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May 14, 2026

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 8700996 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8700996 (the "8700996 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

A technical analysis of U.S. Patent 8,700,996 reveals a focus on user interface technology for previewing document changes in real-time. A search of the dockets for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) for the year 2026 shows no pending or decided cases for this specific patent number.

Summary of U.S. Patent 8,700,996

- Title: Real time preview
- Assignee: Corel Software LLC. The original assignee was Corel Corp.
- Inventors: Kevin C. Unbedacht, Bruce G. Woodward, Eric D. Johnson
- Filing Date: March 22, 2013
- Issue Date: April 15, 2014
- Abstract: The patent describes a method for software applications to show a user the full impact of a command on an entire document...

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 8700996 Patent:

Based on a review of the citations listed in US patent 8,700,996 and the patent's prosecution

history, the following references are identified as the most relevant prior art. The analysis considers the priority date of the '996 patent family, which is August 28, 1998. Any patent filed before this date is considered prior art.

Analysis of Key Prior Art References

The core inventive concept of US patent 8,700,996 is the in-place, real-time preview of a formatting command on the main document display, triggered by a user merely "identifying" (e.g., hovering a cursor over) a command, rather than fully selecting or executing it. The following prior art references are evaluated against this concept.

1. U.S. Patent 5,301,326 (Microsoft)

- Full Citation: U.S. Patent 5,301,326, "Method and system for controlling the execution of an application program," assigned to Microsoft Corporation.
- Dates: Filed September 24, 1991; Issued April 5, 1994. This patent qualifies as prior art.
- Brief Description: This patent discloses a method for "previewing" the effect of a command before it is...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 8700996 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Corel Software LLC v. United States Patent & Trademark Office — 26-1737 · Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit · filed 2026-04-23 · Open
- Corel Software, LLC v. Microsoft Corporation — 2:15-cv-00528 · U.S. District Court for the District of Utah · filed 2015-07-27 · Judgment
- Microsoft Corporation v. Corel Software, LLC — IPR2016-01085, IPR2016-01086 · Patent Trial and Appeal Board · Claims Canceled

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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