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VIA CM/ECF & HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Sherry R. Fallon
U.S. District Court
District of Delaware
844 N. King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-3568

Re: *Universal Secure Registry LLC v. Apple Inc.*, C.A. No. 17-585-CFC-SRF

Dear Judge Fallon:

Defendant Apple Inc. (“Apple”) writes to inform Your Honor regarding the status of *inter partes* review proceedings involving the patents-in-suit. Yesterday, the Patent Trial & Appeal Board granted both of Apple’s petitions for institution of *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 9,100,826. *See* Ex. A (Decision Granting Institution of Inter Partes Review in Case IPR2018-00810); Ex. B (Decision Granting Institution of *Inter Partes* Review in Case IPR2018-00813). With the exception of claim 6, all asserted claims of this patent-in-suit are under review in the aforementioned proceedings.

The PTAB also granted one of Apple’s petitions for institution of *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 9,530,137, *see* Ex. C (Decision Granting Institution of *Inter Partes* Review in Case IPR2018-00809), and denied the other, *see* Ex. D (Decision Denying Institution of *Inter Partes* Review in Case IPR2018-00808). The same claims were challenged in each petition. With the exception of claims 3 and 4, all asserted claims of this patent-in-suit are under review in Case IPR2018-00809.

As a result of these decisions, and together with third-party Unified Patents, Inc.’s ongoing *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 8,577,813, three of the four patents asserted in this litigation are now undergoing *inter partes* review. Apple expects to receive institution decisions on its two petitions challenging the fourth patent-in-suit, U.S. Patent No. 8,856,539, by the end of November, and on its three Covered Business Method petitions challenging U.S. Patent No. 8,577,813 by mid-December.

Apple will continue to keep the Court apprised of activity in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office related to this litigation. Should Your Honor have any questions or concerns, counsel are available at the Court’s convenience.



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Respectfully,

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