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Enclosed is a copy of the latest communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above identified Reexamination proceeding. 37 CFR 1.903.

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**OFFICE ACTION IN INTER PARTES  
REEXAMINATION**

Control No.	Patent Under Reexamination	
95/001,269	6502135	
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Responsive to the communication(s) filed by:

Patent Owner on \_\_\_\_\_

Third Party(ies) on 12/8/09

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*For Patent Owner's Response:*

2 MONTH(S) from the mailing date of this action. 37 CFR 1.945. EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE GOVERNED BY 37 CFR 1.956.

*For Third Party Requester's Comments on the Patent Owner Response:*

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**All correspondence** relating to this inter partes reexamination proceeding should be directed to the **Central Reexamination Unit** at the mail, FAX, or hand-carry addresses given at the end of this Office action.

This action is not an Action Closing Prosecution under 37 CFR 1.949, nor is it a Right of Appeal Notice under 37 CFR 1.953.

**PART I. THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:**

1.  Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892
2.  Information Disclosure Citation, PTO/SB/08
3.  \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II. SUMMARY OF ACTION:**

- 1a.  Claims 1-10 and 12 are subject to reexamination.
- 1b.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are not subject to reexamination.
2.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ have been canceled.
3.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are confirmed. [Unamended patent claims]
4.  Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are patentable. [Amended or new claims]
5.  Claims 1,3,4,6-10 and 12 are rejected.
6.  Claims 2 and 5 are objected to.
7.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_  are acceptable  are not acceptable.
8.  The drawing correction request filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is:  approved.  disapproved.
9.  Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d). The certified copy has:  
 been received.  not been received.  been filed in Application/Control No 95001269.
10.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Inter Partes Reexamination Office Action*

Third Party Requester (“Requester”) requested reexamination of claims 1-10 and 12 of US Patent No. 6,502,135 (hereafter “the ‘135 patent”) issued to Munger et al based upon the following prior art patents and publications:

1. Aventail Administrator’s Guide (hereafter “Aventail”) that was published between 1996 and 1999. Aventail was not considered in a prior examination and qualifies as prior art under §102(a).
2. Gauntlet Firewall for Windows NT, Administrator’s Guide (hereafter “Gauntlet”) that was published no later than 1999. Gauntlet was not considered in a prior examination and qualifies as prior art under §102(a).
3. “Building and Managing Virtual Private Networks” that was published by David Kosiur in 1998 (hereafter “Kosiur”). Kosiur was not considered in a prior examination and qualifies as prior art under §102(b).
4. Building a Microsoft VPN: A Comprehensive Collection of Microsoft Resources (hereafter “Microsoft VPN”) that was published on January 1, 2000. Microsoft VPN was not considered in a prior examination and qualifies as prior art under §102(a).
5. Microsoft Windows NT Server, Virtual Private Networking: An Overview (hereafter “VPN Overview”) that was published in 1998. VPN Overview was not considered in a prior examination and qualifies as prior art under §102(b).

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6. RFC 1035 that was published in 1987. RFC 1035 was not considered in a prior examination and qualifies as prior art under §102(b).

The order granting reexamination mailed on April 30, 2009 found a substantial new question of patentability raised by the following proposed rejections:

**Issue 1** - Claims 1-10 and 12 are anticipated by Aventail under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

**Issue 3** - Claims 1-10 and 12 are anticipated by Kosiur under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

**Issue 7** - Claims 3, 6, and 8 are rendered obvious by VPN Overview in view of Aventail under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Issues 2 and 4-6 were not found to have raised a substantial new question of patentability and thus any discussion of those issues is omitted from this office action.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 and 103*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this

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