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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

GOOGLE LLC, Petitioner,

v.

UNILOC 2017 LLC, Patent Owner.

Case No. IPR2020-00756 U.S. Patent No. 9,564,952

PETITIONER'S REPLY TO PATENT OWNER'S RESPONSE

IPR2020-00756: Petitioner's Reply U.S. Patent No. 9,564,952

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I. Introduction

Patent Owner Uniloc does not challenge most of the points Google made in the Petition. Instead, Uniloc raises only two limited disputes. First, Uniloc argues that *Paulson* fails to disclose the claimed "scanning a plurality of predetermined frequencies for a free frequency." But Uniloc's argument is based on reading portions of *Paulson* in ways that are inconsistent with *Paulson*'s express teachings, such as by contending that Step 402 in *Paulson*'s Figure 4 is divorced from Step 404 despite the figure and *Paulson*'s text both using the results from Step 402 in that figure's following steps. Uniloc largely repeats the same arguments the Board preliminarily rejected in the Institution Decision, and Uniloc provides no expert testimony or other evidence that could overcome the Board's reasoning, which is supported by the testimony of Google's expert.

Second, Uniloc argues that *Surprenant* does not disclose the claimed "bit array" feature in Grounds 1 and 3, but its arguments are contradicted by *Surprenant*'s disclosure and the knowledge of a person of ordinary skill, as demonstrated by prior art discussed in the '952 patent. Uniloc's arguments are also incomplete, as Uniloc fails to address all of the prior art cited by the '952 patent and discussed in the Petition. On this issue as well, Uniloc largely repeats arguments from its Preliminary Response, which the Board preliminarily rejected in the Institution Decision. Uniloc again has not provided any expert testimony or other evidence that should alter the Board's initial conclusions.

Moreover, Uniloc never attempts to rebut Google's reliance on *Beenau* in Grounds 2 and 4 as disclosing the claimed "bit array derived from user-configurable and non-user-configurable data specific to the audio transceiver computing device." Any attempt to do so for the first time in Uniloc's Sur-Reply should be deemed waived. Accordingly, even if the Board were to agree with Uniloc that *Surprenant* does not disclose or suggest this claimed feature, Uniloc has not presented and cannot later present any challenge to Google's grounds that rely on *Beenau* instead of *Surprenant* for this feature.

For the reasons below, and as explained in the Petition, Google respectfully requests that the Board cancel claims 9-12 of the '952 patent as unpatentable.

II. Argument

A. The *Paulson* and *Surprenant* Combination Discloses "Scanning a Plurality of Predetermined Frequencies for a Free Frequency"

In the Petition, Google established that *Paulson* discloses "scanning a plurality of predetermined frequencies for a free frequency." (Petition at 23-29; Ex. 1003 ¶¶ 65-75.) *Paulson*'s Figure 4 illustrates how *Paulson*'s system (1) identifies the claimed "plurality of predetermined frequencies" at Step 402, and then (2) under Steps 404-414, scans and selects "one or more frequencies" for

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