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Dear Sirs

**European Patent Application No. 09170574.9
Unlocking A Device By Performing Gestures On An Unlock Image
Apple Inc.**

We refer to the Communication pursuant to Rule 71(3) EPC dated 20 June 2017, and to the text intended for grant that accompanied that Communication.

We hereby disapprove the text proposed for grant.

We enclose a replacement set of ten claims, in clean and marked-up versions, to replace the claims of the text proposed for grant.

In the enclosed replacement claim set, claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 have been amended by the replacement of the term "the unlock image" with the expression "the one of the plurality of unlock images", and by the replacement of the term "unlock images" with the expression "plurality of unlock images" where appropriate, for reasons of clarity and consistency of terminology in the claims. No new matter is added by this amendment.

We look forward to receiving a new communication under Rule 71(3) EPC in due course.

Should any minor deficiencies remain as an obstacle to allowance the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone.

As a precaution against summary refusal we request oral proceedings in the event that the Examining Division is minded to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

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