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4 BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
5 AND INTERFERENCES

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8 *Ex parte* SAMI ATIG

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11 Appeal 2009-014894  
12 Application 10/297,722  
13 Technology Center 3600

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16 Before HUBERT C. LORIN, ANTON W. FETTING, and  
17 BIBHU R. MOHANTY, *Administrative Patent Judges*.  
18 FETTING, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

19 DECISION ON APPEAL<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The two-month time period for filing an appeal or commencing a civil action, as recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.304, or for filing a request for rehearing, as recited in 37 C.F.R. § 41.52, begins to run from the “MAIL DATE” (paper delivery mode) or the “NOTIFICATION DATE” (electronic delivery mode) shown on the PTOL-90A cover letter attached to this decision.

1 STATEMENT OF THE CASE<sup>2</sup>

2 Sami Atig (Appellant) seeks review under 35 U.S.C. § 134 (2002) of a  
3 final rejection of claims 9-15, which along with claims 16-28 withdrawn  
4 from consideration, are the only claims pending in the application on appeal.  
5 We have jurisdiction over the appeal pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 6(b) (2002).

6 The Appellant invented a way of securing transactions performed with  
7 cards provided with an owner identification number and protected by a  
8 secret code for certain operations (Specification 1:4-6).

9 An understanding of the invention can be derived from a reading of  
10 exemplary claim 13, which is reproduced below [bracketed matter and some  
11 paragraphing added].

12 13. A method for performing secure transactions  
13 by means of cards provided with an identification  
14 number,  
15 said transactions including the steps of  
16 [1] identifying said card via a telecommunications transaction  
17 for communication of said identification number,  
18 said transactions being the type in which the  
19 identification number of said card comprises,

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<sup>2</sup> Our decision will make reference to the Appellant's Appeal Brief ("App. Br.," filed February 6, 2009) and the Examiner's Answer ("Ans.," mailed May 12, 2009).





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DECISION

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The rejection of claims 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable  
3 over Parillo is not sustained.

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