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European Patent Application No. 18195408.2 based on PCT/2006/061370 Unlocking A Device By Performing Gestures On An Unlock Image Apple Inc.

This is a response to the invitation pursuant to Rule 63(1) EPC dated 3 January 2019.

We enclose a complete set of revised claims 1-13 on pages 55-56, intended to indicate the claims that should be searched. A reference copy of the revised claims is also enclosed, on which amendments with respect to the claims on file are indicated.

Although it is not possible to submit amendments at this stage, the revised claims are provided as an indication of amendments that will be filed after issue of the search report. We ask that the examiner uses these revised claims as the basis of the search.

Basis for each of the claims in the parent application is indicated in the comments on the reference copy of the claims. In particular, claim 1 has basis in paragraph [0054] of the parent application (and similarly paragraph [0054] of the present application as filed). Further basis may be found in the discussion relating to figures 7A-7D in paragraphs [0091]-[0093], and in paragraph [0099].

We note that examiner had objected to the generality of the claims, considering that all the disclosed embodiments related to "locking/unlocking or transitioning between two user-interface states". Claim 1 of the revised claims has been amended to specify that the method includes transitioning from a first user-interface state to a second user-interface state, and therefore overcomes the examiner's objection.

We therefore submit that the basis of the claims is sufficiently clear for a search of all the claims to proceed.

If there are any points which the examiner wishes to raise which could be dealt with over the telephone, I should be grateful if the examiner would contact me. In the unlikely event that the examiner contemplates refusing this application, I should appreciate the opportunity of an informal interview either by telephone or in person beforehand, and as a precaution, I hereby request Oral Proceedings in accordance with Article 116 EPC.

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