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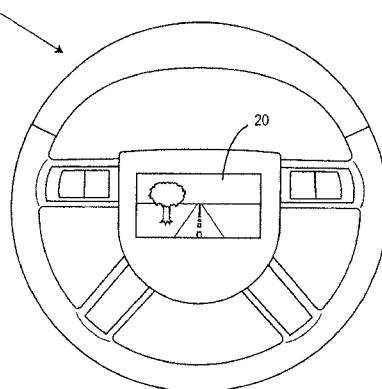
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FIG. 4



(57) Abstract: A vehicle communication system and communication steering wheel is provided. The communication steering wheel includes a display, a wireless transceiver configured to operably connect to a wireless device, a sensor, configured to obtain directional steering information and a controller, configured to receive input from the wireless transceiver and the sensor and output a signal to the display based on the received input.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Korean utility models and applications for utility models since 1975  
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
eKIPASS (KIPO internal) & keywords vehicle, steering, display, wireless, sensor, controller, transceiver and bluetooth

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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### Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1  I Claims Nos because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely
- 2  Claims Nos 15-25 because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically  
Claim 12 is directed to a communication steering wheel, but claims 15-25 dependent on claim 12 are directed to a vehicle communication system. Therefore, claims 15-25 do not clearly define the matter for which protection is sought (PCT Article 6)
- 3  Claims Nos because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6 4(a)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

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- 2  I As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee
- 3  I As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos
- 4  I No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation

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