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**Subject:** Your File: FPE-10-0832-US; U.S. Patent Application No. 12/938,969; Our File: 028995-9002-US00 - Allowance

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 12/938,969  
Apparatus and Method for Registering Node and Searching for Floating  
Internet Protocol Address Using Distributed Network  
Your File: FPE-10-0832-US  
Our File: 028995-9002-US00

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to advise you that the above-identified patent application has been allowed. In order to avoid abandonment, issue and publication fees of \$1,185.00 must be paid by January 30, 2013, with no extensions of time available. The patent will issue about one month after the date of payment of the issue and publication fees, filing of formal patent drawings, and completion of any other formal matters.

This amount due assumes that the Applicant in this case is still a small entity (i.e., has less than 500 employees, taking into account all employees of affiliate companies), and has not licensed the claimed invention to such a party. At your earliest convenience, please let us know whether your client wishes for us to pay the issue and publication fees, and whether the Applicant is still a small entity.

We assume you want to pay the issue and publication fees. Unless we receive instructions from you to the contrary by December 27, 2012, we will pay the issue and publication fees on your behalf.

We enclose for your reference copies of the allowed claims and drawings of the application.

The issuance of a patent will terminate the possibility of filing continuation applications in the United States. In this regard, we note that no restriction requirement was made by the examiner regarding this application. At your earliest convenience, please advise regarding whether this is a case in which a continuation application is desired to pursue additional protection for the invention disclosed in this application.

Also, if improvements have been made in this invention, we should be advised in order that we may consider the effect the issuance of this patent may have on your rights to protection on the improvements.

Of course, if you have any questions or would like more information regarding this matter, please contact us.

Best regards,

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