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October 27, 2005

FOIA Officer Office of Science US. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for all Documents

Related to Patent Infringement, Status, Funding, Distribution of Contributions and Management Practices Associated with the

JMRI Project by Berkley Labs.

Our File No.: 7431.0081

#### Dear FOIA Officer:

This request for documents is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552 et seq. This request is made on behalf of KAMIND Associates, Inc. ("KAM") and relates to information gathered by the Physics Division Berkley Livermore Labs (LAB) regarding their duties for JMRI project. KAMIND Associates, Inc. is a small software vendor that has patents being infringed by the JMRI project sponsored by the LAB.

Please consider documents to include all writings, memoranda, letters, notes, working papers, minutes of meetings, photocopies, data, graphs, charts, photographs, inspection reports, compliance reports, records, e-mails (sent, received or drafts), digitized voice communications and any other format of information regarding the JMRI program project (hereafter referred to as COMMUNCIATIONS).

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- 13. All COMMUNCIATIONS and logs from Skype ID: JacobsenRG related to JMRI activities.
- 14. Copies (and all drafts) of the welcome letter from the LAB by Bob Jacobson to



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- 17. All COMMUNICATIONS between the following Allen Bryne, Ralph Kimball, Michael Woodman, Graham Plowman, and Jerry Britton. [Exhibit 10, 11, 12]
- 18. All COMMUNICATIONS about JMRI Royalty payment of \$203,000 for KAM Train Server licenses. [Exhibit 13]

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Russell

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cc: KAMIND Associates, Inc. (w/enclosures)



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#### Specifically, KAM requests:

- 1. Funding information from the Department of Energy for the JMRI program at the LAB.
- 2. All COMMUNCIATIONS about the JMRI program and proceedings from Robert Jacobsen (LBNL, 1 Cyclotron Rd, MS 50A2160, Berkley Ca, 94720 email address Bob Jacocobsen@lbl.gov). [Exhibit 1, 2, 3]
- 3. Complete financial records and all COMMUNICATIONS from contributions (PAYPAL) to support the JMRI program. [Exhibit 4, 5]
- 4. Complete financial records verifying that the funds received for Government project JMRI were deposited in US Treasury.
- 5. Transcripts of communications (COMMUNCIATIONS) to any JMRI team members regarding KAM. [Exhibit 6]
- 6. All COMMUNCIATIONS regarding patent investigation of KAM. [Exhibit 6]
- 7. All draft COMMUNCIATIONS to any member of the JMRI development community. There are 18 members as of 10/24,2005. [Exhibit 2]
- 8. All COMMUNCIATIONS to any member of the JMRI\_STRATEGY group. [Exhibit 7]
- 9. All COMMUNCIATIONS regarding legal opinion on Department of Energy personal at any locations regarding the JMRI activities.
- 10. All COMMUNCIATIONS from email archives (2000 to present) to any member on the Yahoo Groups: JMRI DEVELOPERS. [Exhibit 2]
- 11. All COMMUNCIATIONS from email archives (2000 to present) to any member on the Yahoo Groups: JMRI STRATEGY. [Exhibit 7]
- 12. All COMMUNCIATIONS from email archives (2000 to present) to any member on the Yahoo Groups: JMRI USERS. [Exhibit 8, 9]
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- 14. Copies (and all drafts) of the welcome letter from the LAB by Bob Jacobson to JMRI members posted on Yahoo groups and or source forge.
- 15. All information related to the KAM legal action in federal court.
- 16. All travel activities that relate to the JMRI activities during July 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 period.

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Java interfaces and sample implementations for controlling a model railroad layout from a personal computer. JMRI is intended as a jumping-off point for hobbyists to build their own layout controls. Includes the DecoderPro and PanelPro applications.

- Development Status: 5 -Production/Stable
- Intended Audience: Developers, End Users/Desktop
- License: Artistic License
- Operating System: OS Independent (Written in an interpreted language)
- Programming Language: Java
- Topic: Games/Entertainment
- Translations: English, French, German
- User Interface: Cocoa (MacOS X), Win32 (MS Windows), X Window System (X11), Webbased



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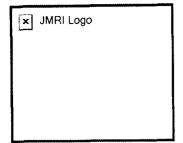
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#### Release Notes for JMRI 1.1.14 test release

Date: May 31, 2003

From: Bob Jacobsen (Bob Jacobsen at lbl.gov, 510-486-7355, fax 510-495-2957)

Subject: JMRI/DecoderPro test version 1.1.14 is now available

#### Notes:

- I strongly recommend that you save copies of your decoder CV values before experimenting with that last item. You should also read the following writeups:
  - o http://www.digitrax.com/LOCK.htm
  - o http://groups.yahoo.com/group/jmriusers/message/2219
- I'd like to get a discussion going on how we can include this feature in the normal operation of DecoderPro itself. The current tool takes too much attention to detail to use.
- I'd also like to know whether the printing works on Linux machines. Could somebody try it and let me know? Thanks.

#### Changes suncew 1.1.13:

- Speedometer will now accept distances with and without decimal points
- Fix Digitrax 1x3 default values for BEMF CVs (thanks to Bob Blackwell)
- SlotMonitor now has option to show/not show system slots 0, 120-127. By default, these are not shown
- NCE N12 series decoder definitions (thanks to Jim Scorse)
- Automation classes got an update to include handling of yellow signals

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## The following users have made contributions to JMRI Model Railroad Interface (jmri):

October 2004, week 3: n3ix , crosland , rcblackwell , pdimond markysparky628 , cardcd , acsxfan1 , djduchamp , plocher

June 2005, week 2: gordonmoore

## **Comments Submitted By Contributors:**

Username

Quotation

nobody

Thanks for a great program.

nobody

Great Job, Any pointrs to getting this working on

Linux?

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From: Sent: To: Bob Jacobsen [Bob\_Jacobsen@lbl.gov] Sunday, February 08, 2004 8:42 AM jmriusers@yahoogroups.com

Subject:

RE: [jmriusers] marketing DecoderPro

At 3:26 PM -0800 2/6/04, kam\_jmri wrote: >Paul also needs to add that if you distribute or resell open source >product, you need to get license for IP if the product infringes any >patents.

. . .

>Because open source license only covers copyright and the IP of the >contributor who contributes to the open source.

>That is why most oem's who sell linux, usually license the linux >version from ibm, (or HP/redhat etc), and mark up the price as >"support", even though they pull the code from the net. Decoder >pro/jmri come will come into the same camp.

>So there are really two parts to the "open source" distribution issue.
>Getting it free on the net is one thing; selling it in the market is a
>totally different beast. Free on the net usually means that the
>copyright is clean (you hope; look at the SCO lawsuit). Free on the
>net, does not mean that the IP is free.

There are several issues confused here: patent vs copyright vs trade secrets, and personal vs corporate liability.

Bottom line: Open-source software is on firm legal grounds. JMRI is neither the first such project, nor the largest, and there is experience with how open-source software ownership issues play out in the courts. We're OK.

Details: First, let me address patent vs copyright vs trade secrets for the project as a whole.

JMRI has no copyright issues so long as somebody is using it consistent with its own license. The authors of the various parts retain copyright in the parts they have written (see copyright notices in files, but note that under the Berne convention those are not even necessary). By contributing them, they have agreed to redistribution under the terms of the license we use, which has been examined pretty closely by competent attorneys.

JMRI contains \_no\_ trade secrets, by definition. All of the contributed documents are owned by the contributors, who have agreed to publication of them.

JMRI code may conflict with patent rights owned by others. Should that happen, and a successful suit be brought, it will be necessary to remove the conflicting code. However, under U.S. patent law, as the project has received no direct economic benefit from the malappropriation of the patent, the damages are strictly limited. If we stop our own distribution promptly upon notification, a judgement against us couldn't be for much more than legal costs. And it's not at all clear who among the contributors to the project could even be served with a suit.

Note that JMRI does contain certain parts that are treated specially. There's code in there that was copied from a book, but the book explicitly allowed that so long as proper credit was given. There's code that is licensed for use \_only\_ within JMRI, not as a general algorithm. And there are documents that have been created from information that's under NDA, but has been approved for this use.

The actions of individual contributors are another matter. If somebody contributes code to JMRI that is \_not\_ theirs to contribute, e.g. is in violation of a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) they signed, is copyright by somebody else without license, or contains

trade-secrets that they obtained inappropriately, that individual may well be liable. But so-long as we pull the offending code or document immediately upon notification (which we definitely would!!), the legal precedents are clear.

Of course, defending against a suit could be costly, even if the suit is without grounds. But so long as we're reasonable citizens about this it's unlikely that anybody would find it worthwhile to sue.

Bob			
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Bob Jacobsen	(Bob_Jacobsen@lbl.gov,	510-486-7355, fa	x 510-495-2957)
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2004

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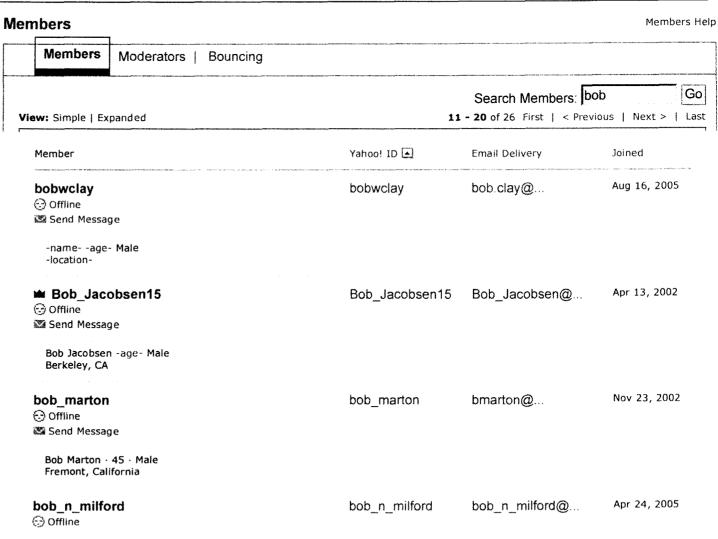
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From: Sent: Bob Jacobsen [Bob\_Jacobsen@lbl.gov] Wednesday, April 14, 2004 6:50 AM

To:

imriusers@yahoogroups.com

Subject:

RE: [jmriusers] Re: Loconet Server question

At 11:43 PM -0700 4/13/04, kam\_jmri wrote:

>[MAK] >Are you making the XML schema freely available for any use and >unencumbered by licensing/patents or does it's use require a license?

>[MAK] KAM Protocol specs are always open, the spec is more open then >the jmri open agreement that everyone is using. We don't restrict

>the jmri open agreement that everyone is using. We don't restrict >commercialization of the spec, nor use or derivative works. We tend to >"control the spec" from a point of maintenance. In the past 10 years,

>we have never denied any changes to our api or xml specs.

I don't agree with Matt's characterization of the MIT "Artistic License" used by JMRI.

"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts."
- Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan

The JMRI license permits commercial use; at least two commercial products are already using it. It doesn't permit non-attributed use, commercial or otherwise, so if you create a derivative work that uses part or all of JMRI, it has to acknowledge that. But once you've done that, there's no restriction on use or derivative works, nor on commercialization.

I'm sure people will make their own decisions as to which approach is less restrictive.

Bob

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Bob Jacobsen@lbl.gov, +1-510-486-7355, fax +1-510-643-8497, AIM JacobsenRG

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From:

Ralph Kimball [ralphkimball@charter.net]

Sent:

Thursday, October 20, 2005 5:53 PM

To:

sales

Subject: JMRI

#### Good Evening:

I think I am correct in understanding that you are sueing JMRI for patent infringement. You certainly are entitled to sue whomever you wish. As a model railroading consumer, I think these types of lawsuits are detrimental to our hobby, nobody wins and the consumer is the biggest loser. The only winners are the attorneys.

Until the lawsuit is dropped I will no longer consider KAM products. I expressed the same opinion to MTH when they entered into their lawsuit against Lionel.

This hobby is growing by leaps and bounds and there is room for everyone. A rising tide floats all boats.

Regards,

Ralph

Ralph A. Kimball, Jr. 55 Maple Street Paxton, MA 01612 508-755-1873 ralphkimball@charter.net

From: Woodman [woodman@west.net]

Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2005 8:25 PM

To: sales; support

Subject: Re: Patent Dispute

#### Gentlemen:

Be advised that, from this date, I will not be buying any product manufactured by KAM Industries, any subsidiary or partner. Likewise, I will be informing of the dispute regarding putative patents owned by KAM Industries the following: Members of the three model railroad clubs to which I belong, the 30+ railroading mail lists I participate in and the several prototype and modeling organizations I have membership in. I will inform them of my decision and the reasons I am making the decision and will urge them to do the same.

This may seem trivial to you but, I am constructing, with professional assistance, a layout and workshop in a 1800 sq. ft. bldg. that is being designed from the floor up for digital operations and communications. KAM Industries products, and those of its' partners, have been removed from consideration as possible solutions for this layout and the two contractors involved have been informed of this fact. As someone who has been involved with computer networks since the University of California, Santa Barbara, became the third site in what was to become the Internet and who is technically able to evaluate both sides of the dispute, I have found KAM Industries claims to be without merit and reminiscent of the SCO/LINUX actions, designed to deliberately have a chilling effect on the production of Open Source solutions

The courts are not the only decision makers involved here since I believe that the market speaks with a much more authoritative voice.

This email is being blind copied to 107 recipients. Have a nice day.

Michael Hadley Woodill Santa Barbara CA



## **KAMIND Associates, Inc**

2373 NW 185th Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124 (503) 291-1221

**Bob Jacobson** 

#### **Account Statement**

**Account Number:** Balance:

0010008 \$206,047.96

10/15/2005

\$203,000,00

\$0.00

\$0.00

Amount Enclosed:



Exhibit 13

Account Summary

Please detach and enclose top portion with payment.

Summary Information

**Account Number:** 

Name:

0010008

**Bob Jacobson** 

1927 Martin Ave

Berkeley, CA 94707-2407

Credit Available: Previous Balance:

New Charges:

**Closing Date:** 

Credit Limit:

Credits / Payments:

\$3,047.96

\$0.00

New Balance: \$206,047.96

\$3,047.96	\$203,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$206,047.96
Current	1 - 30 Days	31 - 60 Days	61 - 90 Days	Over 90 Days	Balance Due

**Account Receivable Activity** 

Invoice #	Date	Due Date	Details	Debit	Credit	Balance
TR-40	8/18/2005	9/16/2005	New Charge Item: TrainServerLic Train Server Single User	\$203,000.0		\$203,000.0
FC-47	10/15/2005	10/30/2005	Finance Charge	\$2.96		\$2.96
DC-53	10/15/2005	10/15/2005	Account adjustment Finance charge adjusment Sept 9/15 - 10/15	\$3,045.00		\$3,045.00
		l	Total	\$206,047.9	\$0.00	\$206,047.9

Account Number: 0010008