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VIA EMAIL

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Re: *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. F-21-00123*

Dear Ms. Moran:

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) FOIA Office has received your e-mail dated Monday, March 15, 2021 requesting a copy of the following documents pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552:

1. Any documents relating to examination for: -- indefiniteness or -- claim language not entitled to weight applicable to a patent application claim that is directed to a component, and defines the component via its interaction with a workpiece, or environmental or complementary computer/component. Request any documents relating to the term positively recited, either to define the term, or to set standards for examination of claim language that is either positively recited or not positively recited.
2. Request any documents directed to examination under § 102 or § 103 of claims with language outside the claim preamble thought to include statement of intended use.
3. Please provide any documents directed to examiners authority to rely on or obligations to be bound by decisions of courts, and precedential, informative, and/or non-precedential decisions of the PTAB.

The USPTO identified 268 pages of documents that are responsive to your request. A copy of this material is enclosed.

You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison at 571-272-9585 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Your request is considered complete with full disclosure. However, you have the right to appeal this initial decision to the Deputy General Counsel, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. An appeal must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. See 37 C.F.R. § 102.10(a). The appeal must be in writing. You must include a copy of your original request, this letter, and a statement of the reasons why the information should be made available and why this initial denial is in error. Both the letter and the envelope must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal."

Sincerely,

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