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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

SHENZHEN ZHIYI TECHNOLOGY CO. LTD., D/B/A ILIFE,
Petitioner

v.

IROBOT CORP.,
Patent Owner

Case IPR2017-02061
Patent 6,809,490

**PATENT OWNER'S
PRELIMINARY RESPONSE**

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