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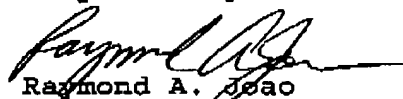
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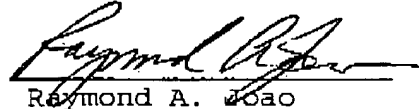


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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Remarks filed in the above-identified application. Entry of this Preliminary Remarks, before any Official Action is taken in this case, is respectfully requested.

Applicant provides the following definitions for the following terms or phrases which appear in certain of the pending Claims:

A. "Video" means "an image or images or a photograph, or data or information containing, pertaining to, or representing, an image or images or a photograph." Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at page 80, line 21 to page 82, line 15; page 193, line 20 to page 195, line 13; page 216, line 16 to page 218, line 10; page 239, line 9 to page 241, line 3; page 264, line 13 to page 266, line 14; page 284, line 23 to page 287, line 2; page 316, line 4 to page 318, line 14; page 84, lines 7-13; page 197, lines 6-11; page 242, line 15-21; page 268, lines 7-12; page 288, line 21 to page 289, line 6; page 317, line 3 to page 318, line 14; and page 178, line 7 to page 179, line 16.

B. "Remote" means "separate and apart from, or external from, or at a distance from or distant from, or not located in." Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at page 68, line 23 to page 69, line 8; page 9, line 22 to page 10, line 8; page 115, lines 1-7; Page 178, lines 7-21; page

68, line 23 to page 70, line 4; page 73, lines 10-17; page 115, line 21 to page 116, line 20; page 71, line 14 to page 73, line 24; and page 87, lines 3-6; and page 154, lines 11-13.

C. "Premises" means "a building or a structure and the grounds or parcel of land associated with the building or the structure, or a building or structure or a portion, room, or office, of or in the building or structure, or a home, mobile home, mobile building, mobile structure, residence, residential building, office, commercial building, commercial office, structure, equipment, facility, machine, rig, assembly line, or edifice." Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at page 257, lines 10-21; page 263, line 7 to page 264, line 4; page 273, lines 8-21; page 277, line 4 to page 278, line 8; and page 283, line 15 to page 284, line 12.

D. "Internet" means "the Internet", or "the global computer communication network which consists of a vast collection of many computer networks which spans the World and which communicate using a protocol family called TCP/IP and which is commonly referred to as "the Internet". Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the

originally filed Specification at page 108, line 2 to page 110, line 21; page 109, line 22 to page 110, line 21; page 52, lines 14-21; page 178, lines 17-21; page 107, line 19 to page 110, line 21; page 174, line 3 to page 178, line 21; page 28, lines 11-18; and page 309, lines 8-11; and in the originally filed Drawings in FIGS. 5B and 11B.

E. "Located at" means "situated at, or situated in, or situated on". Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at page 26, lines 7-21; page 28, line 3-10; page 29, lines 8-21; page 36, lines 1-10; page 81, line 18 to page 84, line 1; page 100, line 19 to page 101, line 3; page 140, lines 10-15; page 152, lines 17-24; page 158, line 19 to page 159, line 2; page 161, line 22 to page 162, line 3; page 164, lines 10-19; page 181, line 20 to page 182, line 5; page 194, line 15 to page 196, line 23; page 217, line 11 to page 219, line 20; page 240, line 4 to page 242, line 14; page 265, line 9 to page 268, line 1; page 285, line 19 to page 288, line 2; and page 316, line 13 to page 317, line 10.

F. "On or over" means "by means of, or using, or utilizing". Support for the above definition can, for example, be found in the originally filed Specification at

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