

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

INNOVATIVE AUTOMATION LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

KOBO, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:13-cv-1103

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Innovative Automation LLC states its Complaint against defendant Kobo, Inc., and alleges as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Innovative Automation LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at 606 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112.

2. Defendant Kobo, Inc. is a corporation with its principal place of business at 135 Liberty Street, Suite 101, Toronto, ON M6K 1A7.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs of this Complaint, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

4. This action is for patent infringement pursuant to the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. Personal jurisdiction exists generally over Defendant because it has sufficient minimum contacts with the forum as a result of business conducted within the State of Texas and within the Eastern District of Texas. Personal jurisdiction also exists specifically over Defendant

because it, directly or through subsidiaries or intermediaries, makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, imports, advertises, makes available and/or markets one or more products and/or services within the State of Texas, and more particularly, within the Eastern District of Texas, that infringe the patent-in-suit, as described more particularly below.

6. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b), because Defendant has committed acts of infringement in the Eastern District of Texas and has transacted business in the Eastern District of Texas.

**COUNT ONE**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,174,362 C1**

7. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs of this Complaint, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

8. Plaintiff is the owner of all right, title, and interest in United States Patent No. 7,174,362 C1, entitled “Method and System for Supplying Products from Pre-Stored Digital Data in Response to Demands Transmitted via Computer Network,” duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 6, 2007 (the “’362 patent”). A true and correct copy of the ’362 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. The ’362 patent generally describes and claims a computer-implemented method of digital data duplication. In the method of claim 1 of the ’362 patent, a request is taken at one or more user interfaces and is transmitted through a network to a computer. The computer contains a module to create a task log based on incoming requests; a module for storing the necessary data; and a module to create a subset of the data, download that subset to an output device, and command the device to transfer the subset onto blank media. The request is assigned to an output device, and the duplication process is executed. Claims 2-26 of the ’362 patent describe various other methods and systems of digital data duplication.

10. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the ’362 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271 by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States the patented invention

within the United States. Specifically, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '362 patent by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States the Kobo content distribution product and service. The Kobo content distribution product and service is generally described, and is accessible, at <http://www.kobobooks.com>.

11. As a result of Defendant's infringing activities with respect to the '362 patent, Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount not yet ascertained. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for Defendant's infringing activities in an amount to be determined at trial, but in no event less than reasonable royalties, together with interest and costs. Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's exclusive rights under the '362 patent will continue to damage Plaintiff, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Plaintiff requests entry of judgment in its favor against Defendant for the following:

- a) A declaration that Defendant has infringed one or more claims of the '362 patent;
- b) An award of damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement of the '362 patent, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty, together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest and costs, in an amount according to proof;
- c) An entry of a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, and its respective officers, agents, employees, and those acting in privity with it, from further infringement of the '362 patent, or in the alternative, awarding a royalty for post-judgment infringement; and
- d) An award to Plaintiff of such other costs and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by jury.

Dated: December 13, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Charles Ainsworth*

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