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Monday, May 23, 2022 3:55 PM

To:

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Tom Dunham

Subject:

RE: IPR2022-00915 and -00916 - Discovery Requests

Dear Ms. O'Brien,

Thanks for your patience as Major Data has been considering Patent Owner's request for discovery. There does not appear to be a reasonable basis for Additional Discovery relating to Real Party in Interest under the Garmin Factors. Patent Owner has has not presented anything beyond mere "allegation" or "possibility" that relevant information might be found.

Patent Owner has represented that there is publicly available evidence that Mr. Koltan of Major Data and Mr. Okmanas of the Tesonet group have a "personal and/or professional relationship." Patent Owner asserts that there are multiple news articles suggesting that Messrs. Koltan and Okmanas initiated an idea to "distribute local aid to fight coronavirus." We have not seen the articles you are referencing. First, Mr. Okmanas is a well-known founder of a Unicorn-status technology company in Lithuania. We understand that it would be difficult to find technology entrepreneurs in Lithuania who have not had at least some professional interaction with Mr. Okmanas. Furthermore, many companies in countries around the world contributed to efforts to fight coronavirus. That does not suggest a close connection between them.

Second, Patent Owner claims that some unidentified employees have moved between Teso LT, one of the four petitioners in the IPRs filed against Luminati in 2020, and Netzet, a separate company co-founded by Mr. Koltan. This also does not appear to rise above the level of a mere possibility or suspicion of a connection. Since Patent Owner does not identify the alleged employees, it is impossible to determine whether their duties are in any way relevant to the technology at issue here. Even if they were, we understand that Mr. Okmanas employs thousands of people in Lithuania. Therefore, there is no reason to draw any conclusions from the mere movement of tech workers between one company and another. Furthermore, Patent Owner does not allege that any Teso LT employee works for Major Data, the Petitioner in this proceeding. The alleged connection is even more tenuous: that Mr. Koltan allegedly hired *at Netzet* — a company not involved in this IPR — a former Okmanas employee (or possibly the reverse).

Third, the ultimate relevant question is not whether there is any connection of any kind. The relevant question is whether Major Data is so much under Teso LT's influence or control that it is joining the pending IPR at Teso LT's behest. Tenuous connections such as these, even if true, do not begin to rise to such a level of control.

Regards,

Jason





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Hi Jason,

Just following up on when we might expect Major Data's responses to the discovery requests.

Thank you, Elizabeth

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Hi Jason,

Thank you for taking this request up with Major Data.

As you are aware, based on Petitioner's Mandatory Notices, there are a number of district court proceedings involving Bright Data and one or more of the Tesonet companies referenced in Interrogatory No. 4. Mr. Okmanas is a founder/owner of the Tesonet companies. Therefore, the discovery requests are targeted to assess whether there is any preexisting relationship between Mr. Koltan/Major Data and Mr. Okmanas/Tesonet, possibly personal and/or professional.

For some additional context, we understand that Mr. Koltan is also a co-founder of another company, netzet, UAB. We have found some employees of netzet, UAB who have also worked with Teso LT, UAB (f/k/a UAB Tesonet). We also found multiple news articles about Mr. Koltan and Mr. Okmanas being the initiators of an idea to distribute local aid to fight coronavirus. One such article included the hashtag "WeAreTesonet". We thought this link might suggest some sort of personal and/or professional relationship between Mr. Koltan and Mr. Okmanas.

We appreciate you taking the time to resolve our concerns as we do not wish to burden the Board with this issue.

Elizabeth



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Hello Elizabeth.

Good to meet you. We'll take this request up with Major Data. I'm not familiar with Thomas Okmanas or the Tesonet family. Could you please point me to the public information you are referencing so that I can explain the basis for the proposed requests?

Regards,

Jason

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Subject: [EXT] IPR2022-00915 and -00916 - Discovery Requests

Dear Counsel,

We write to express our concern in regard to IPR2022-00915 and IPR2022-00916. The petitions identified Major Data UAB as the only real party-in-interest and the POAs identified Gerbert Doronin Koltan as the Director of Major Data UAB. However, our own searching has revealed public information linking Gerbert Doronin Koltan with Thomas Okmanas and/or the Tesonet family of companies.

We believe this issue could affect denial of institution due to the time-bar under 35 U.S.C. § 315(b) and also whether joinder to IPR2021-01492 or IPR2021-01493 is appropriate.

In order to address this issue, we prepared six discovery requests that are narrowly tailored and reasonable, consistent with the Board's guidance. See, e.g., PTAB Consolidated Trial Practice Guide (November 2019) at 28.

Please let us know as soon as possible if Petitioner agrees to provide discovery responses. If Petitioner agrees, please provide such responses before Monday, May 23, 2022.

We hope the Parties can reach agreement on this discovery issue. If no agreement is reached, we intend to raise this issue on the conference call with the Board regarding joinder.





Interrogatory No. 1: When and how did Petitioner become aware of each of Patent Nos. 10,257,319 and 10,484,510?

Interrogatory No. 2: When and how did Petitioner become aware of each of IPR2021-01492 and IPR2021-01493?

**Interrogatory No. 3:** Does Gerbert Doronin Koltan have a personal and/or professional relationship with Thomas Okmanas?

**Interrogatory No. 4:** Does either Petitioner or Gerbert Doronin Koltan have any relationship with the Tesonet family of companies, including any of Code200, UAB; Teso LT, UAB (f/k/a UAB Tesonet); Metacluster LT, UAB; Oxysales, UAB; Coretech LT, UAB; or Tefincom SA d/b/a NordVPN?

**Interrogatory No. 5:** Identify any communication with any non-party discussing Petitioner's preparation or filing of IPR2022-00915 and/or IPR2022-00916. For any tangible communications, please produce the document. For any non-tangible communications, please describe the topic, the individuals involved, and the approximate date of the communication.

**Interrogatory No. 6:** Identify the corporate structure of Major Data UAB, including any parent, subsidiary, or sister (e.g., under common ownership with Major Data UAB) companies.

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Thank you, Elizabeth

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