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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

1. [Optional. Provide summary description of the main goal of this invention and the key features that accomplish those goals. This section (if used), should reveal the solution to the problem(s) described in the preceding Background section.]

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE several views of the DRAWINGS

1. These and other features and advantages of the present invention will become more readily appreciated when considered in connection with the following detailed description and appended drawings, wherein:
2. Figure 1 is [INSERT TEXT HERE. Each illustration to be labeled with a different Figure number beginning with “Figure 1.” Explain in one sentence what each Figure represents.];
3. Figure 2 is

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

1. Referring to the figures, wherein like numerals indicate like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, [INSERT TEXT HERE. The Detailed Description section explains the approach taken by your invention to solve “the problem” defined in the Background section. Each feature mentioned in this Detailed Description section should be assigned its own reference number that is repeated every time the feature is mentioned. The Illustrations (to be appended) should identify each named feature by its assigned reference number. Always be consistent with your terms. Aim for this Detailed Description section to span somewhere around 2-10 pages. Do not skimp on the write-up. Leave nothing for the reader to assume.]
2. The foregoing invention has been described in accordance with the relevant legal standards, thus the description is exemplary rather than limiting in nature. Variations and modifications to the disclosed embodiment may become apparent to those skilled in the art and fall within the scope of the invention. Furthermore, particular features of one embodiment can replace corresponding features in another embodiment or can supplement other embodiments unless otherwise indicated by the drawings or this specification.

What is claimed is:

1. [Attorney to insert at least one place-holder claim for apparatus]
2. [Attorney to insert at least one place-holder claim for method]

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