

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

ECLIPSE IP LLC,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Civil Action No. _____
)	
v.)	
)	Jury Trial Demanded
PATAGONIA, INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

For its Complaint, Plaintiff Eclipse IP LLC (“Eclipse”), by and through the undersigned counsel, alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

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

2. Patagonia, Inc. (“Defendant”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California with, upon information and belief, a place of business at 259 West Santa Clara Street, Ventura, California 93001.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a suit for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code § 1 *et seq.*

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

3. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b).
4. Upon information and belief, Defendant conducts substantial business in this forum, directly or through intermediaries, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in this judicial district.

THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

5. On January 20, 2009, United States Patent No. 7,479,899, entitled, “Notification Systems and Methods Enabling a Response to Cause Connection Between a Notified PCD and a Delivery or Pickup Representative” was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the ‘899 patent is attached as Exhibit A to this complaint.

6. On October 10, 2006, United States Patent No. 7,119,716 (“the ‘716 patent”), entitled “Response Systems and Methods for Notification Systems for Modifying Future Notifications,” was duly and lawfully issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the ‘716 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

7. On January 25, 2011, United States Patent No. 7,876,239 (“the ‘239 patent”), entitled “Secure Notification Messaging Systems and Methods Using Authentication Indicia,” was duly and lawfully issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the ‘239 patent is attached as Exhibit C.

8. Eclipse is the assignee and owner of the right, title and interest in and to the '899, '716, and '239 patents including the right to assert all causes of action arising under said patents and the right to any remedies for infringement of them.

COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,479,899

9. Eclipse repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 8 as if fully set forth herein.

10. Without license or authorization and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '899 patent by making, using, offering for sale and/or selling within this district and elsewhere in the United States, computer-based notification systems and methods which at least monitor travel data in connection with orders placed via Defendants' website, www.patagonia.com, initiate notifications to customers, and enable such customers to select whether or not to communicate with Defendant.

11. Eclipse is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Eclipse as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '899 patent in an amount subject to proof at trial, 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.

12. Prior to the filing of this Complaint, Eclipse, by letter dated August 28, 2013, informed Defendant of Defendant's infringement of the '899 patent.

13. Thus, Defendant has been on notice of the '899 patent since at least the date it received Eclipse's letter dated August 28, 2013.

14. Upon information and belief, Defendant has not altered its infringing conduct after receiving Eclipse's letter dated August 28, 2013.

15. Upon information and belief, Defendant's continued infringement despite its knowledge of the '899 patent and the accusations of infringement has been objectively reckless and willful.

COUNT II – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,119,716

16. Eclipse repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 15 as if fully set forth herein.

17. Without license or authorization and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '716 patent by making, using, offering for sale and/or selling within this district and elsewhere in the United States, computer-based notification systems and methods which at least collect customers' contact data, including at least email addresses, via its website, www.patagonia.com, store the contact data in computer memory and provide electronic notification communications in the form of, at least, emails to the customers which enable the customers to respond and change the contact data, and modifying the manner in which Defendant implements future communications to such customers.

18. Eclipse is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Eclipse as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '716 patent in an amount subject to proof at trial, 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.

19. Prior to the filing of this Complaint, Eclipse, by letter dated August 28, 2013, informed Defendant of Defendant's infringement of the '716 patent.

20. Thus, Defendant has been on notice of the '716 patent since at least the date it received Eclipse's letter dated August 28, 2013.

21. Upon information and belief, Defendant has not altered its infringing conduct after receiving Eclipse's letter dated August 28, 2013.

22. Upon information and belief, Defendant's continued infringement despite its knowledge of the '716 patent and the accusations of infringement has been objectively reckless and willful.

COUNT III – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,876,239

23. Eclipse repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 22 as if fully set forth herein.

24. Without license or authorization and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '239 patent by making, using, offering for sale and/or selling within this district and elsewhere in the United States, computer-based notification systems and methods which at least provide and/or select, and enable customers to provide and/or select, authentication information for use in connection with online orders from Defendant's website, www.patagonia.com, store the authentication information, and provide the authentication information in electronic notification communications to customers in the form of, at least, emails.

25. Eclipse is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Eclipse as a result of Defendant's infringement of the '239 patent in an amount subject to proof at trial, 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.

26. Prior to the filing of this Complaint, Eclipse, by letter dated August 28, 2013, informed Defendant of Defendant's infringement of the '239 patent.

27. Thus, Defendant has been on notice of the '239 patent since at least the date it received Eclipse's letter dated August 28, 2013.

28. Upon information and belief, Defendant has not altered its infringing conduct after receiving Eclipse's letter dated August 28, 2013.

29. Upon information and belief, Defendant's continued infringement despite its knowledge of the '239 patent and the accusations of infringement has been objectively reckless and willful.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Eclipse requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendant as follows:

A. An adjudication that Defendant has infringed the '899, '716, and '239 patents;

B. An award of damages to be paid by Defendant adequate to compensate Eclipse for Defendant's past infringement of the '899, '716, and '239 patents and any continuing or future infringement through the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs, expenses and an accounting of all infringing acts including, but not limited to, those acts not presented at trial;

C. A declaration that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285, and an award of Eclipse's reasonable attorneys' fees; and

D. To the extent Defendant's conduct subsequent to the date of its notice of the '899, '716, and '239 patents is found to be objectively reckless, enhanced damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284 for its willful infringement of the '899, '716, and '239 patents; and

E. An award to Defendant of such further relief at law or in equity as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

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

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of October, 2013.

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