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May 14, 2026

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Re: U.S. Patent No. 9961097 — Response to Assertion of Infringement

Dear Counsel,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence asserting infringement of U.S. Patent No. 9961097 (the "9961097 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 U.S. Patent 9,961,097: A System for Remote Premises Access
Washington D.C. - A detailed analysis of United States Patent 9,961,097, titled "System for remote access of a user premises," reveals a system designed to allow users to monitor and control devices within their property from a remote location via the internet. The patent, issued on May 1, 2018, has been the subject of litigation and is assigned to Portus Singapore Pte Ltd.
Key Patent Details:

- Title: System for remote access of a user premises
- Assignee: Portus Singapore Pte Ltd.
- Inventors: Charles Cameron Lindquist, Timothy John Lindquist
- Filing Date: November 10, 2014
- Issue Date: May 1, 2018
- Abstract: The...

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 9961097 Patent:

Analysis of Prior Art Cited in U.S. Patent 9,961,097

As of May 5, 2026, a technical analysis of the prior art cited during the examination of U.S. Patent 9,961,097 ("the '097 patent") reveals several key references that were considered by the USPTO examiner. These references provide context for the state of the art at the time of the invention and help define the scope of the patent's claims. Below is a review of the most relevant cited patents and their potential impact on the claims of the '097 patent.

The '097 patent has a priority date of December 17, 1998, which is a critical factor in this analysis. Any prior art must have been publicly available before this date to be considered for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Key Prior Art References and Potential Anticipation

The examiner of the '097 patent cited several earlier patents. The following are the most pertinent references and an analysis of the specific claims they might anticipate.

1. U.S. Patent 5,850,520: "System for providing personalized on-line services and for facilitating electronic commerce"

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4. Litigation History of the Patent

Public records reflect that the 9961097 Patent has been the subject of the following litigation, which informs our view of the asserted claims and your client's enforcement posture:

- Portus Singapore PTE Ltd & Portus Pty Ltd v. Trane Technologies Company LLC — 2:26-cv-00336 · Texas Eastern District Court · filed 2026-04-23 · Open
- Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. v. Vivint Smart Home, Inc. — 2:24-cv-00343 · U.S. District Court for the District of Utah · filed 2024-04-29 · pending
- Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. v. Reolink Digital Technology Co., Ltd. — 6:22-cv-00545 · U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas · filed 2022-05-27 · terminated
- Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. v. Wyze Labs, Inc. — 6:22-cv-00546 · U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas · filed 2022-05-27 · terminated
- Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. v. AT&T Inc. — 2:19-cv-00044 · U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas · filed 2019-02-07 · settled
- Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. v. AXP Group (Vivint) — 3:19-cv-00310 · U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas · filed 2019-02-07 · closed
- Portus Singapore Pte Ltd. v. Zmodo Technology — 2:19-cv-02029 · U.S. District Court for the Illinois Central District Court · filed 2019-02-07 · closed

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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