message using said information associated with said remote device (claim 9); a controller operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status therefore, wherein said transmitter thereafter sends a third message via said wireless connection indicating said revised status has been established (col. 6, lines 4-14).

However, Yamamoto lacks the teaching of a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure; a transmitter associated with said base unit for sending over a cellular network to a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless

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connection.

In the same field of endeavor, Yarkoski teaches a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure; a transmitter associated with said base unit for sending over a network to a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection (claim 1).

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have recognized to adapt the teachings of a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure; a transmitter associated with said base unit for sending over a cellular network to a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection as taught by Yarkoski in order to achieve internetwork communication integration.

Response to Arguments

- 6. Applicant's arguments filed 03/02/2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
- 7. On page 11, [0003], of the applicants' remark, the applicants argue that the reference is not a ubiquitous system.

However, the examiner respectfully disagree, since, the applicants does not further define ubiquitous system in claim 1 except in preamble portion.

On page 12, [0001] of the applicants' remark, the applicants argue that Shamoon et. al. lacks the teaching of revising status for said device.

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The examiner respectfully disagrees, since, Shamoon does teach means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device ([0045], lines 1-5, [0047], lines 1-5, also to further clarify, see [0019]).

On page 12, [0002] – page 13, [0002], the applicant argues that Shamoon fails to teach SMS messaging and wireless network. However, the applicant introduces Heinonen et al. as well as Donner et. al. to cure the deficiency.

On page 14, [0001], the applicants argue that Shamoon lacks the teaching of the base unit in a structure. However, the term "base unit in said structure" would not effect the functionality of the invention, thus would not distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art in the terms of patentability. Thus, this descriptive material does not distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art in the terms of patentability, see In re Gulack, 703 F. 2d 1381, 1385, 217 USPQ 401, 404 (Fed. Cir. 1983); In re Lowry, 32 F.3d 1579, 32 USPQ2d 1031 (Fed. Cir. 1994)". Therefore, the examiner is interpreting the base unit as the base station as taught by Heinonen et al. (col. 6, line 67 – col. 7, line 9).

On page 14, [0002], the applicants argue that Heinonen does not teach transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit. However, the limitation is addressed by Donner et. al. In addition, Heinonen does suggest transmitting the second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means

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to said base unit (col. 9, lines 52-59 wherein the base unit/base station updates the measured status as it is changed or revised).

On page 15, [0001], the applicants argue that Heinonen fail to teach the base unit is used to control the weather. However, examiner does not rely on Neinonen to teach the controlling of the weather or environmental function, Neinonen teaches the base unit used to control the operation of measuring the weather condition. Therefore, the argument toward Heinonen fails to teach controlling the weather condition is not valid. Donner et. al. is used to address the limitation.

On page 15, [0002], the applicants argue that Heinonen's system does not receive return message, and there is no two way messaging.

The examiner respectfully disagrees, since Heinonen is capable of receiving receive return message, and there is two way messaging (col. 9, lines 60-66 wherein the communication link is established between the MSC, base unit/base station and the remote station/measuring station 42).

On page 16, [0003], the applicants argue that Donner fails to teach controlling the status of an environmental device in a structure.

The examiner respectfully disagrees, since Donner does teach controlling the status of an environmental device in a structure ([0011], lines 7-30 wherein the environmental state is being configured as rules and can be modified as needed by the network via the wireless telephone and end user).

On page 16, [0004], [0005], the applicants argue that Donner is not an enabled reference under 35 U.S.C 112.

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The examiner respectfully disagrees, since, the environmental rules applied through the wireless device is being permitted by the service provider (see Donner, [0028]) and the J2ME software script is being implemented as well by the service provider to enable the operating system to adapt the control algorithm. Therefore, Donner et. al. is not in conflict with 35 U.S.C 112.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to XIANG ZHANG whose telephone number is (571)270-7693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8AM-4PM.

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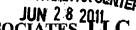
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For: UBIQUITOUS CONNECTIVITY AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR REMOTE

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Interview Summary

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#### **Summary of Record of Interview Requirements**

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record
A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

#### Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

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In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

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The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

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The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

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It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed.
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
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- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
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#### **Continuation Sheet (PTOL-413)**

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The representing attorney was present along with the original inventor as well as technical expert on the three-way call to discuss the merit of the claimed invention with respect of the art rejection. The examiner and the supervisor suggested to the applicant to clarify the claim language in order to distinguish the claims from the prior art cited and be closer to novelty of the subject matter prior to the subsequent response to be filed.



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This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 06/24/2011.

The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.

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#### **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of March 22, 2011, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

This Response is being timely filed since the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period not expiring until June 22, 2011 and a Request for a one-month extension of time, to July 22, 2011, and the fee therewith accompany this paper. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection herewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-2929, making reference to Attorney Docket No. P2921569.

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#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-7, 9-19, 21, and 22 are pending. Claim 8 is currently canceled, and claim 20 was previously canceled. Please amend claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 as follows (all pending claims and their status identifiers are reproduced below).

#### 1. (Currently Amended) A wireless system comprising:

an environmental device;

a base unit operatively interfaced with the environmental device and configured to control an operation of the environmental device;

a remote unit having wireless connectivity and being configured to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages; and

a wireless module operatively interfaced with the base unit and configured to provide wireless connectivity between the base unit and the remote unit,

wherein the base unit is configured to send a first SMS message, including current environmental information, to the remote unit through the wireless module,

wherein the remote unit is configured to send a second SMS message, including a command for the environmental device, to the base unit through the wireless module, and

wherein the base unit is configured to receive the second SMS message, including the command, and to send the command to the environmental device to control the operation of the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;

a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit;

means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device; input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device;

means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said <u>environmental</u> device <u>for controlling the environmental condition</u> includes electronic and electromechanical switching <u>means portions</u> interfaced with said <u>environmental</u> device <u>for controlling the environmental condition</u>.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said remote <u>unit device</u> is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability means.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said <u>wireless</u> connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting and

receiving unit in said remote <u>unit</u> device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network.

- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is the remote unit includes a liquid crystal display module.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to <u>current environmental information</u> environmental conditions being monitored or controlled.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in elaim-8 <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the remote <u>unit</u> is configured to selectively <u>disable</u> including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission <u>of SMS messages from the base unit.</u> thereto.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A wireless system comprising:

an environmental device configured to send environmental information, and adapted to receive a command to control an operation of the environmental device;

a remote unit having wireless connectivity and being configured to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message, wherein the first SMS message includes the environmental information;

notify a user of said remote unit of receipt of the first SMS message; and send a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes the command; and

a wireless base unit configured to:

receive the environmental information from the environmental device; transmit the first SMS message to the remote unit; receive the second SMS message from the remote unit; and send the command to the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status and receive an indication of revised status; a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; and

send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to:

receive the indication of current status from the device;

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection from the wireless remote device as the second SMS message;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and

send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

- 13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless <u>connectivity</u> eonnection further comprises <u>a</u> first wireless connection interfacing with the <u>wireless</u> base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the <u>remote unit</u>, <u>wireless remote device</u>, and <u>a</u> non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the <u>environmental</u> device includes electronic and electromechanical switching <u>portions</u> means interfaced with the device for controlling the environmental <u>information</u>.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless base unit further comprises a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless remote device remote unit further comprises a cellular telephone handset.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the cellular telephone handset includes at least one of a customizable JAVA programming kernel and a customizable J2ME programming kernel.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises comprising a cellular telephone network.
- 19. (Currently Amended) A base unit configured to communicate with an environmental device and to communicate with a remote unit having wireless connectivity, the base unit comprising:

a communication interface configured to receive environmental information from the environmental device and to send a command to the environmental device;

a wireless module configured to send a first message to the remote unit and to receive a second message from the remote unit, wherein the first message is a first short message service (SMS) message including the environmental information, and wherein the second message is a second short message service (SMS) message including the command to the environmental device; and

a microcontroller configured to process the second message including the command, and to send the command through the communication interface to the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectively and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in a structure;

-said base unit comprising a transmitter and receiver unit for sending to and receiving from a remote device messages using short message service (SMS) and/or data bearer

service over a cellular network using

wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device with said service and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit and transmitting an indication of current status using said service as a first message for display at said remote device for indicating said current status of said environmental device based on said first message, said receiver unit receiving from said remote device a second message indicating a of revised status for said environmental—device, wherein

a second message indicating a of revised status for said environmental—device, wherein said second message includes information associated with said remote device; said second message being received at said base unit using said service, and including information associated with the remote device, and including said indication of revised status, wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said second message using said information associated with said remote device; and

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status for said environmental device.

Claim 20. (Canceled)

#### 21. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication system comprising:

a base unit operatively interfaced with an environmental device, and configured to receive a current status of an environmental device;

a transmitter associated with said base unit, and configured to send a first message to a remote unit having wireless connectivity, wherein the first message is a wireless message including the current status of the environmental device;

a receiver associated with said base unit, and configured to receive a second message from the remote unit, wherein the second message is a wireless message including a command for the environmental device; and

a controller operatively associated with the base unit and operatively connected with the environmental device, and configured to send the command to the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure;

a transmitter associated with said base unit for sending over a cellular network to a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection, wherein said first message provides an indication of the current status of said environmental device for display on said remote device;

a receiver associated with said base unit for receiving an indication of a revised status for said environmental device from said remote device as a on-demand, authenticated second message via said wireless connection, wherein said second message includes information associated with said_remote device and wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said second message using said information associated with said remote device; and

a controller operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status therefor, wherein said transmitter thereafter sends a third message via said wireless connection indicating said revised status has been established.

#### 22. (Currently Amended) A wireless system comprising:

a base unit operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in a structure;

a receiver associated with said base unit, and adapted for receiving a first wireless message from a remote unit having wireless connectivity, wherein the first wireless message includes a command for the environmental device;

a controller operatively associated with said base unit, and operatively connected with the environmental device for executing the command; and

a transmitter operatively associated with the controller for sending a second wireless message to the remote unit, wherein the second wireless message includes information indicating that the command has been executed.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure;

a receiver associated with said base unit for receiving over a cellular network from a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection for effecting a revised status for said environmental device and wherein said_first message includes information associated with said remote device and wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said first message using said information associated with said_remote device;

a controller operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status therefor; and

a transmitter operatively associated with said controller for sending said indication of said revised status for said environmental device to said remote device as a ondemand, authenticated second message via said wireless connection.

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 9-19, 21, and 22 are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for prompt allowance.

#### STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On July 5, 2011, a personal interview was held including: Examiner Xiang Zhang, Supervisory Patent Examiner Kamran Afshan, Applicant's representative Ed Garcia-Otero, Inventor Charles Shamoon by telephone, and Applicant's technical expert Wade Baker by telephone. Applicant appreciates the courtesies and helpful suggestions provided by the Supervisor and the Examiner.

Specifically, the claims were discussed in detail. The Supervisor and the Examiner agreed that if the claims were clarified by amendment, then claims having features distinguishable over the cited art would be patentable. For example, sending a command from the remote unit to the base unit via an SMS message is not disclosed by the cited art.

Applicant has clarified the claims by amendment. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance, and entry of the Amendment and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

#### **CLAIM REJECTIONS**

#### I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Shamoon'897, Heinonen, and Donner

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Shamoon'897 (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Donner (US PGPub 2005/0079880 A1). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As suggested during the recent personal interview, Applicant has clarified the claims by amendment to more clearly claim the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, and 19 have been amended, and claims 8 and 20 have been canceled.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7 and 9-19 are in condition for allowance, and the above rejection should be withdrawn.

#### II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Yamamoto and Yarkoski

Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamamoto (US Pat 6970539 B2) in view of Yarkoski (US Pat 6959196 B1). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As suggested during the recent personal interview, Applicant has clarified the claims by amendment to more clearly claim the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 21 and 22 have been amended to more clearly claim the allowable subject matter.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21 and 22 are in condition for allowance, and the above rejection should be withdrawn.

#### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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Appl. No.: 11/686,993 Examiner: Xiang ZHANG

Filed: March 16, 2007 Conf. No.: 7384

For: UBIQUITOUS CONNECTIVITY AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR REMOTE LOCATIONS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 and a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in the above-captioned application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Commissioner:

The Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2011, set a shortened statutory period for response expiring June 22, 2011. Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of the period, from June 22, 2011 to July 22, 2011, for filing a response. The requisite fee is submitted herewith, and the Office is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to H&A Deposit Account No. 50-2929, referencing Docket No. P2921569.

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#### Application No. Applicant(s) Advisory Action 11/686,993 SHAMOON ET AL. Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief Examiner Art Unit **EDWARD ZHANG** 2617 --The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --THE REPLY FILED 14 July 2011 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. 1. 🛛 The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods: The period for reply expires 2 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. a) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In b) no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). NOTICE OF APPEAL 2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on . A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a). **AMENDMENTS** 3. 🔀 The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below); (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below); (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)). 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324). 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s). 7. 🔀 For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) 🛭 will not be entered, or b) 🔲 will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: 1-7,9-19 and 21. Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE 8. 🗌 The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e). 9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1). 10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: 12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _ 13. Other: _

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The newly added limitation "wherein the base unit is configured to send a first SMS message, including a command for the environmental device, to the base unit through the wireless module, and wherein the remote unit is configured to send a second SMS message, including a command for the environmental device, to the base unit through the wireless module, and wherein the base unit is configured to receive the second SMS message, including the command, and to send the command to the environmental device to control the operation of the environmental device" changes the scope of the original claim and would require further search and consideration.

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# **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of March 22, 2011, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

This Response is being timely filed since the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period not expiring until June 22, 2011 and a Request for a one-month extension of time, to July 22, 2011, and the fee therewith accompany this paper. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection herewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-2929, making reference to Attorney Docket No. P2921569.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.  1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).									
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed August 1, 2011, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

This Response is being timely filed since the Office Action sets a two month period of reply ending October 1, 2011. Regarding claim fees, this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) contains only one additional independent claim relative to the claims submitted (and paid for) in the Response filed July 14, 2011. Thus, the fee for one independent claim is submitted with this Response. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection herewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 50-2929, making reference to Attorney Docket No. P2921569.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-7, 9-19, and 21-24 are pending. Claim 8 is currently canceled, and claim 20 was previously canceled. Claims 23 and 24 are newly added. Please amend claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 as follows (all pending claims and their status identifiers are reproduced below).

1. (Currently Amended) <u>A wireless system comprising:</u> an environmental device;

a base unit operatively interfaced with the environmental device and configured to control an operation of the environmental device;

a remote unit having wireless connectivity and being configured to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages; and

a wireless module operatively interfaced with the base unit and configured to provide wireless connectivity between the base unit and the remote unit,

wherein the base unit is configured to send a first SMS message, including current environmental information, to the remote unit through the wireless module,

wherein the remote unit is configured to send a second SMS message, including a command for the environmental device, to the base unit through the wireless module, and

wherein the base unit is configured to receive the second SMS message, including the command, and to send the command to the environmental device to control the operation of the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a device for controlling the environmental condition in the structure;

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with said device to control the operation thereof;

a remote device adapted to send and receive short message service (SMS) messages; wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit;

means for providing an indication of current status of said device to said base unit;
means for transmitting said indication of current status through said connectivity means
from the base unit to said remote device as a first SMS message;

display means at said remote device for indicating said current status of said device; input means at said remote device for prescribing an indication of revised status for said device as a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes information associated with the remote device;

means for transmitting said second SMS message including information associated with the remote device and the indication of revised status through said connectivity means to said base unit, wherein the base unit is adapted to authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the remote device;

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said device for effecting said revised status for said device.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said <u>environmental</u> device for controlling the environmental condition includes electronic and electromechanical switching <u>means portions</u> interfaced with said <u>environmental</u> device-for controlling the <u>environmental condition</u>.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said base unit is a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said remote <u>unit device</u> is a cellular telephone handset with custom programmability <del>means</del>.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a JAVA programming kernel.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 4 wherein said custom programmability means is a J2ME programming kernel.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said <u>wireless</u> connectivity means includes a transmitting and receiving module in said base unit and a transmitting and

receiving unit in said remote <u>unit</u> device operatively communicating with each other over a cellular telephone network.

- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said display means is the remote unit includes a liquid crystal display module.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein said liquid crystal module includes selectable graphic icons corresponding to <u>current environmental information</u> environmental conditions being monitored or controlled.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 8 claim 1, wherein the remote unit is configured to selectively disable including means operative between said remote devices using said SMS for selectively disabling transmission of SMS messages from the base unit. thereto.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A wireless system comprising:

  an environmental device configured to send environmental information, and adapted to receive a command to control an operation of the environmental device;

a remote unit having wireless connectivity and being configured to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message, wherein the first SMS

message includes the environmental information;

notify a user of said remote unit of receipt of the first SMS message; and send a second SMS message, wherein the second SMS message includes the command; and

a wireless base unit configured to:

receive the environmental information from the environmental device; transmit the first SMS message to the remote unit; receive the second SMS message from the remote unit; and send the command to the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition associated with a structure, comprising:

a device adapted to control the environmental condition associated with the structure, send an indication of current status and receive an indication of revised status;

a wireless remote device adapted to:

receive a first short message service (SMS) message via a wireless connection including the indication of the current status of the device;

notify an authorized user of said remote device of receipt of an indication of current status; and

send a second SMS message via the wireless connection including the indication of revised status and information associated with the wireless remote device; and a wireless base unit associated with the structure adapted to:

receive the indication of current status from the device;

transmit the indication of current status via a wireless connection to the wireless remote device as the first SMS message;

receive the indication of revised status including the information associated with the wireless remote device via the wireless connection from the wireless remote device as the second SMS message;

authenticate the second SMS message using the information associated with the wireless remote device; and

send the indication of revised status to the device to control operation of the device.

- 13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless <u>connectivity</u> eonnection further comprises <u>a</u> first wireless connection interfacing with the <u>wireless</u> base unit, a second wireless connection interfacing with the <u>remote unit</u>, <u>wireless remote device</u>, and <u>a</u> non-wireless connection interfacing between the first wireless connection and the second wireless connection.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the <u>environmental</u> device includes electronic and electromechanical switching <u>portions</u> means interfaced with the device for controlling the environmental <u>information</u>. <u>eondition</u>.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless base unit further comprises a microcontroller-based processing unit having customizable application specific software.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless remote device remote unit further comprises a cellular telephone handset.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the cellular telephone handset includes at least one of a customizable JAVA programming kernel and a customizable J2ME programming kernel.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 12 wherein the wireless connection further comprises comprising a cellular telephone network.
- 19. (Currently Amended) A base unit configured to communicate with an environmental device and to communicate with a remote unit having wireless connectivity, the base unit comprising:

a communication interface configured to receive environmental information from the environmental device and to send a command to the environmental device;

a wireless module configured to send a first message to the remote unit and to receive a second message from the remote unit, wherein the first message is a first short message service (SMS) message including the environmental information, and wherein the second message is a second short message service (SMS) message including the command to the environmental device; and

a microcontroller configured to process the second message including the command, and to send the command through the communication interface to the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectively and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in said structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in a structure;

said base unit comprising a transmitter and receiver unit for sending to and receiving from a remote device messages using short message service (SMS) and/or data bearer

service over a cellular network using

wireless connectivity means providing an on-demand, private and direct communications interface from said remote device with said service and enabling instant wireless connectivity with said base unit and transmitting an indication of current status using said service as a first message for display at said remote device for indicating said current status of said environmental device based on said first message, said receiver unit receiving from said remote device

a second message indicating a of revised status for said environmental device, wherein said second message includes information associated with said remote device; said second message being received at said base unit using said service, and including information associated with the remote device, and including said indication of revised status, wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said second message using said information associated with said remote device; and

means operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status for said environmental device.

Claim 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) <u>A communication system having wireless connectivity, the communication system comprising:</u>

a base unit operatively interfaced with an environmental device, and configured to receive a current status of an environmental device;

a transmitter associated with said base unit, and configured to send a first message to a remote unit having wireless connectivity, wherein the first message is a wireless message including the current status of the environmental device;

a receiver associated with said base unit, and configured to receive a second message from the remote unit, wherein the second message is a wireless message including a command for the environmental device; and

a controller operatively associated with the base unit and operatively connected with the environmental device, and configured to send the command to the environmental device.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure;

a transmitter associated with said base unit for sending over a cellular network to a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection, wherein said first message provides an indication of the current status of said environmental device for display on said remote device;

a receiver associated with said base unit for receiving an indication of a revised status for said environmental device from said remote device as a on-demand, authenticated second message via said wireless connection, wherein said second message includes information associated with said_remote device and wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said second message using said information associated with said remote device; and

a controller operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status therefor, wherein said transmitter thereafter sends a third message via said wireless connection indicating said revised status has been established.

# 22. (Currently Amended) A wireless system comprising:

a base unit operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in a structure;

a receiver associated with said base unit, and adapted for receiving a first wireless message from a remote unit having wireless connectivity, wherein the first wireless message includes a command for the environmental device;

a controller operatively associated with said base unit, and operatively connected with the environmental device for executing the command; and

a transmitter operatively associated with the controller for sending a second wireless message to the remote unit, wherein the second wireless message includes information indicating that the command has been executed.

A ubiquitous connectivity and communications system for controlling operation of an environmental condition in a structure, comprising:

a base unit in a structure and operatively interfaced with an environmental device for controlling an environmental condition in said structure;

a receiver associated with said base unit for receiving over a cellular network from a remote device an authenticated first message via a wireless connection for effecting a revised status for said environmental device and wherein said_first message includes information associated with said remote device and wherein said base unit is adapted to authenticate said first message using said information associated with said_remote device;

a controller operatively associated with said base unit and operatively connected with said environmental device for effecting said revised status therefor; and

a transmitter operatively associated with said controller for sending said indication of said revised status for said environmental device to said remote device as a ondemand, authenticated second message via said wireless connection.

23. (New) A base unit configured to communicate with an environmental device and to communicate with a remote unit having wireless connectivity, the base unit comprising:

a communication interface configured to receive environmental information from the environmental device and to send a command to the environmental device;

a wireless module configured to send a first message to the remote unit and to receive a second message from the remote unit, wherein the first message includes the environmental information and travels via short message and/or data bearer services, and wherein the second message includes the command to the environmental device and travels via short message and/or data bearer services; and

a microcontroller configured to process the second message including the command, and to send the command through the communication interface to the environmental device.

24. (New) A base unit configured to communicate with an environmental device and to communicate with a remote unit having wireless connectivity, the base unit comprising: a controller configured to communicate with the environmental device; and

a wireless module configured to:

receive a control message from the remote unit via short message and/or data bearer services, said control message comprising control information for controlling the environmental device;

create a control command for the environmental device based on the control information;

send the control command to the environmental device via the controller; and send a status message indicating execution of said control information to the remote device.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 9-19, and 21-24 are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for prompt allowance.

# STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On July 5, 2011, a personal interview was held including: Examiner Xiang Zhang, Supervisory Patent Examiner Kamran Afshan, Applicant's representative Ed Garcia-Otero, Inventor Charles Shamoon by telephone, and Applicant's technical expert Wade Baker by telephone. Applicant appreciates the courtesies and helpful suggestions provided by the Supervisor and the Examiner.

Specifically, the claims were discussed in detail. The Supervisor and the Examiner agreed that if the claims were clarified by amendment, then claims having features distinguishable over the cited art would be patentable. For example, sending a command from the remote unit to the base unit via an SMS message is not disclosed by the cited art.

Applicant has clarified the claims by amendment. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance, and entry of the Amendment and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

## **CLAIM REJECTIONS**

# I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Shamoon'897, Heinonen, and Donner

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Shamoon'897 (US PGPub 2003/0034897 A1) in view of Heinonen (US Pat 7031663 B2) and further in view of Donner (US PGPub 2005/0079880 A1). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As suggested during the recent personal interview, Applicant has clarified the claims by amendment to more clearly claim the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, and 19 have been amended, and claims 8 and 20 have been canceled.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7 and 9-19 are in condition for allowance, and the above rejection should be withdrawn.

# II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Yamamoto and Yarkoski

Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yamamoto (US Pat 6970539 B2) in view of Yarkoski (US Pat 6959196 B1). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As suggested by the Examiners during the recent personal interview, Applicant has clarified the claims by amendment to more clearly claim the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 21 and 22 have been amended to more clearly claim the allowable subject matter.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21 and 22 are in condition for allowance, and the above rejection should be withdrawn.

# III. New Claims 23 and 24

New claims 23 and 24 are patentable over the cited art for reasons similar to those discussed above, as well as on their own merits.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 23 and 24 are in condition for allowance.

## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action and allowance of the present application and all the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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The Office Action mailed March 22, 2011 set a shortened statutory period for response expiring June 22, 2011. Applicant respectfully requests extension of the period to August 22, 2011 and encloses the fee therefor.

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 08/07/2011 has been entered.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. In view of Amended claims and further search, Claims 1-7,9-19 and 21-24 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's reason for allowance:

Claims 1-7,9-19 and 21-24 are allowed for the reasons as set forth in applicant's response filed on 08/07/2011.

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."

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to XIANG ZHANG whose telephone number is

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(571)270-7693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday,

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examiner's supervisor, Kamran Afshar, can be reached on (571)272-7796. The

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Appl. No.: 11/686,993 Group Art Unit: 2617

Filed: March 16, 2007 Examiner: Xiang ZHANG

For: UBIQUITOUS CONNECTIVITY AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR REMOTE

**LOCATIONS** 

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In this regard, Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indication that certain identified features are not disclosed by the references of record. However, Applicant further wishes to clarify that the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and the basis for patentability of these claims is based upon the totality of the features recited therein.

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