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(57) Abstract

Novel digital optical media has recorded thereon certain symbols belonging to two classes of non-standard codes in precise predetermined locations. One class provides symbols which, when read many times by a standard optical media reader, are decoded as valid but having variable values. A second class embodies codes which are immediately recognized by the player's decoder as invalid. The first class of non-standard codes can be read by a standard optical media reader but cannot be written or reproduced by standard optical media recorders and mastering equipment, and its presence on optical media thereby serves to identify the optical media as authentic, as opposed to an unauthorized copy, which will lack these special symbols. Symbols belonging to the second class of non-standard codes serve to protect the reading of symbols belonging to the first class from being altered or stabilized by the error-correcting system of the player. Patterns combining symbols of these two classes provide a non-copyable mark for automatically verifying the authenticity of optical media and protecting the data recorded thereon from being usable except when present on authentic media.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)				
This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:				
1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:				
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3. X Claims Nos.: 5-12 because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).				
Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)				
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:				
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1. X As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.				
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.				
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This International Search Authority has found 6 inventions claimed in the International Application covered by the claims indicated below:

The application is found to contain six groups of claims, which groups are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept as required by PCT Rule 13.1. The groups lack one or more special technical feature, which technical feature or features would define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art, as required by PCT Rule 13.2.

The groups are:

Group 1:

Claims 1-15, 17-21, and 23.

Group II:

Claims 16 and 27-31.

Group III:

Claims 24 and 25.

Group IV:

Claim 26.

Group V

Claims 32-36.

Group VI

Claims 22 and 37-38.

Groups I-VI are related to each other as subcombinations possibly usable together. Claims of Group I are classified in class 369 subclasses 61 and 62; they are characterized by storing data on a CD, which data having various characteristics. Claims of Group II are classified in class 369 subclass 60; they are characterized by reading a CD a multiplicity of times to produce ambiguous results. Claims of Group III are classified in class 369 subclass 32; they are characterized as authenticating a CD. Claims of Group VI are classified in class 369 subclasses 47 and 48; they are characterized by writing on a CD non-correctable pattern of erroneous symbols as invalid channel bit sequences. Claim of Group IV is classified in class 380 subclass 4; it is characterized as using an encryption key to encrypt data and providing the key along with a decryption program to decrypt the encrypted data. Claims of Group V are classified in class 380 subclass 44; they are characterized as uniquely generating an encryption key based on data stored in a CD and using said key to encrypt and decrypt data stored on the CD.

and it considers that the International Application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated below:

The application is found to contain six groups of claims, which groups are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept as required by PCT Rule 13.1. The groups lack one or more special technical feature, which technical feature or features would define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art, as required by PCT Rule 13.2.

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