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SONY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AB, SONY MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., SONY ELECTRONICS INC., and SONY CORPORATION,
Petitioners

v.

ANCORA TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Patent Owner

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Case IPR2021-00663 Patent No. 6,411,941

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PATENT OWNER'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR INTER PARTES REVIEW UNDER 37 C.F.R. §42.107



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	<ul> <li>A. The outcome of the alleged combination of Hellman and Chou is no different from Schwartz, which this Office found "no reasonable examiner would have found important in determining the patentability of claims 1-19"</li> <li>B. The Hellman and Chou combination is cumulative of a prior art combination the Patent Office found did not, "singly or collectively," disclose "licensed programs running at the OS level interacting with a program verification structure stored in the BIOS"</li> </ul>				
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2002	Sony's Invalidity Contentions, <i>Ancora Technologies, Inc. v. Sony Mobile Communications AB et al.</i> , Case No. 19-1703- CFC	Dec. 18, 2020
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2006	E-mail from Canavera to trials@uspto.gov	Feb. 19, 2021
2007	Complaint, Ancora Technologies, Inc. v. Sony Mobile Communications AB et al., Case No. 19- 1703-CFC (Dkt. #1)	Sept. 11, 2019
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2023 <b>NEW</b>	US Patent 5,479,639 ("Ewertz")	Dec. 26, 1995
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