# OFFICE POD

## FIELD

The present disclosure generally relates to office pods or similar.

## BACKGROUND

This section illustrates useful background information without admission of any technique described herein representative of the state of the art.

Office pods, such as soundproof meeting, working or phone booths, are increasingly used in modern furnishing of workplaces as well as public spaces. Such pods are often used for working, meetings, telephone calls and video conferencing.

A conventional office pod comprises opposite wall modules connected to each other by a floor module at the bottom and a ceiling module at the top. These modules form a rigid chassis to which window and/or door frames are attached at sides. The wall modules comprise alternating sound stopping and sound absorbing layers, and an exterior cover (skin layer) at an outermost layer.

In recent times, these kinds of office pods are increasingly more expensive to manufacture.

## SUMMARY

Embodiments of the present disclosure provide a novel and inventive office pod of new design.

According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided an office pod enclosing a soundproof workspace inside of the pod, including: a front load-bearing frame comprising a door, the front load-bearing frame constituting an outermost encircling element of the front wall; a rear load-bearing frame constituting an outermost encircling element of the rear wall; and a skin layer at both left-hand side and a right-hand side of the pod forming an exterior surface of the pod, said skin layer attached in between the front load-bearing frame and the rear load-bearing frame so as to provide the front and rear load-bearing frames with cross-dimensional rigidity and providing lateral bracing for the front and rear load-bearing frames so maintain the rectangular shape of the pod, the skin layer comprising sound stopping material followed by a sound absorbing material layer; and wherein the pod further comprises a ceiling structure attached to the front load-bearing frame and to the rear load-bearing frame, wherein a chassis with cross-dimensional support is formed of said skin layers and said load-bearing frames.

A soundproof workspace in this context means that the office pod that encloses a soundproof workspace is purposely configured to prevent sound from propagating

structure.

In certain embodiments, the front load-bearing frame and/or the rear load-bearing frame comprises a door.

In certain embodiments, the front load-bearing frame and/or the rear load-bearing frame surrounds or at least partly surrounds a door or a door frame.

In certain embodiments, the front load-bearing frame constitutes an outermost encircling element of the front wall. In certain embodiments, the rear load-bearing frame constitutes an outermost encircling element of the rear wall.

According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of assembling the office pod of the first aspect, including: assembling a chassis of the office pod by first providing front and rear load-bearing frames being opposed to each other, followed by connecting the front and rear load-bearing frames by directly attaching right-hand side and left-hand side skin layers to from exterior surfaces of the office pod and to form a cross-dimensionally rigid chassis; and thereafter attaching further parts of the office pod to said chassis for forming a finished office pod.

Different non-binding example aspects and embodiments have been illustrated in the foregoing. The embodiments in the foregoing are used merely to explain selected aspects or steps that may be utilized in different implementations. Some embodiments and features may be presented only with reference to certain example aspects. It should be appreciated that corresponding embodiments and features apply to other example aspects as well. Any appropriate combinations of the embodiments may be formed. Any apparatus and/or methods in the description and/or figures not covered by the claims are examples useful for understanding the invention.

**BRIEF DESRCIPTION OF THE FIGURES**

Some example embodiments will be described with reference to the accompanying figures, in which:

Fig. 1A shows an exploded view of parts of an office pod in accordance with