(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date 12 November 2009 (12.11.2009)

(10) International Publication Number WO 2009/137459 A3

(51) International Patent Classification: *G11C 7/10* (2006.01) *G11C 7/22* (2006.01)

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/US2009/042813

(22) International Filing Date:

5 May 2009 (05.05.2009)

(25) Filing Language:

English

(26) Publication Language:

English

(30) Priority Data:

12/115,047

5 May 2008 (05.05.2008)

US

(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): MI-CRON TECHNOLOGY, INC [US/US]; 8000 South Federal Way, Boise, ID 83716 (US).

(72) Inventors; and

- (75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): LEE, Terry, R. [US/US]; 17 Evergreen Drive, Boise, ID 83176 (US). OVARD, David [US/US]; 619 E. Whitehall Street, Meridian, ID 83642 (US). GREEFF, Roy [US/US]; 9759 W. Mill Hollow Street, Boise, ID 83709 (US). LEIBOWITZ, Robert, N. [US/US]; 2635 Parkriver, Boise, ID 83706 (US). TSAI, Victor [US/US]; 3806 Ross Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (US).
- (74) Agent: MYRUM, Tod, A.; Leffert Jay & Polglaze, P.A., P.O. Box 581009, Minneapolis, MN 55458-1009 (US).

- (81) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of national protection available): AE, AG, AL, AM, AO, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BH, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DO, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, GT, HN, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KM, KN, KP, KR, KZ, LA, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MA, MD, ME, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MY, MZ, NA, NG, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RS, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SM, ST, SV, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, ZA, ZM, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (unless otherwise indicated, for every kind of regional protection available): ARIPO (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, NA, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IS, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MK, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

Published:

- with international search report (Art. 21(3))
- before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of receipt of amendments (Rule 48.2(h))
- (88) Date of publication of the international search report:

18 February 2010

(54) Title: MEMORY MODULE WITH CONFIGURABLE INPUT/OUTPUT PORTS

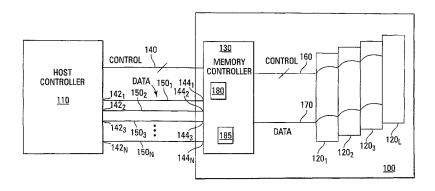


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A memory module (100, 220, 320, 620) has one or more memory devices (120), a controller (130, 222, 330, 622) in communication with the one or more memory devices (120), and a plurality of input/output ports (144, 240, 242, 350, 640, 645). The controller (130, 222, 330, 622) is configured to configure each input/output port (144, 240, 242, 350, 640, 645) as an input, an output, or a bidirectional input/output.





International application No. **PCT/US2009/042813**

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

G11C 7/10(2006.01)i, G11C 7/22(2006.01)i

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 8 G11C; G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Korean utility models and applications for utility models since 1975.

Japanese utility models and applications for utility models since 1975.

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) eKOMPASS(KIPO internal) & Keywords: "port, control, port, data, link"

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002-0087751 A1 (FAY CHONG) 04 July 2002 See the abstract, and figure 3A.	1-35
A	US 2004-0128431 A1 (CHIEN-HSING LIU et al.) 01 July 2004 See the abstract, and figure 3.	1-35
A	US 2002-0029320 A1 (KAZUHISA FUJIMOTO et al.) 07 March 2002 See the abstract, and figure 1.	1-35

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

|X|

See patent family annex.

- Special categories of cited documents:
- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of citation or other special reason (as specified)
- 'O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

18 DECEMBER 2009 (18.12.2009)

- "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
- "&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

Date of mailing of the international search report

22 DECEMBER 2009 (22.12.2009)

Name and mailing address of the ISA/KR



Korean Intellectual Property Office Government Complex-Daejeon, 139 Seonsa-ro, Seogu, Daejeon 302-701, Republic of Korea

Facsimile No. 82-42-472-7140

Authorized officer

Yoon, Jin Hoon

Telephone No. 82-42-481-5391



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

Information on patent family members			PCT/US2009/042813	
Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date	
US 2002-0087751 A1	04.07.2002	US 6349357 B1 US 6370605 B1 US 6397267 B1 US 6721317 B2	19.02.2002 09.04.2002 28.05.2002 13.04.2004	
US 2004-0128431 A1	01.07.2004	DE 10341545 A1 JP 2004-213615 A TW 594486 A TW 594486 B US 7093060 B2	15.07.2004 29.07.2004 21.06.2004 21.06.2004 15.08.2006	
US 2002-0029320 A1	07.03.2002	JP 03946873 B2 JP 2000-010901 A US 2001-0001324 A1 US 2001-0001325 A1 US 2002-0178327 A1 US 2003-0033478 A1 US 6336165 B2 US 6341332 B2 US 6393519 B1 US 6484236 B2 US 6523088 B2 US 7103710 B2	18.07.2007 14.01.2000 17.05.2001 17.05.2001 28.11.2002 13.02.2003 01.01.2002 22.01.2002 21.05.2002 19.11.2002 18.02.2003 05.09.2006	