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Dear Examiner

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CONNECTION OF VALUE NETWORKS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND DATA VIA APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Last month one of our partners involved in Value Networks brought to our attention the publication by IBM of this Patent Application. We believe that this has very little if anything that is new given it is a capability we have had for some 10 years. We have notified IBM of our concerns indeed pointed out that IBM is aware of Procession and as such question the validity of them making such an application.

Our technology has this capability as described in the IBM Patent Application. We have full documentation of the original 1996 specification which was a re-write incorporating many features from the original DOS and Paradox based product which was built and deployed with early adopters in 1993. Since 1996 in the new version these software capabilities have been deployed in a variety of commercial situations, Government agencies and Healthcare both in EU and US. Access to the core attributes has been widely distributed, presented and readily available from our web site thus firmly in the public domain long before the IBM patent applications.

We have sent IBM comments on their abstract claims and thus they should at the very least have notified you of existence of prior art. They have failed as of today's date to respond to our notification to them.

I have no intention to take matters further, why should we, our prior art is well established. However perhaps it should be of concern to the US Patent Office that IBM knowingly makes Patent Applications for ideas that are not "new" bringing your Patent Application process into disrepute

Yours faithfully

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