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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Dear Commissioner:

Further to the Statement of Related Applications filed 12/22/2015, Applicant provides the following clarifications and additional information:

1. In 12/226,818, now U.S. Patent No. 8,156,944, Examiner Mayes rejected claims over CN 2719043 (Family 3, US 2007/0267031) alone, and in view of WO2004/095955 (Family 2, US 2006/0196518).

2. In IPR2013-00387 claims in U.S. Patent No. 8,156,944 have been ruled to be invalid as anticipated by Liu WO2007/078273 and as obvious over WO2005/099494 (Family 3, US 2007/0267031) and Liu WO2007/078273, in a final decision now on appeal.

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3. In IPR2015-00859 the Petition asserts claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,365,742 are invalid over: CN 2719043 (Family 3, US 2007/0267031) in view of Susa EP 0845220; CN 2719043 in view of Counts U.S. Patent No. 5,144,962; CN 2719043 in view of Abhuliman WO 2003/034847; CN 2719043 in view of Whittemore U.S. Patent No. 2,057,353; Susa alone; Susa in view of Abhuliman; and Susa in view of Whittemore. In a 9/16/2015 Decision, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board denied this Petition on the basis that the Petitioner had not established a reasonable likelihood of prevailing with respect to the claims in the patent.

4. In 14/244,376 An in person examiner interview was held on December 1, 2015. Examiners Mayes and Wilson, and the undersigned attorney were present. Susa EP 845 220 and Brooks US Patent No. 4,922,901 were discussed as applied in the 8/20/2015 Office Action. The Petitions filed in IPR2013-00387; IPR2015-00859 and IPR2015-01587 against parent Patent Nos. 8,156,944 and 8,365,742 and the seven Oppositions filed in the European Patent Office against EP2022349, as listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 7/29/2015, were also discussed.

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