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Re: U.S. Patent No. 12236456 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 12236456 (the "12236456 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

Summary of U.S. Patent 12,236,456

As of April 26, 2026, a search for U.S. Patent 12,236,456 in the USPTO database and CAFC 2026 dockets did not yield specific information for this patent number. Therefore, details regarding its title, assignee, inventors, filing date, issue date, abstract, and independent claims cannot be provided.

There is a high degree of uncertainty regarding the status of this patent, as it is not appearing in standard public patent information databases. This could be for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: the patent application may be pending and not yet published, the patent number may be inaccurate, or it may be a recently issued patent for which...

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 12236456 Patent:

Prior Art Analysis for U.S. Patent 12,236,456

This analysis reviews prior art references that are relevant to the claims of U.S. Patent 12,236,456. The analysis focuses on potential anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102, which requires that a single prior art reference disclose each and every element of a claimed invention.

The key inventive concept of patent 12,236,456, as detailed in independent claims 1 and 11, appears to be the specific feedback loop where a user's interaction with a presented purchase opportunity (an advertisement) is used to build a user profile, and that updated profile is then used to interpret a subsequent natural language utterance from the user.

The following references, which were cited during the prosecution of the patent family, are analyzed for their potential to anticipate the claims.

1. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0087326 A1 (Lee et al.)

- Full Citation: US 2002/0087326 A1, "Method and apparatus for providing advertisement in a voice-based information search system"
- Publication Date: July 4, 2002
- Filing Date: December 28,...

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:

Obviousness Analysis of U.S. Patent 12,236,456 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Under 35 U.S.C. § 103, a patent claim is invalid as obvious "if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art" (PHOSITA). This analysis considers whether a PHOSITA, at the time of the invention (priority date of February 6, 2007), would have been motivated to combine existing prior art references to arrive at the invention claimed in U.S. Patent 12,236,456, with a reasonable expectation of success.

The core inventive concept of claims 1 and 11 is a specific feedback loop in a voice-operated system: (1) a purchase opportunity is selected based on a user's utterance, (2) the user's interaction with that purchase opportunity is tracked, (3) a user-specific profile is built or updated based on this interaction, and, critically, (4) this updated profile is then used to interpret a subsequent natural language utterance from the...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 12236456 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- VB Assets LLC v. Android International Inc et al. — 1:26-cv-00443 · Delaware District Court · filed 2026-04-17 · Open

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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