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Status

1) [x] Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04/22/2016.
   - A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under 37 CFR 1.130(b) was/were filed on ______.

2a) [☐] This action is FINAL.  2b) [x] This action is non-final.

3) [☐] An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ______; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4) [☐] Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5) [x] Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
   - Of the above claim(s) 8-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) [☐] Claim(s) ______ is/are allowed.

7) [x] Claim(s) 1 and 4-7 is/are rejected.

8) [x] Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are objected to.

9) [☐] Claim(s) ______ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Application Papers

10) [☐] The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11) [x] The drawing(s) filed on 10/19/2014 is/are: a) [x] accepted or b) [☐] objected to by the Examiner.

   Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

   Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) [☐] Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

   Certified copies:

   a) [☐] All  b) [☐] Some**  c) [☐] None of the:

   1. [☐] Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

   2. [☐] Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ______.

   3. [☐] Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

1) [x] Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) [x] Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date ______.
3) [☐] Interview Summary (PTO-413)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date: ______.
4) [☐] Other: ______.
DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-7 in the reply filed on 04/22/2016 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a)(1) the claimed invention was patented, described in a printed publication, or in public use, on sale or otherwise available to the public before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

3. Claims 1 and 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,056,237 to Woodland (Woodland).

As to claim 1, Woodland discloses an apparatus to aerially dispense payload containers from an aircraft, comprising: an outer portion (28), comprising an opening (at 38) to allow a payload container (37) to leave the apparatus when the payload container is in alignment with the opening; an inner portion (31), configured to rotate within the outer portion, wherein the inner portion comprises one or more cutouts (210) that retain the payload container; and an actuator (29), coupled to the inner portion; and a processor circuit (15), wherein the processor circuit commands the actuator to rotate the
inner portion to cause the payload container to align with the opening (see column 8, line 49 to column 9, line 35).

As to claim 4, Woodland discloses the opening faces downward when the aircraft is airborne, wherein gravity causes a payload container to fall from the apparatus (see Figures 7-11).

As to claim 5, Woodland discloses the actuator is a servo, wherein the control circuit controls the servo to rotate the inner portion a predetermined angle such that a next cutout is in alignment with the opening (see column 8, line 49 to column 9, line 35).

As to claim 6, Woodland discloses after the payload containers are loaded into the apparatus and before the aircraft is airborne, the inner portion is oriented such that no payload containers are in alignment with the opening (no payload containers exit opening until doors are actuated in flight; see column 8, line 49 to column 9, line 35).

As to claim 7, Woodland discloses the aircraft is a remotely-piloted aircraft, wherein a ground based operator wirelessly controls the aircraft and the processor circuit with at least one of a wireless transmitter and a stored program on the aircraft (see Abstract; see also column 8, line 49 to column 9, line 35).
Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2 and 3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: As to claim 2, the prior art of record does not show the payload containers being made from biodegradable material and storing insects along with the other limitations of the claim. Claim 3 also contains allowable subject matter for further limiting the allowable subject matter of claim 2 from which it depends.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant’s disclosure. US Patents 4,208,949 to Boilsen; 4,333,384 to Arnold and 4,608,907 to Ellis et al. and US Patent Application Publications 2003/0192992 to Olsen et al.; 2005/0204910 to Padan and 2006/0102792 to Pitzer et al. show devices to dispense payloads from aircraft having an inner portion that rotates relative to an outer portion.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RYAN REIS whose telephone number is (571)270-5060.
The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Arthur Hall can be reached on (571) 270-1814. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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