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PATENT OWNER RESPONSE TO PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.120



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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.120, Uniloc USA, Inc. and Uniloc Luxembourg S.A. (the "Patent Owner" or "Uniloc") submit Uniloc's Response to the Petition for *Inter Partes* Review ("Pet." or "Petition") of United States Patent No. 9,414,199 ("the '199 patent" or "EX1001") filed by Apple Inc. ("Petitioner") in IPR2017-1993.

The Petition should be denied because it applies an erroneous claim construction and fails to satisfy the All Elements Rule. *See Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. v. U.S. Surgical Corp.*, 149 F.3d 1309, 1317 n.1 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (holding every element and limitation must be met by a component in the qualifying reference); *Mentor Graphics Corp., v. Synopsys, Inc.*, IPR2014-00287, 2015 WL 3637569, (Paper 31) at *11 (P.T.A.B. June 11, 2015), *aff'd sub nom. Synopsys, Inc. v. Mentor Graphics Corp.*, 669 Fed. Appx. 569 (Fed. Cir. 2016) (denying Petition as tainted by reliance on an incorrect claim construction).

II. THE '199 PATENT

A. Effective Filing Date of the '199 Patent

The '199 patent is titled "Predictive Delivery of Information Based on Device History." The '199 patent issued on August 9, 2016 from United States Patent Application No. 14/188,063, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to provisional Application No. 61/774,305, filed on March 7, 2013. The Petition does not dispute the effective filing date of the '199 patent is March 7, 2013.



B. Overview of the '199 Patent

The '199 Patent discloses various embodiments for location-based services and methods for delivery of information to a user device based a variety of factors including, for example, the present location of the device and the location history of the device. *See*, *e.g.*, EX1002 (Prosecution History), pp. 20, 48–49. In certain preferred embodiments, a server gathers locational information from a user device over time to collect location histories of the device and to periodically predict future locations of the device. For example, a server may be programmed to determine that there is at least a minimum likelihood that a user device will be at one of several locations within a maximum amount of time. The server may be further programed to perform certain actions in response to such a predicative determination. An example of such actions is sending a promotion or advertisement to the user device (*e.g.*, as an SMS message).

During prosecution, when successfully conceiving the Board to overturn an Examiner's prior finding of unpatentability, Applicant highlighted several technical advantages of the claimed invention over "conventional location-based services." EX1002, p. 49. One such advantage included the ability to present information to a user device in a manner that "can actually influence the future location of the user device by offering an alternative trip the user can take rather than the trip typically taken in the current context." *Id*.

¹ All citations to Exhibit 1002 ("EX1002") are made to the page numbering in the footer added by Petitioner.



The '199 patent issued with one independent claim, copied below for the convenience of the Board:

1. A method for delivering information to two or more user devices, the method comprising:

retrieving the information from one or more data records that associate the information with one or more predetermined locations, a predetermined maximum amount of time, a predetermined likelihood, and one or more predetermined actions; and

for each of the two or more user devices:

predicting whether the user device will be at any of the one or more predetermined locations within the predetermined maximum amount of time with at least the predetermined likelihood; and

in response to the predicting that the user device will be at any of the one or more predetermined locations within the predetermined maximum amount of time with at least the predetermined likelihood, performing the one or more predetermined actions;

wherein at least one of the actions includes delivering the information to the user device.

V. THE PETITION FAILS TO PROVE OBVIOSUNESS

Petitioners have the burden of proof to establish they are entitled to their requested relief. 37 C.F.R. § 42.108(c). To satisfy this burden under a theory of obviousness, Petitioners "must specify where each element of the claim is found in the prior art patents or printed publications relied upon." 37 C.F.R. § 42.104(b)(4). Petitioners have not met this burden.



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