Leanne Fitzgerald Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary Cerence LLC 1 Wayside Road Burlington, MA 01803

Re: Cerence LLC

Draft Registration Statement on Form 10-12B

Submitted May 21, 2019 CIK No. 0001768267

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

We have reviewed your draft registration statement and have the following comments. In

some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better

understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments by providing the requested information and either $\ensuremath{\mathsf{E}}$

submitting an amended draft registration statement or publicly filing your registration statement

on EDGAR. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing the information you provide in response to these comments and your $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

amended draft registration statement or filed registration statement, we may have additional

 ${\tt comments.}$

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Business

Market Opportunities and Industry Trends, page 65

1. You indicate that autonomous driving is a key industry trend and cognitive assistance in

the domain of trip planning will gradually and partially replace physical driving controls.

Please clarify whether your products are currently used in autonomous driving systems.

Research, Development, and Intellectual Property, page 68

2. Please provide a brief description of how your intellectual property portfolio that you will

take possession as part of the spin-off differs from the intellectual property that will be

retained by Nuance. On pages 108 and 109, you refer to the Nuance intellectual property

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as "related to the Business" of Cerence or its "field of use." Please provide more $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left($

specificity as to range of intellectual property Cerence will receive, the intellectual $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left($

property that Nuance will license to Cerence, and the intellectual property that are not part $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1$

of intellectual property agreement.

3. To the extent there are any material restrictions as to the use of either your intellectual $\ensuremath{\mathsf{I}}$

property or those from Nuance subject to the intellectual property agreement, please

consider adding a risk factor to address such restrictions.

Key Metrics, page 70

4. Please advise whether the current management of the units that will comprise Cerence ${\sf Cerence}$

uses any key performance indicators to evaluate their business beyond the financial

measures provided on page 72. For example, you referenced an installed

base figure on

page 64 and units to be shipped, renewals, and vehicle end users on

page 61.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of **Operations**

Operating Results, page 74

Please explain the basis for your accounting classification treatment of acquired patent

amortization included within cost of revenues whereas the amortization of other intangible

assets, such as acquired customer relationships, trade names and trademarks, are included

within operating expenses.

Future Liquidity, page 86

Please discuss the adequacy of the cash and cash equivalents that will be transferred to

Cerence from Nuance at the close of the distribution.

Reorganization Transactions, page 104

Please provide a materially complete description of the reorganization transactions that

must occur through the close of the distribution to Nuance

stockholders of shares of

Cerence. An illustration of the reorganization transactions and the spin-off may be useful

to stockholders.

Exclusive Forum, page 113

Your forum selection provision identifies the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware

as the exclusive forum for certain litigation, including any "derivative action." Please

disclose whether this provision applies to actions arising under the Securities Act or

Exchange Act. In that regard, Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal

jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange

Act or the rules and regulations thereunder, and Section 22 of the Securities Act creates

concurrent jurisdiction for federal and state courts over all suits brought to enforce any

duty or liability created by the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. If the

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provision applies to Securities Act claims, please revise to state that there is uncertainty as

to whether a court would enforce such provision and to state that stockholders will not be

deemed to have waived the company's compliance with the federal securities laws and the

rules and regulations thereunder. If this provision does not apply to actions arising under

the Securities Act or Exchange Act, please ensure that the exclusive forum provision in

the governing documents states this clearly.

Index to combined financial statements, page F-1

We note your Emerging Growth Company status where you have presented audited

financial statements for the last two fiscal years. Furnish all financial statements required

by Regulation S-X and the supplementary financial information required by Item 302 of

Regulation S-K pursuant to Item 13 of Form 10. Please also refer to the Division of

Corporation Finance Financial Reporting Manual 10220.1(d).

10. Please update your financial statements in your next amendment to Form 10. Please refer

to Rule 3-12(g) of Regulation S-X.

Notes to the Combined Financial Statements

Note 2. Basis of Presentation, page F-9

11. You disclose that the combined financial statements include the allocation of $\operatorname{certain}$

assets and liabilities that have historically been held at the Nuance corporate level by $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$

shared entities but which are specifically identifiable or allocable to the Cerence business.

Regarding the allocations, revise to disclose more fully the allocation methods and $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right)$

assumptions used. For example, disclose the guidance, assumptions and methodology

used to allocate Nuance goodwill Cerence. Please refer to SAB Topic ${\tt 1.B.1}$ and

specifically, with respect to the goodwill, ASC 350-20-35-45 and 46.

12. Tell us and disclose the rationale for not reflecting the Nuance allocable stock-based

compensation in the Cerence Combined Statements of Operations while reflecting it in the $\,$

net parent investment as you have disclosed on page F-10.

Note 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(c) Revenue recognition, page F-11

13. On page F-11, you state that you offer some of your products via a Software-as-a-

Service model also known as a hosted model. In this type of arrangement, you are $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right$

compensated in three ways: (1) fees for up-front set-up of the service environment and (2) $\,$

fees charged for hosted service subscriptions. However, you only cited two ways in your

disclosures. Please clarify or revise to denote the on-demand service subscription fees as

item "(3)."

General

14. You disclose that Nuance may distribute at least 80.1% of the common stock of Cerence,

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Inc. to stockholders , but as much as 100% of the Cerence shares if you do not receive a

private letter ruling from the IRS as to the tax free treatment of the spin-off prior to the $\,$

distribution. You further indicate that Nuance may retain up to 18.5% ownership interest

 $\dot{\text{in}}$ Cerence, but will sell all of the shares to third parties so soon as reasonable practicable

following the spin-off. Please clarify how you will disclose to investors whether the IRS $\,$

private letter ruling has been received and the amount of shares that Nuance will retain.

Further, if Nuance has discretion as to the amount of Cerence shares it will retain, please

clarify how Nuance's management will decide on the appropriate amounts and its

potential impact on the operations and financial condition for Cerence. For example, it is

unclear whether the size of the amount of shares retained by Nuance will impact the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{I}}$

Cerence dividend policy, the amount of cash transferred to Cerence as part of the spin-off,

and the amounts of indebtedness to be incurred by Cerence.

and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of

action by the staff.

You may contact Becky Chow, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-6524 or Craiq Wilson, $\,$

Senior Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3226 if you have questions regarding comments on the

financial statements and related matters. Please contact Edwin Kim, Staff Attorney, at (202)

551-3297 or Barbara Jacobs, Assistant Director, at (202) 551-3735 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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