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Re: U.S. Patent No. 8717204B2 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8717204B2 (the "8717204B2 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 8717204B2:

Title: Methods for encoding and decoding data

Assignee: Realtime Data LLC

Inventors: James J. Fallon, Paul F. Pickel, Stephen J. McErlain, II Carlton J. Melone

Filing Date: 2013-09-24

Issue Date: 2014-05-06

Abstract: The patent describes methods for accelerating the transmission of broadcast data, such as financial data and news feeds, over a communication channel. This acceleration is achieved through real-time data compression and decompression, which provides secure transmission, effectively increases communication bandwidth, and reduces latency. The invention specifically highlights that broadcast data can include packets with...

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 8717204B2 Patent:

To identify the most relevant prior art for US patent 8717204B2, I have examined the "Cited patents" section on its Google Patents page (which aggregates data from the USPTO). The

patent itself also explicitly cross-references and incorporates several related patents by reference. Based on this, the two most relevant prior art references are U.S. Pat. No. 6,195,024 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,309,424, both by the same inventor and assignee.

Here is a breakdown of these key prior art references and their potential anticipation of US8717204B2's claims:

Most Relevant Prior Art for US8717204B2

1. U.S. Pat. No. 6,195,024 (Fallon '024)

- Full Citation: US6195024B1, "Content Independent Data Compression Method and System"
- Publication/Issue Date: February 27, 2001
- Filing Date: March 11, 1999
- Brief Description: This patent describes a method and system for optimally compressing an input data stream by employing a plurality of different encoders. The system processes a data block through multiple encoders and then selectively combines the compressed data blocks, choosing the output from the...

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 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 for US8717204B2

This analysis identifies combinations of prior art references that would render the claims of US patent 8717204B2 obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art (POSA). The primary prior art references considered, as identified in the patent's "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" sections, are US7777651B2, US7417568B2, US6195024B1, and US6309424B1.

Strategic Summary of Prior Art Relevance:

- US7777651B2 and US7417568B2: These patents are direct parents in the continuation chain of US8717204B2. They share essentially the same detailed specification, describing methods for accelerated data transmission using real-time statistical compression/decompression with state machines, particularly for financial data. Their disclosures are foundational and would be considered highly relevant art from the same inventive entity. For § 103 purposes, they represent the closest existing technology and provide the core teachings upon which any alleged invention in US8717204B2...

4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 8717204B2 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Realtime Data, LLC v. Acronis — 1:17-cv-11279 · District of Massachusetts · filed 2017-07-12 · Dismissed with prejudice
- Untitled case — 1:17-cv-12499 · Massachusetts 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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