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**Re: U.S. Patent No. 5852810 — Response to Assertion of Infringement**

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5852810 (the "5852810 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**

Here's a concise summary of US Patent 5852810:

US Patent 5852810: Geographic specific information search system and method

- Title: Geographic specific information search system and method
- Assignee: STUDENT HOUSING NETWORK Inc FORMERLY KNOWN AS SH NETWORK Inc (Current Assignee); Student Housing Network (Original Assignee)
- Inventors: James P. Sotiroff, Gerald W. Walden
- Filing Date: January 29, 1996
- Issue Date: December 22, 1998
- Abstract: The patent describes a geographic-specific information search system and method that uses a World Wide Web home page and associated script files to search for housing information in a specified geographic region. Users can narrow their search to...

## **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 5852810 Patent:

To identify the most relevant prior art for US Patent 5852810, I will search the USPTO database for the patent and then review its cited references. I will specifically look for the "Cited by

Examiner" section, as these are typically considered the most pertinent prior art by the patent office.

According to the USPTO website, the "Patent Public Search" tool is a web-based search application for patents and patent application publications that provides enhanced access to prior art.

USPTO Search for Patent 5852810

The patent text provided already includes a "Citations" section, which lists prior art cited by the examiner. I will use this section to extract the relevant information.

Most Relevant Prior Art for US Patent 5852810

Here's an analysis of the prior art cited in US Patent 5852810, focusing on those marked as "Cited by examiner":

1. US4870576A

Full Citation: US4870576A - Real estate search and location system and method.

Publication Date: September 26, 1989.

Priority Date: March 19, 1986.

Assignee: Realpro, Ltd.

Brief Description: This patent describes a real estate...

### **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 5852810 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

This analysis examines the obviousness of US Patent 5852810, "Geographic specific information search system and method," under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The analysis will consider the patent's independent claims (Claims 1, 10, and 22) in light of prior art available before the patent's priority date of January 29, 1996.

A person having ordinary skill in the art (PHOSITA) at the time of the invention would have possessed knowledge of foundational internet technologies (e.g., HTTP, HTML, CGI), database management (e.g., SQL), and graphical user interface design. They would also have been aware of the growing need for efficient online systems for real estate search and property management.

Combination of Prior Art References: US5664115A and US5721851A

The primary combination of prior art references that would render the independent claims of US5852810 obvious is US5664115A (Fraser) and US5721851A (IBM).

- US5664115A (Priority Date: June 7, 1995): This patent describes an "Interactive computer system to match buyers and sellers..."

### **4. 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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