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Re: U.S. Patent No. 5132992 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5132992 (the "5132992 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

US Patent 5132992, titled "Audio and video transmission and receiving system," was filed on January 7, 1991, and issued on July 21, 1992. The inventors are Paul Yurt and H. Lee Browne. The current assignee is Acacia Media Technologies Corp.

Abstract:

The patent describes a system for distributing video and/or audio information that uses digital signal processing for high data compression rates. The compressed and encoded audio/video content is transmitted over standard communication channels (like telephone, cable, or satellite broadcast) to a subscriber's specified receiver, ideally faster than real-time. This allows for later playback and optional recording on standard audio/video tape....

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 5132992 Patent:

The following are the patent citations identified as prior art for US Patent 5132992, along with their details and potential anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102, based on the distinctions made within the US5132992 patent document itself.

References Cited in US5132992

1. U.S. Pat. No. 4,506,387 (Walter)

Full Citation: U.S. Pat. No. 4,506,387, issued to Walter. [cite:

<https://patents.google.com/patent/US5132992/en>]

Publication Date: March 1985 [cite: <https://patents.google.com/patent/US5132992/en>]

Brief Description: Discloses a fully dedicated, multi-conductor, optical cable system wired to the viewer's premises for accessing audio/video material. It requires the viewer to be at the designated location for both ordering and viewing. [cite:

<https://patents.google.com/patent/US5132992/en>]

Potential Anticipation: This patent potentially anticipates a basic audio/video transmission system with some control over material access. However, it likely does not anticipate the features of US5132992 related to using multiple existing communication channels (rather than a dedicated cable),...

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 US Patent 5132992 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

This analysis considers whether the claims of US Patent 5132992 would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art (PHOSITA) at the time of the invention (priority date January 7, 1991), by combining the teachings of the cited prior art references. A PHOSITA is motivated to combine existing technologies to improve upon known systems, address identified problems, or achieve predictable results. The core inventive features of US5132992, as identified against the prior art, include the use of multiple existing communication channels, remote selection and flexible playback timing, buffering at the receiver, VCR-like functions, and a large-scale distribution system with accessible libraries, often relying on data compression. Combination 1: Monslow (US 4,890,320) in view of Abraham (US 4,590,516) and general knowledge of local storage/VCR functionality

References:

- Monslow (US 4,890,320): Discloses a system for broadcasting viewer-selected material but limits viewing to a prescribed time and lacks...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 5132992 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Untitled case — 3:04-cv-02308 · California Northern District Court

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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