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SONY CORPORATION
Petitioner

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STEREOSCOPIC PANORAMIC IMAGES

Inter Partes Review No. IPR2013-00327

DECLARATION OF KENICHI OKADA

Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of
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EXHIBIT
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I, Kenichi Okada, do hereby make the following declaration:

1. The statements contained in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge.
2. I received my B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in instrumentation engineering from Keio University, in 1973, 1975, and 1982, respectively.
3. I have been a professor at Keio University since April 1994. From April 1994 to March 1996, I was an Associate Professor in the Department of Instrumentation Engineering. From April 1996 to March 2002, I was an Associate Professor in the Department of Information and Computer Science. Finally, since April 2002, I have been a Professor in the Department of Information and Computer Science.
4. I have authored or co-authored over 150 publications, including books and papers, such as “Collaboration and Communication Support System” (IOS Press, May 2009) and “Designing Communication and Collaboration Support Systems” (Gordon and Breach Science Publishers, Nov. 1999). My research interests include computer supported cooperative work, groupware, human computer interaction, and ubiquitous computing.
5. I am a Fellow of the Information Processing Society of Japan (“IPSJ”) and the Virtual Reality Society of Japan (“VRS”). I am also a member of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers (“IEICE”), the Association for Computing Machinery (“ACM”), and the Institute of Electrical and

Electronics Engineers (“IEEE”). I have received several honors, including the IPSJ Best Paper Awards of 1995, 2000, and 2007, the IPSJ 40th Anniversary Paper Award in 2000, the 2002 IPSJ Fellow, the IEEE SAINT Best Paper Award in 2004, and the 2010 VRS Fellow Award.

6. I have been a member of VRS, an academic society, since April 1997. In March 1997, we launched SIG-CyberSpace (“SIG-CS”) as a special interest group of VRS. I was Secretary of SIG-CS from April 1997 to March 2000, Vice Chairman from April 2000 to March 2006, and Chairman from April 2006 to March 2009. I was also an Executive Board Member of VRS from April 2006 to March 2010. As Secretary, I managed the operations of SIG-CS. For example, I submitted the financial statements of SIG-CS to VRS.

7. SIG-CS organized symposiums and SIG meetings with the objective of offering a forum for discussing academic research regarding virtual reality applications such as networked communities. These symposiums and SIG meetings were open to members, students, and the general public. Information and materials distributed at such symposiums and SIG meetings were publicly available and not subject to any confidentiality restrictions. The number of participants at these symposiums and SIG meetings ranged between 15 to 30 people interested in the subject matter being discussed.

8. As Secretary of SIG-CS, I organized, managed and attended a SIG meeting held on November 27, 1997 at the Landmark Tower in Yokohama City.
9. Attached as Exhibits 1O and 2O are copies of announcements that were posted online about the November 27, 1997 SIG meeting prior to the SIG meeting. The URL for the SIG-CS homepage listed on Exhibits 1O and 2O belonged to my laboratory at Keio University and was publicly accessible. As indicated on the Call for Participants (Exhibit 2O), applications for participation were accepted at the venue on the day of the event. The participant fees were 2,000 yen for the general public and 1,000 yen for students. SIG-CS members were admitted free of charge.
10. During the SIG meeting, copies of a booklet of the five papers presented were made available to participants. The booklet was not marked or treated as confidential. To enable non-Japanese speaking members of the public to understand the contents of these five papers, and to facilitate searches by non-Japanese speakers for the papers, SIG-CS requested that the authors of each of the five papers provide English titles and abstracts for their papers, and those English titles and abstracts were included in the booklet. Attached is a copy of the booklet (Exhibit 3O).
11. Prior to the SIG meeting on November 27, 1997, copies of the booklet were ordered for distribution. These booklets, as noted above, were made available to

participants at the SIG meeting. The remaining copies were given to me for further distribution after the SIG meeting.

12. Printed materials related to SIG-CS symposiums and SIG meetings, such as the booklet for the November 27, 1997 SIG meeting, were available for anyone to order. As a part of my responsibility as Secretary, which included accounting, requests and orders after the symposiums and SIG meetings were directed to me, and I handled the payments and deliveries. I recall receiving at least one request for a booklet shortly after the November 27, 1997 meeting, and followed up on that request.

I declare under penalties of perjury set out in 18 U.S.C. § 1001 that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on March 26, 2013.


