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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of :
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: JP 13258011 A (SONY CORP.) 21 September 2001

I. NOVELTY and INVENTIVE STEP

The present invention relates to a system and method for providing a supplementary information service related to broadcast content, technology for providing a bidirectional data broadcasting service and a system and method for providing supplementary information of Digital Multimedia Broadcasting (DMB).

The subject matter of claim 1 is a system for providing a supplementary information service related to broadcast content, the system comprising: a Presentation Time Stamp (PTS) information creating server and a supplementary information service providing server.

D1 relates to a method and a system by which a viewer can acquire an article displayed on his viewing program and the music played on the program. When a viewer desires to purchase a handbag carried by a performer in a scene SC1 displayed on a screen 1 of a television monitor 122, the viewer moves a cursor 2 to the handbag and clicks the cursor. The selection operation of the article is finished thereby, and the handbag is displayed on a slave screen 3 with magnification. Furthermore, the viewer operates a key or a button of a commander or the like, to display an indication SC3 denoting the brand name and the price of the handbag. The purchase procedure of the handbag is attained on a network shopping SC4 according to a decided method. Addresses of shops, their URLs, and a map of the shops or the like can be displayed. The viewer can purchase the desired article from any of the shops according to these information.

However, D1 does not disclose identifying and receiving information about a start time of specific broadcast content in claim 1. Thus claim 1 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2). And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using the system of D1. Thus, claim 1 is also considered to involve an inventive step, and meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(3).

Claims 2-4, dependent on claim 1, are novel because claim 1 is novel, and considered as involving an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) for the following reasons: claims 2-4 specify claim 1 and have the specific feature of a system for providing a supplementary information service related to broadcast content in claim 1. And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using D1.

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Claim 5 relates to a system for providing a supplementary information service related to broadcast content, the system comprising: a PTS information creating server and a supplementary information service providing server.

However, D1 does not disclose the CTS and PTS information in claim 5. Thus claim 5 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2). And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using the system of D1. Thus, claim 5 is also considered to involve an inventive step, and meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(3).

Claims 6-12, dependent on claim 5, are novel because claim 5 is novel, and considered as involving an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) for the following reasons: claims 6-12 specify claim 5 and have the specific feature of a system for providing a supplementary information service related to broadcast content in claim 5. And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using D1.

Claim 13 relates to a system for providing a supplementary information service related to broadcast content, the system comprising a supplementary information service providing server for providing information about types of supplementary information available for each object displayed on a DMB screen, and a content server for providing content of supplementary information available for each object, the system providing a user of a user terminal with supplementary information about persons, products, etc. displayed on the DMB screen, wherein the supplementary information service providing server comprises: a Product Placement (PPL) information database, a PPL information searching unit and a PPL information downloading unit.

However, D1 does not disclose a Product Placement (PPL) information database in claim 13. Thus claim 13 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2). And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using the system of D1. Thus, claim 13 is also considered to involve an inventive step, and meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(3).

Claims 14-21, dependent on claim 13, are novel because claim 13 is novel, and considered as involving an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) for the following reasons: claims 14-21 specify claim 13 and have the specific feature of a system in claim 13. And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using D1.

Claim 22 relates to a system for providing a supplementary information service related to broadcast content, the system comprising a supplementary information service providing server for providing information about types of supplementary information available for each object displayed on a DMB screen, and a content server for providing content of supplementary information available for each object, the system providing a user of a user terminal with supplementary information about persons, products, etc. displayed on the DMB screen, wherein the supplementary information service providing server comprises: a PPL information database and a GUIP information providing unit.

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However, D1 does not disclose a DMB, a PPL information database and a GUIP information providing unit in claim 22. Thus claim 22 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2). And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using the system of D1. Thus, claim 22 is also considered to involve an inventive step, and meets the requirements of PCT Article 33(3).

Claims 23-24, dependent on claim 22, are novel because claim 22 is novel, and considered as involving an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) for the following reasons: claims 23-24 specify claim 22 and have the specific feature of a system in claim 22. And it is not easy for a person skilled in the art to arrive at the invention by using D1.

II. INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

Claims 1-24 are considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).