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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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11 ECLIPSE IP LLC,
12 Plaintiff,
13 vs.
14 VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA,
INC.,
15 Defendant.
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Case No.: 5:12cv02087-PSG(SP)
**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Complaint Filed: N/A
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17 **FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

18 Plaintiff Eclipse IP LLC ("Eclipse"), by counsel, complains of defendant
19 Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. ("Volkswagen"), as follows:

20 **NATURE OF LAWSUIT**

21 1. This is a suit for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the
22 United States, Title 35 of the United States Code § 1 *et seq.* This Court has exclusive
23 jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and
24 1338(a).

25 **PARTIES AND PATENTS**

26 2. Eclipse is a company organized and existing under the laws of Florida and
27 having a principal place of business address at 115 NW 17th Street, Delray Beach,
28 Florida 33444.

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1 10. Volkswagen imports, markets, distributes, and/or sells vehicles with
2 navigation systems that infringe one or more claims of the '900 patent through, among
3 other activities, the use of the navigation systems: schedule notifications relating to
4 arrival or departure of the vehicle; monitor traffic flow predicament data relating to a
5 vehicle's intended route; and determine whether or not to reschedule notifications based
6 upon such data.

7 11. Volkswagen's vehicle navigation systems cannot be used without these
8 core functionalities and are not intended to be. Accordingly, they are not capable of
9 substantial noninfringing uses.

10 12. Eclipse sent a letter to Volkswagen, dated September 5, 2012, in which
11 Eclipse informed Volkswagen of the existence of the '900 and '952 patents, alleged that
12 Volkswagen's navigation systems infringe these patents, and offered to engage in
13 licensing negotiations. Counsel for Volkswagen acknowledged receipt of this letter on
14 September 14, 2012.

15 13. Prompted by Eclipse's letter, counsel for Volkswagen contacted counsel
16 for Eclipse. The parties engaged in preliminary discussion but never made substantive
17 progress toward a suitable licensing arrangement.

18 14. Instead, with knowledge of the '900 and '952 patents and its infringement
19 and in disregard of Eclipse's patent rights, Volkswagen chose to continue to import,
20 advertise, market, distribute, and/or sell the infringing products.

21 15. Accordingly, Volkswagen has acted willfully, with knowledge that the
22 infringing components had been and would be especially made or adapted for use in an
23 infringing manner, and with the intent to induce others to infringe Eclipse's patents.

24 16. Volkswagen has knowingly infringed one or more claims of the '952
25 patent through, among other activities, the use of navigation systems in its vehicles to:
26 determine changes in schedule relating to an intended destination; notify the driver of
27 the change in schedule; and allow the driver to make a confirmation, change, or
28 cancellation with respect to the notification.

1 17. Volkswagen has actively induced and/or contributed to the infringement
2 by others of one or more claims of the '952 patent through, among other activities,
3 continuing to manufacture, distribute, and sell vehicles equipped with the infringing
4 navigation systems to its customers after having received notice of its infringement of
5 the '952 patent.

6 18. Volkswagen has knowingly infringed one or more claims of the '900
7 patent through, among other activities, the use of navigation systems in its vehicles to:
8 schedule notifications relating to arrival or departure of the vehicle; monitor traffic flow
9 predicament data relating to a vehicle's intended route; and determine whether or not to
10 reschedule notifications based upon such data.

11 19. Volkswagen has actively induced and/or contributed to the infringement
12 by others of one or more claims of the '900 patent through, among other activities,
13 continuing to manufacture, distribute, and sell vehicles equipped with the infringing
14 navigation systems to its customers after having received notice of its infringement of
15 the '900 patent.

16 20. Through direct, induced, and contributory infringement Volkswagen has
17 injured Eclipse, and Eclipse is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it
18 for such infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.

19 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

20 **COUNT I**

21 **(Patent Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,482,952**

22 **Under 35 U.S.C. § 271, et seq.)**

23 21. Eclipse incorporates by reference and realleges the allegations set forth in
24 paragraphs 1 through 20 above and incorporates them by reference.

25 22. On January 27, 2009, United States Patent No. 7,482,952, entitled
26 "Response Systems and Methods for Notification Systems for Modifying Future
27 Notifications" was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark
28 Office. Eclipse is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the '952

1 patent. A true and correct copy of the '952 patent is attached as Exhibit A to this
2 complaint.

3 23. Eclipse is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Volkswagen:
4 (1) has infringed and continues to infringe claims of the '952 patent, literally and/or
5 under the doctrine of equivalents, and/or (2) has contributed and continues to contribute
6 to the literal infringement and/or infringement under the doctrine of equivalents of
7 claims of the '952 patent, and/or has actively induced and continues to actively induce
8 others to infringe claims of the '952 patent, literally and/or under the doctrine of
9 equivalents, in this district and elsewhere in the United States.

10 **COUNT II**

11 **(Patent Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,479,900**

12 **Under 35 U.S.C. § 271, et seq.)**

13 24. Eclipse incorporates by reference and realleges the allegations set forth in
14 paragraphs 1 through 15 above and incorporates them by reference.

15 25. On January 20, 2009, United States Patent No. 7,479,900, entitled
16 "Notification Systems and Methods that Consider Traffic Flow Predicament Data" was
17 duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Eclipse IP is
18 the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the '900 patent. A true and
19 correct copy of the '900 patent is attached as Exhibit B to this complaint.

20 26. Eclipse is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges, that Volkswagen:
21 (1) has infringed and continues to infringe claims of the '900 patent, literally and/or
22 under the doctrine of equivalents, and/or (2) has contributed and continues to contribute
23 to the literal infringement and/or infringement under the doctrine of equivalents of
24 claims of the '900 patent, and/or has actively induced and continues to actively induce
25 others to infringe claims of the '900 patent, literally and/or under the doctrine of
26 equivalents, in this district and elsewhere in the United States.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Eclipse asks this Court to enter judgment against the defendant and against each of the defendant’s respective subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees and all persons in active concert or participation with it, granting the following relief:

(a) An award of damages adequate to compensate Eclipse for the infringement that has occurred, together with prejudgment interest from the date infringement of the Eclipse Patents began;

(b) An award to Eclipse of all remedies available under 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285, including enhanced damages up to and including trebling of Eclipse’s damages for Volkswagen’s willful infringement, and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs; and

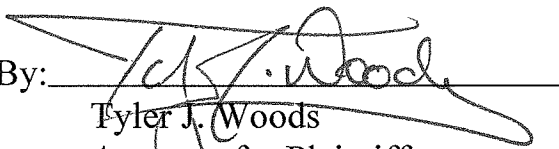
(c) Such other and further relief as this Court or a jury may deem proper and just.

JURY DEMAND

Eclipse demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38.

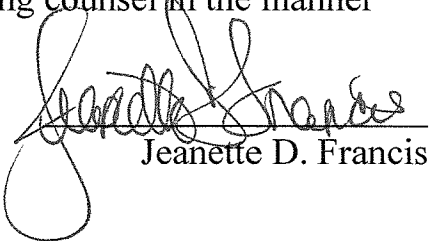
Respectfully submitted this 11th day of February, 2013.

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