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**ACTION CLOSING PROSECUTION
(37 CFR 1.949)**

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Patent Owner on 18 April, 2012

Third Party(ies) on 06 August, 2012

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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 1-60 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 1-60 are rejected.
6. ☐ Claims _____ 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 _____
10. ☐ Other _____

ACTION CLOSING PROSECUTION

1. Introduction

This Office action addresses claims 1-60 of United States Patent No. 7,921,211 B2 (the "Larson" patent), for reexamination was granted in the Order Granting *Inter Partes* Reexamination (hereafter the "Order"), mailed January 18, 2012.

A non-final Office action accompanying said Order was also mailed January 18, 2012 rejecting all original claims 1-60 of the Larson patent (the "non-final Office action").

The patent owner responded by filing arguments and associated evidence on April 18, 2012 (the "Response").

The third party requester responded by filing Comments to the Patent Owner's Response on August 6, 2012 (the "Comments"). In the Comments, the third party requester responded to the patent owner's arguments.

The examiner has carefully considered the arguments and evidence provided in both the patent owner's Response and in the third party requester's Comments. Based on consideration of the entire record, the third party requester's arguments and evidence are deemed more persuasive. See the "Response to Arguments" section for further explanation. All prior rejections are

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maintained. Accordingly, this Office action is made an “**Action Closing Prosecution.**” See 37 CFR 1.949, MPEP 2671.02. See also the “conclusion” section to this Office action.

2. Prior Art Rejections

2.A. Issues Raised in the Request

A total of ten references, in certain combinations, have been asserted in the Request as providing teachings relevant to the claims of the Larson patent.

Solana, E. et al., “Flexible Internet Secure Transactions Based on Collaborative Domains,” Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Vol. 1361, at 37-51 (1997), attached to the Request as Exhibit X1 (“Solana”).

U.S. Patent No. 6,557,037 to Provino, attached to the Request as Exhibit X2 (“Provino”).

U.S. Patent No. 6,496,867 to Beser, attached to the Request as Exhibit X3 (“Beser”).

Atkinson, R., IETF RFC 2230, “Key Exchange Delegation Record for the DNS,” November 1997, attached to the Request as Exhibit X4 (“RFC 2230”).

Eastlake, D. et al., IETF RFC 2538, “Storing Certificates in the Domain Name System (DNS),” March 1999, attached to the Request as Exhibit X5 (“RFC 2538”).

Kent, S. et al., IETF RFC 2401, “Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol,” November 1998, attached to the Request as Exhibit X6 (“RFC 2401”).

Eastlake, D. et al., IETF RFC 2064, “Domain Name System Security Extensions,” January 1997, attached to the Request as Exhibit X7 (“RFC 2065”).

Postel, J. et al., IETF RFC 920, “Domain Requirements,” October 1984, attached to the Request as Exhibit X8 (“RFC 920”).

Guttman, E. et al., IETF RFC 2504, “Users’ Security Handbook,” February 1999, attached to the Request as Exhibit X9 (“RFC 2504”).

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