# **EXHIBIT 12**



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#### (54) DIVIDING WORK AMONG MULTIPLE GRAPHICS PIPELINES USING A SUPER-TILING TECHNIQUE

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#### (57) ABSTRACT

A graphics processing circuit includes at least two pipelines operative to process data in a corresponding set of tiles of a repeating tile pattern, a respective one of the at least two pipelines operative to process data in a dedicated tile, wherein the repeating tile pattern includes a horizontally and vertically repeating pattern of square regions. A graphics processing method includes receiving vertex data for a primitive to be rendered; generating pixel data in response to the vertex data; determining the pixels within a set of tiles of a repeating tile pattern to be processed by a corresponding one of at least two graphics pipelines in response to the pixel data, the repeating tile pattern including a horizontally and vertically repeating pattern of square regions; and performing pixel operations on the pixels within the determined set of tiles by the corresponding one of the at least two graphics pipelines.

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**FIG. 2** 

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