UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

BILLJCO, LLC,	
Plaintiff,	Case No. 6:21-cv-528-ADA
v.	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
APPLE INC.	JUNI TRIAL DEMIANDED
Defendant.	

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I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff BillJCo, LLC ("BillJCo") asserts six patents and 41 claims against Defendant Apple Inc. ("Apple"). This brief addresses nine key claim terms that require construction to adjudicate this case. For most of these terms, Apple's constructions identify the plain and ordinary meaning of the term in light of the intrinsic evidence to one of ordinary skill in the art. For the other terms, Apple's constructions are compelled by the patentee's lexicography or disavowal of claim scope during prosecution to obtain allowance of the claims.

BillJCo's constructions—and its positions during the meet-and-confer process—are an entirely different story. Without exception, BillJCo simply incants the phrase "plain and ordinary" without explaining what that meaning is, or why and how BillJCo disagrees with Apple's constructions. As such, BillJCo has, to date, ascribed no meaning to these terms.

II. OVERVIEW OF THE ASSERTED PATENTS

BillJCo asserts the following six patents: U.S. Patent Nos. 8,566,839 ("839 patent"), 8,639,267 ("267 patent"), 8,761,804 ("804 patent"), 9,088,868 ("868 patent"), 10,292,011 ("011 patent") and 10,477,994 ("994 patent"). While the asserted patents all claim priority to a common application, Application No. 12/077,041 filed on March 14, 2008 ("041 application"), only the '804 patent claims priority to the '041 application as a continuation. The other five asserted patents claim priority to the '041 application as a continuation-in-part because they add new matter to their respective specifications.

The asserted patents generally describe providing location-based services and a location-based exchange of data between a sending data processing system and a mobile data processing system. *See*, *e.g.*, Ex. 1 ('011 patent), 1:36-44. As explained below, three of the patents generally focus on mobile data processing system ("mobile device") behavior, while the other three patents generally focus on sending data processing system ("sending device") behavior.



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