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May 14, 2026

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 11087750 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11087750 (the "11087750 Patent"). After preliminary review, we have substantial concerns about the validity, enforceability, and scope of the asserted claims, summarized below. We reserve all rights and defenses.

1. Subject Patent — Summary

Following a detailed analysis of U.S. Patent 11,087,750 and a review of relevant legal databases, the following summary provides a concise overview of the patent's key details and claims.

Summary of U.S. Patent 11,087,750

Title: Methods and apparatus for detecting a voice command

Assignee: Cerence Operating Co.

Inventors: William F. Ganong, III, Paul Adrian Van Mulbregt, Vladimir Sejnoha, Glen Edward Wilson

Filing Date: August 16, 2016

Issue Date: August 10, 2021

Abstract:

The patent describes methods and devices for monitoring the acoustic environment of a mobile device to detect voice commands. This includes receiving acoustic input and determining if it contains a voice command...

2. Validity Concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 102 — Prior Art

We have identified prior-art references that, in our preliminary view, anticipate one or more asserted claims of the 11087750 Patent:

Based on my analysis as of May 8, 2026, here is a review of the most relevant prior art cited against U.S. Patent 11,087,750. This analysis examines the potential for these references to anticipate the patent's independent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Prior Art Analysis for U.S. Patent 11,087,750

The following patents were cited during the prosecution of patent 11,087,750 and are considered relevant to its core claims.

1. U.S. Patent 8,812,327 B1: "Device control based on voice commands having command keywords"

- Full Citation: US 8,812,327 B1
- Assignee: Amazon Technologies, Inc.
- Filing Date: February 4, 2013
- Issue Date: August 19, 2014
- Brief Description: This patent discloses a system where a device continuously monitors audio input for a specific "command keyword" (e.g., a wake word). Upon detecting the keyword, the device transitions to a command capture mode to process a subsequent voice command. The system is designed to be "always on," listening for the keyword while in a low-power state, and only activating more power-intensive resources after keyword...

3. Obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Independent of § 102, we believe the asserted claims are obvious in view of combinations of prior art that a person having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine:

Based on the provided prior art analysis, here is an analysis of the obviousness of the independent claims of U.S. Patent 11,087,750 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Obviousness Analysis of U.S. Patent 11,087,750

This analysis evaluates whether an invention claimed in US patent 11,087,750 would have been obvious to a "person having ordinary skill in the art" (PHOSITA) at the time the invention was made by combining the teachings of existing prior art references.

Claims 1 & 8: Trigger-less Voice Command Detection

These claims cover the broad method and apparatus for detecting a voice command "without requiring receipt of an explicit trigger."

- Conclusion: These claims are likely rendered obvious by U.S. Patent 9,070,332 B2 (Microsoft '332).

- Reasoning:

The Microsoft '332 patent discloses the core novelty of these claims. Its abstract states the system can identify a command within general speech "without an explicit user action to transition the electronic device to a command mode." This directly teaches the limitation of detecting a command "without requiring receipt of an..."

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 11087750 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Cerence Operating Company v. General Motors LLC — 2:23-cv-00482 · U.S. District Court for

the Eastern District of Texas · On appeal

• General Motors LLC v. Cerence Operating Company — IPR2024-01465 · U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board · Not Instituted

5. Request

In light of the foregoing, we request that your client (i) provide a detailed claim chart identifying each accused product or service and mapping every limitation of each asserted claim, (ii) identify any prior art known to your client, including any references cited during prosecution or reexamination, and (iii) substantiate the basis for any damages or licensing demand. We are prepared to discuss the matter further once we have received and reviewed the foregoing.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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