



**PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND
METHOD FOR COUPLING POWER THERETO**

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Abstract of the Disclosure

A portable electronic device (100) comprises a first housing portion (106) having a first battery (135) integrally associated with the first housing portion and a second housing portion (104) having a
10 second battery (102) operatively coupled to an external surface (120) of the second housing portion. Also, an accessory, such as the second battery (102), employs a latching mechanism (160) for removably attaching the accessory to the portable electronic device. The latching mechanism comprises a support (164) and a latch (162). The support
15 extends from a first end of the accessory. The latch is movably disposed at a second end of the accessory, opposite the first end. The latch includes a hooked end (404) that extends back towards the first end of the accessory. The hooked end engages the portable electronic device at an end thereof. The latch exerts a predetermined force (701) that causes
20 an opposing end of the portable electronic device to abut the support.

Figure 1 accompanies this abstract.