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APPLE INC.,
Petitioner,

v.

UNILOC LUXEMBOURG, S.A.,
Patent Owner

PETITION FOR *INTER PARTES* REVIEW

OF

U.S. PATENT NO. 6,216,158

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I. INTRODUCTION

U.S. Patent No. 6,216,158 (“the ’158 Patent,” APPL-1001) is generally directed to controlling network services with a palm-sized computer. The ’158 Patent admits, however, that the specific steps for controlling network services recited in the claims—accessing a directory of services, downloading code associated with a service, and sending control commands—were already well known. In that regard, the only embodiment disclosed in the specification is based on Sun Microsystems’ Jini technology, which was announced and publicized in the summer of 1998, well before the priority date of the ’158 Patent. Jini allows a client to access a directory of services, download code associated with a service, and control the service with the code.

The allegedly-inventive aspect of the ’158 Patent is the performance of the well-known Jini steps by a *palm-sized computer*. Jini, however, was designed for use with any type of device including palm-sized devices—as illustrated by trade articles pre-dating the ’158 Patent that *explicitly tout the use of PalmPilots with Jini*. U.S. patents filed by the architect of Jini provide additional details regarding the Jini platform.

This petition further establishes that others besides Sun Microsystems had also developed and disclosed methods for controlling network services with a palm-sized computer. The claimed subject matter of the ’158 Patent is also taught

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