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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY,

Petitioner

v.

AUTOCONNECT HOLDINGS LLC,

Patent Owner.

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IPR2025-01342

Patent 9,020,697

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**PATENT OWNER AUTOCONNECT HOLDINGS LLC'S MANDATORY  
NOTICES PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a)(2)**

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Patent Owner AutoConnect Holdings LLC (“Patent Owner”) hereby files these Mandatory Notices Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a)(2).

**I. REAL PARTY-IN-INTEREST**

The Patent Owner’s real party in interest is AutoConnect Holdings LLC.

**II. RELATED MATTERS**

U.S. Patent No. 9,020,697 (“the ’697 Patent”) is involved in the following pending litigation proceedings:

- *AutoConnect Holdings LLC v. Toyota Motor Corp., et al.*, Case No. 2:24-cv-00802 (E.D. Tex. filed Oct. 3, 2024); and
- *AutoConnect Holdings, LLC v. Ford Motor Company*, Case No. 1:24-cv-01327 (D. Del, filed Dec. 6, 2024).

On July 24, 2025, Ford Motor Company filed a petition for *inter partes* review of the ’697 Patent in Case No. IPR2025-01342.

The ’697 Patent claims the benefit of and priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/811,981, filed on Apr. 15, 2013, entitled “Functional Specification for a Next Generation Automobile”; 61/865,954, filed on Aug. 14, 2013, entitled “Gesture Control of Vehicle Features”; 61/870,698, filed on Aug. 27, 2013, entitled “Gesture Control and User Profiles Associated with Vehicle Features”; 61/891,217, filed on Oct. 15, 2013, entitled “Gesture Control and User Profiles Associated with Vehicle Features”; 61/904,205, filed on Nov. 14,

2013, entitled “Gesture Control and User Profiles Associated with Vehicle Features”; 61/924,572, filed on Jan. 7, 2014, entitled “Gesture Control and User Profiles Associated with Vehicle Features”; and 61/926,749, filed on Jan. 13, 2014, entitled “Method and System for Providing Infotainment in a Vehicle.”

U.S. Patent No. 9,290,153, filed April 13, 2015 is a continuation of the '697 Patent.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing **PATENT OWNER AUTOCONNECT HOLDINGS LLC'S MANDATORY NOTICES PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.8(a)(2)** was served electronically via e-mail on August 11, 2025, in its entirety on the following counsel of record for Petitioner:

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