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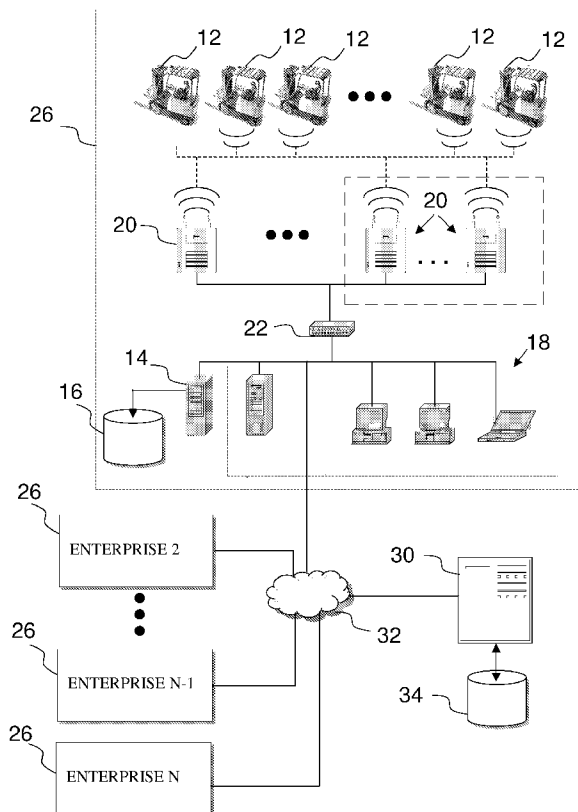
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(57) Abstract: Systems of hardware and software are provided for enabling mobile assets to communicate across a wireless network environment. Systems, computer-implemented methods and computer program products are also provided for leveraging wireless communication and/or processing capabilities of mobile assets against a robust software solution to implement enterprise wide asset management functions, to integrate mobile asset data into existing enterprise workflows and/or to enable trusted third party integration into the enterprise for enhanced asset and/or workflow management.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

PubWEST(USPT,PGPB,EPAB,JPAB); Google Scholar

Search Terms Used:

verify, query, search,check,vehicle,fleet , car , automobile, response,user ,operator, predetermine, proper, rule , regulate

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2004/0049324 A1 (Walker et al.) 11 March 2004 (11.03.2004) entire document, especially para [0100],[0142],[0145],[0169],[0170][0174], [0193], [0226], [0335],[0341].	1-11
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Y	US 5,966,658 A (Kennedy, III et al), 12 October 1996 (12.10.1996), entire document, especially col 8, ln 40-50	12-41
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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. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
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:

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).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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

Group I: Claims 1-11 directed to a method of implementing inspection checklists for materials handling vehicles comprising requiring an operator to complete a checklist having a plurality of checklist items before deciding whether to enable the materials handling vehicle for normal operation.

Group II: Claims 12-41 directed to a method of integrating materials handling vehicles with enterprise computing systems comprising providing a transceiver on a materials handling vehicle.

The inventions listed as Groups I - II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

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1. 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 additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
3. 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. 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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Box No. III

Group I does not include integrating materials handling vehicles using a transceiver wirelessly communicating with a processor and monitoring the communication as required by Group II. Group II does not include the inventive concept of a method of implementing inspection checklists for materials handling vehicles as required by Group I.

Groups I and II share the technical feature of a materials handling vehicle. However, this shared technical feature is well known and does not represent a contribution over the prior art of US3,246,008 A to McMullen (15 March 1996), which teaches a material handling vehicle (Title and Fig 1-14). As the above materials handling vehicle was well known at the time, as evidenced by the teaching of McMullen, this cannot be considered a special technical feature that would otherwise unify the groups.

Groups I and II therefore lack unity under PCT Rule 13 because they do not share a same or corresponding special technical feature.