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Ex parte THEODORE R. CARRAHER and JAKE PALMER

Appeal 2015-003201 Application 13/490,020 Technology Center 2100

Before JASON V. MORGAN, MELISSA A. HAAPALA, and NABEEL U. KHAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

HAAPALA, Administrative Patent Judge.

DECISION ON APPEAL

This is a decision on appeal under 35 U.S.C. § 134(a) from a final rejection of claims 1–24.

We have reviewed Appellants' contentions in the Briefs, the Examiner's rejection and the Examiner's response to Appellants' contentions. We concur with Appellants' conclusion that the Examiner fails to establish the combination of Eddings (US 7,788,245 B1; Aug. 31, 2010) and Bowden (US 2007/0073704 A1; March 29, 2007) teaches or suggests *a uniform resource locator (URL) to the ML document with an appended page*

anchor that comprises a text identifier of a markup language tag located within the ML document proximate to the location of a search term within the ML document ("URL limitation"), as recited in independent claims 1, 9, and 17.

The Examiner relies on Eddings to teachings the URL limitation. Final Act. 3; *see also* Ans. 6. As correctly identified by Appellants (App. Br. 16–18), Eddings describes embedding of a search-engine URL into a "href" tag of a document to obtain search results for the search term (e.g., "golden retriever"). *See* Eddings col. 10, l. 55–col. 11, l. 35. We agree with Appellants that an embedded link to invoke a search engine to search for a specified term (e.g., a link to www.google.com to search for the term "golden retriever") is not a URL to a ML document with an appended page anchor.

Appellants persuade us the Examiner has not established the combination of Eddings and Bowden teaches or suggests the URL limitation. The Examiner has not found the additional reference of record, Jensen, teaches or suggests this limitation. Accordingly, we will not sustain the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of independent claims 1, 9, and 17 and the remaining claims, which depend directly or indirectly from one of claims 1, 9, and 17.1

¹ We do not reach the additional contentions presented by Appellants because the identified issue is dispositive of the appeal.

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DECISION

The Examiner's decision to reject claims 1–24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is reversed.

REVERSED