

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Petitioner,

v.

PAICE LLC & ABELL FOUNDATION, INC.

Patent Owner.

DECLARATION OF WALT JOHNSON

I, Walt Johnson, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am presently employed as the Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) Librarian at the Minneapolis Central Library. The Minneapolis Central Library is a PTRC located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated below. I am over 18 years of age, and I am competent to testify regarding the following.

2. It is the normal course of business for the library services to index and catalog technical reference materials for incorporation into our facility in order to provide access to intellectual property information. Once received, a reference stamped with the date of receipt and placed on the shelf within a few days.

3. Attached as **Exhibit A** to my declaration is a true and accurate copy of a technical article titled "A High-Expansion-Ratio Gasoline Engine for the Toyota Hybrid System" that was authored by T. Takaoka, K. Hirose, T. Ueda, Y. Nouno, H. Tada, and H. Kanai.

4. The first page of **Exhibit A** includes an imprint of the Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center's, which is now called the Minneapolis Central Library after a merger with the Hennepin County Library system, property stamp together with a stamped date of "May 2_, 1998." The second digit of the date stamp is not clear; however, it is clear that the stamped date is between May 21-29, 1998. Therefore, I understand that the stamped date is May 29, 1998 at the latest. This property stamp and date would have been placed on the volume at the time it was being processed by the library services at the Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center.

5. I have knowledge that there existed no time between the processing date of around May 29, 1998 and December 23, 2014 when the technical reference attached as **Exhibit A** was not publically available at the Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center or the Minneapolis Central Library, except between August 2002 and May 20, 2006 while the library was in a smaller, temporary location during the construction of the new Minneapolis Central Library. Older issues of most magazines were not available to staff or public during this period.

6. The technical reference attached as **Exhibit A** would therefore have been indexed and searchable by the general public since around May 29, 1998.

7. The technical reference attached as **Exhibit A** would have been indexed and searchable by the general public well before September 1998.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

23 Dec, 2014
Date

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