

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

PATENT HARBOR, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

HITACHI AMERICA, LTD

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. _____

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

This is an action for patent infringement in which Patent Harbor, LLC, (“Patent Harbor”) makes the following allegations against Hitachi America, Ltd. (“Defendant” or “Hitachi”).

PARTIES

1. Patent Harbor is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas. Patent Harbor maintains its principal place of business at 4455 Camp Bowie Blvd., Suite 114, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

2. Upon information and belief, Defendant Hitachi is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein was, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York with a principal place of business at 50 Prospect Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Hitachi manufactures for sale and/or sells computers to consumers in the United States and, more particularly, in the Eastern District of Texas. Hitachi may be served with process by serving its registered agent, Prentice Hall Corp System, 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This is an action for violation of the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, more particularly, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 *et seq.*

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant. Defendant has conducted and does conduct business within the State of Texas. Defendant, directly or through intermediaries (including distributors, retailers, and others), ships, distributes, offers for sale, sells, and advertises (including the provision of an interactive web page) its products in the United States, the State of Texas, and the Eastern District of Texas. Upon information and belief, each Defendant has purposefully and voluntarily placed one or more of its infringing products, as described below, into the stream of commerce with the expectation that they will be purchased by consumers in the Eastern District of Texas. Upon information and belief, these infringing products have been and continue to be purchased by consumers in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant has committed the tort of patent infringement within the State of Texas and, more particularly, within the Eastern District of Texas.

6. This Court has managed multiple cases related to the patent-in-suit through final claim construction, and, with respect to Civil Action No. 6:10-cv-361-LED-JDL, up through jury trial, which concluded with a verdict finding validity and infringement of the patent-in-suit on December 17, 2012.

7. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b).

COUNT 1: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,684,514

8. Patent Harbor refers to and incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

9. United States Patent No. 5,684,514 (“the ‘514 Patent”), entitled “Apparatus and Method for Assembling Content Addressable Video” was duly and legally issued by the United

States Patent and Trademark Office on November 4, 1997, after full and fair examination. Patent Harbor is the assignee of all rights, title, and interest in and to the '514 Patent and possesses all rights of recovery under the '514 Patent, including the right to recover damages for past infringements. A true and correct copy of the '514 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

10. Upon information and belief, Hitachi manufactures, uses, sells, offers to sell and/or distributes camcorders, including, but not limited to, DVD camcorder DZ-GX5020A. DVD and BD camcorders allow a user to record video and create a navigation menu (similar to the scene selection menu provided on a commercial DVD/BD disc), where the navigation menu has a description (pictorial or written) of the video that will be accessed if the viewing user selects a particular program or scene from the menu. The Hitachi camcorders having comparable functionality infringe claim 1 of the '514 Patent. Claim 1 has been construed by the Court as set forth in Exhibit B.

11. Hitachi has actual notice of the '514 Patent at least as early as the filing of this Original Complaint.

12. Upon information and belief, Hitachi is infringing claim 1 of the '514 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271 by performing, without authority, one or more of the following acts: making, using, importing, offering to sell, and selling within the United States the patented invention of one or more claims of the '514 Patent.

13. Patent Harbor has been damaged as a result of Hitachi' infringing conduct. Hitachi is, thus, liable to Patent Harbor in an amount that adequately compensates Patent Harbor for their infringement, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 § U.S.C. 284.

14. Patent Harbor is in compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287, and is

entitled to past damages. From the date of six years before this suit was filed up to April 4, 2008, there were no authorized sales of commercial products embodying the claims of the '514 Patent. As of April 4, 2008, there was a licensee, but that licensee had an obligation to mark. As of May 3, 2011, Patent Harbor entered into a license with a third party that sold DVD Recorders that Patent Harbor accused of infringing claim 1 of the '514 Patent, and that license did not contain an obligation to mark accused products with the '514 Patent number.

15. As a result of Hitachi's acts of infringement, Patent Harbor has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in an amount to be proved at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Patent Harbor prays for the following relief:

- A. A judgment that Hitachi has directly infringed the '514 Patent as alleged herein;
- B. A judgment and order requiring Hitachi to pay Patent Harbor compensatory damages in an amount no less than a reasonable royalty under 35 U.S.C. § 284.
- C. A judgment and order requiring Hitachi to pay Patent Harbor pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages awarded;
- D. A judgment and order that Hitachi pay Patent Harbor an on-going royalty for future acts of infringement if appropriate, at a rate determined by the jury or the Court; and
- E. Any and all other relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Patent Harbor, LLC hereby demands that all issues be determined by a jury.

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Respectfully submitted,

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