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Re: U.S. Patent No. 6199076 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6199076 (the "6199076 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

Analysis of US Patent 6,199,076

Date of Analysis: 2026-05-11

This analysis provides a concise summary of US Patent 6,199,076, including its key bibliographic details and a plain-language overview of its independent claims, based on the provided authoritative patent text.

Bibliographic Information

- Title: Audio program player including a dynamic program selection controller
- Assignee: The provided text indicates the original assignee was "Individual," and the current assignee is "Personal Audio LLC".
- Inventors: James Logan, Daniel F. Goessling, Charles G. Call
- Filing Date: October 2, 1996
- Issue Date: March 6, 2001
- Abstract: The patent discloses an audio distribution system...

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 6199076 Patent:

Analysis of Prior Art for U.S. Patent 6,199,076

This analysis identifies and evaluates the most relevant prior art cited in U.S. Patent 6,199,076. Each reference is examined for its potential to anticipate the claims of the '076 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 102. The analysis is based on the detailed description of the '076 patent provided, as the explicit claims are not present in the supplied text. The potential anticipation is therefore assessed against the core concepts of the invention: a client-server system for personalized audio program delivery based on user profiles, dynamic control of playback, and the logging of usage data for feedback and billing.

U.S. Patent 5,251,293: "Personalized Information and Entertainment System"

- Full Citation: US Patent 5,251,293 A
- Publication Date: October 5, 1993
- Filing Date: April 27, 1992
- Brief Description: This patent describes a system for providing personalized information and entertainment to users. It details a method where a central facility stores a library of audio/video segments. A subscriber's personal computer can dial...

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 6,199,076 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

This analysis evaluates whether the invention described in U.S. Patent 6,199,076 would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art (POSITA) at the time the invention was made, circa its 1996 filing date. Under 35 U.S.C. § 103, an invention is unpatentable if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made. This analysis relies on combinations of the prior art references identified in the preceding section.

The core inventive concepts of the '076 patent are:

1. A client-server system where a server compiles a personalized audio program schedule based on a user's profile.
2. The download of this schedule and associated audio segments to a remote player device.
3. A user interface on the player that allows for dynamic control of playback (e.g., skipping segments or subjects).
4. A feedback loop where the player logs user interactions and uploads this usage data...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 6199076 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Personal Audio LLC v. Apple Inc. — 9:09-cv-00111 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Lufkin Division · filed 2009 · Judgment
- Personal Audio LLC v. Google LLC — 1:17-cv-01751 · U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware · filed 2015 · Judgment of no infringement
- Google LLC v. Personal Audio, LLC — 2017-1162 · U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal

Circuit · Affirmed

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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