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| 9                          |  | DISTRICT COURT  |
| 10                         | CENTRAL DISTRIC  | CT OF CALIFORNIA  |
| 11                         |  | SACV13-01084 ILS (DEMy)   |
| 12<br>13                   | Sundesa, LLC, a Utah Limited Liability<br>Company,   | Civil Action No   |
| 14                         | Plaintiff,   | COMPLAINT FOR PATENT<br>INFRINGEMENT  |
| 15                         | v.   |   |
| 16                         | Labrada Bodybuilding Nutrition, Inc., a<br>Texas Corporation,  | [Demand for Jury Trial]   |
| 17                         | Defendant.   |   |
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Plaintiff Sundesa, LLC ("Sundesa") complains against Defendant Labrada Bodybuilding Nutrition, Inc., a Texas Corporation ("Labrada Bodybuilding") for the causes of action alleged as follows:

## THE PARTIES

Sundesa is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the 1. laws of the State of Utah, with its principal place of business located at 284 South 700 West, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062.

Sundesa alleges Labrada Bodybuilding is a corporation organized and 2. existing under the laws of the State of Texas with its principal place of business located at 333 Northpark Central Dr., Ste. Z, Houston, Texas 77073-6337. 10

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## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of 3. 12 the United States 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq., including 35 U.S.C. § 271. 13

4. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action 14 under at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). 15

This Court has personal jurisdiction over Labrada Bodybuilding because 5. 16 Labrada Bodybuilding has purposely availed itself of the privileges and benefits of the 17 laws of the State of California. 18

Labrada Bodybuilding does, and has done, substantial business in this 6. 19 judicial District, including: (i) regularly doing business or soliciting business by virtue of 20 Labrada Bodybuilding's nationwide sales and offers to sell through interactive and 21 commercial website(s) which direct(s) Labrada Bodybuilding's services and products to 22 California residents; and (ii) engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or 23 deriving substantial revenue from products and/or services provided to persons in this 24 District and State. 25

This Court's exercise of personal jurisdiction over Labrada Bodybuilding is 7. 26 consistent with the Constitutions of the United States and the State of California. 27

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# 1 COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

8. Venue is proper in this judicial district under at least 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

9. Sundesa's technological innovations are protected by, *inter alia*, a portfolio of utility and design patents, including United States Utility Patent No. 6,379,032 (the "032 Patent") and United States Design Patent No. D510,235 (the "235 Design Patent") (collectively the "Asserted Patents").

10. Sundesa has marked all products embodying the claims of the AssertedPatents since introduction to the market.

10 11. Sundesa is an exclusive licensee of the Asserted Patents and has been
11 granted all rights thereunder, including the right and standing to enforce the Asserted
12 Patents.

12. Labrada Bodybuilding is in the business of selling nutritional supplements
and accessories. In particular, Labrada Bodybuilding sells and offers for sale, *inter alia*,
Labrada Nutrition Shaker Cups that embody at least claim 15 of the '032 Patent and
allow users to perform the methods claimed in at least claim 18 of the '032 Patent (the
"Accused Products").

18 13. The Accused Products also embody the claimed design of the '235 Design
Patent.

14. Labrada Bodybuilding markets, describes, encourages, and instructs its customers to use the Accused Products to mix ingredients in such a way as to perform the claimed methods of the '032 Patent.

23 15. Use of any of Labrada Bodybuilding's Accused Products infringes the '032
24 Patent.

16. The Accused Products have no substantial non-infringing uses.

26 17. The design of the Accused Products are substantially the same as the design
27 that is the subject matter of the '235 Design Patent.

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Furthermore, the design of the Accused Products is so similar to the design 18. that is the subject matter of the '235 Design Patent that customers are likely to be deceived and persuaded to buy the Accused Products thinking they are actually buying products protected by the '235 Design Patent.

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On information and belief, Labrada Bodybuilding had pre-suit knowledge of 19. the Asserted Patents at least because of Sundesa's marking of its products embodying the claims of the Asserted Patents. Commensurate with this filing, Sundesa mailed Labrada Bodybuilding a courtesy copy of this Complaint and the Asserted Patents. Thus, Labrada 8 Bodybuilding has had knowledge of the Asserted Patents at least since filing of this 9 Complaint. 10

## FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Infringement of the '032 Patent)

By this reference Sundesa realleges and incorporates the foregoing 20. 13 paragraphs as though fully set forth herein. 14

21. Labrada Bodybuilding has directly infringed and continues to directly 15 infringe the '032 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by selling, and offering for sale within 16 the United States the Accused Products, which infringe the '032 patent. 17

Labrada Bodybuilding has had, and continues to have, the specific intent to 22. 18 induce its customers or users of its products to infringe the '032 Patent. For example, 19 Labrada Bodybuilding instructs its customers or users of the Accused Products to use 20 them to mix ingredients according to the claimed methods of the '032 Patent. 21

23. Labrada Bodybuilding's customers or users of the Accused Products do, in 22 fact, infringe the '032 Patent. 23

Labrada Bodybuilding has known, or should have known, that its customers, 24 24. or users of its products, infringe the '032 Patent. 25

The Accused Products are especially made to be used, and are in fact used, 25. 26 by customers, or users, of the Accused Products, in a way that infringes the '032 Patent. 27

Labrada Bodybuilding has indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly
 infringe the Asserted Patents under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(b) and (c) by actively inducing
 infringement of, and contributorily infringing the '032 Patent.

27. Despite its knowledge of the '032 Patent, Labrada Bodybuilding has continued to infringe and induce others to infringe the '032 Patent.

28. The conduct of Labrada Bodybuilding as set forth hereinabove gives rise to a cause of action for infringement of the '032 Patent, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. §§
271 and 281.

29. Labrada Bodybuilding has manufactured, used, imported, sold, and offered for sale Accused Products despite an objectively high likelihood that its actions constitute infringement of the '032 Patent.

30. Labrada Bodybuilding's manufacture, use, importation, sale, and offer for sale of Accused Products has been both willful and deliberate.

31. Labrada Bodybuilding's acts of infringement have caused damage to
Sundesa, and Sundesa is entitled to recover the damages sustained as a result of Labrada
Bodybuilding's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial. Labrada
Bodybuilding's infringement of Sundesa's rights under the '032 Patent will continue to
damage Sundesa's business causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate
remedy at law, unless it is enjoined by this Court.

32. By reason of the foregoing, Sundesa is entitled to monetary relief and injunctive relief against Labrada Bodybuilding, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 283-85, as more fully set forth herein below.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (Infringement of the '235 Design Patent)

33. By this reference Sundesa realleges and incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

34. Labrada Bodybuilding has infringed, and continues to infringe the '235
Design Patent by offering to sell, selling, or importing, in this District, and elsewhere in

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the United States, the Accused Products, the design of which is substantially the same as the ornamental design of the '235 Design Patent.

35. Labrada Bodybuilding's actions constitute infringement of the '235 Design Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

36. Sundesa has sustained damages and will continue to sustain damages as a result of Labrada Bodybuilding's aforementioned acts of infringement.

37. Sundesa is entitled to recover damages sustained as a result of Labrada
8 Bodybuilding's wrongful acts in an amount to be proven at trial.

9 38. Labrada Bodybuilding's infringement of Sundesa's rights under the '235
10 Design Patent will continue to damage Sundesa's business, causing irreparable harm, for
11 which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless Labrada Bodybuilding is enjoined by
12 this Court.

39. Labrada Bodybuilding has willfully infringed the '235 Design Patent,
entitling Sundesa to increased damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorneys' fees and
costs incurred in prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

40. Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to recover Labrada Bodybuilding's total
profits from its sale of the Accused Products under 35 U.S.C. § 289.

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## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Sundesa prays for judgment as follows:

A. A judgment finding Labrada Bodybuilding liable for infringement of one or
more of the claims of the '032 Patent;

B. A judgment finding Labrada Bodybuilding liable for infringement of the
claims of the '235 Design Patent;

C. Orders of this Court temporarily, preliminarily, and permanently enjoining
Labrada Bodybuilding, its agents, servants, and any and all parties acting in concert with
any of them, from directly or indirectly infringing in any manner any of the claims of the
'032 Patent and '235 Design Patent, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 283;

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D. An award of damages adequate to compensate Sundesa for Labrada Bodybuilding's infringement of the '032 Patent, in an amount to be proven at trial;

E. An award of damages adequate to compensate Sundesa for Labrada Bodybuilding's infringement of the '235 Design Patent, in an amount to be proven at trial, or in the alternative, an award of Labrada Bodybuilding's total profits under 35 U.S.C. § 289;

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An award of treble Sundesa's damages, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 284;

A declaration that this is an exceptional case and that Sundesa be awarded its G. attorney fees and expenses, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 285; 9

An award of Sundesa's costs in bringing this action, pursuant to all H. 10 applicable state statutory and common law, including at least 35 U.S.C. § 284; 11

An award of Sundesa's attorney fees, pursuant to all applicable state I. 12 statutory and common law. 13

> Prejudgment interest, pursuant to at least 35 U.S.C. § 284; J.

Post-judgment interest, pursuant to at least 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a); and K.

L. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Sundesa demands trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable. 18

DATED: December 20, 2013 20

Larry R. Laycock Taylor J. Wright Adam B. Beckstrom **MASCHOFF BRENNAN** 

By:

Taylor J. Wright Attorneys for Plaintiff Sundesa, LLC

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

#### NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES JUDGES

 This case has been assigned to District Judge
 Josephine L. Staton
 and the assigned

 Magistrate Judge is
 Douglas F. McCormick
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The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

#### SACV13-01984 JLS (DFMx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge.

Clerk, U. S. District Court

December 20, 2013

Date

By <u>M. Barr</u> Deputy Clerk

#### NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

#### Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

Western Division 312 N. Spring Street, G-8 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Southern Division
 411 West Fourth St., Ste 1053
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

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AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Central District of California

Sundesa, LLC, a Utah Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff(s) ٧.

Civil Action No.

SACV13-01984 JLS (DFMx)

Labrada Bodybuilding Nutrition, Inc., a Texas Corporation,

Defendant(s)

#### SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) --- or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fcd. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) - you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Taylor J. Wright

> Larry R. Laycock Adam B. Beckstrom 20 Pacifica, Suite 1130 Irvine, CA 92618 (949) 202-1900

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

> CLERK OF COURT MAF Signature of Clerk or Departure

**DEC 20** 2013 Date:



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| CIVIL COVER SHEET  |  |  |       |   |   |   |  |
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| I. (a) PLAINTIFFS ( Check box if you are representing yourself ) DEFENDANTS ( Check box if you are representing yourself )   |  |  |       |   |   |   |  |
| Sundesa, LLC, a Utah Limited Liability Company Labrada Bodybuilding Nutrition, Inc., a Texas Corporation   |  |  |       |   |   |   |  |
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| representing yourself, pro<br>Maschoff Brennan   | (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.       Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.         Maschoff Brennan       & Maschoff Brennan         201 South Main Street, Suite 600       20 Pacifica, Suite 1130         Salt Lake City, UT 84111       Irvine, CA 92618 |  |       |   |   |   |  |
| II. BASIS OF JURISDIC  | FION (Place an X in or   | ne box only.)  |       |   | INCIPAL PARTIES-For D   |   |  |
| 1. U.S. Government       3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)       PTF       DEF       Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State       PTF       DEF       4       4         2. U.S. Government       4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)       Of Parties in Item III)       Citizen of Subject of a Foreign Country       3       3       Foreign Nation       6       6  |  |  |       |   |   |   |  |
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| 470 Racketeer Influ-<br>enced & Corrupt Org.   | Judgment<br>151 Medicare Act<br>152 Recovery of  | Product Liability<br>320 Assault, Libel &<br>Slander   |       | 380 Other Personal<br>Property Damage<br>385 Property Damage                                      | 550 Civil Rights<br>555 Prison Condition<br>560 Civil Detainee  | B64 SSID Title XVI<br>865 RSI (405 (g))   |  |
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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will most likely be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

| Question A: Was this case removed fro state court?  | m                             | STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:  |                           |   |   | INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS: |                         |       |
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| Indicate the location in which a majority of plaintiffs reside:   |                               |   |                           |   |   |                              | X                       |       |
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| C.1. Is either of the following true? If so, check the one that applies: C.2. Is either of the following true? If so, check the one that applies: |                               |   |                           |   |   |                              |                         |       |
| 2 or more answers in Column C   | 2 or more answers in Column D |   |                           |   |   |                              |                         |       |
| X only 1 answer in Column C and   | in Column D                   | only 1 answer in Column D and no answers in Column C                                |                           |   |   |                              |                         |       |
| Your case will initially<br>SOUTHERN [  | d to the                      | Your case will initially be assigned to the<br>EASTERN DIVISION.                    |                           |   |   |                              |                         |       |
| Enter "Southern" in respons   | ion D, below.                 | Enter "Eastern" in response to Question D, below.                                   |                           |   |   |                              |                         |       |
| If none applies, answer question C2 to the right.   |                               |   |                           | If none applies, go to the box below.               |   |                              |                         |       |
|   |                               | Your case will i<br>WES<br>Enter "Western" in r                                     | TERN DIVISIO              | NN.   |   |                              |                         |       |

| Question D: Initial Division?                                       | INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD |
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| Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, or C above: | SOUTHERN                 |

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| IX(a). IDENTICAL CASES: H  | las this action been previously filed <b>in this court</b> and dismissed, remanded or closed?       | X NO                  | YES   |
|--|---|-----------------------|-------|
| If yes, list case number(s):   |   |                       |       |
| IX(b). RELATED CASES: Hav  | re any cases been previously filed i <b>n this court</b> that are related to the present case?      |                       | X YES |
| If yes, list case number(s): Cases have not been assigned case numbers. A separate Notice of Related Cases will be filed once cases are assigned case numbers. |   |                       |       |
| Civil cases are deemed related   | if a previously filed case and the present case:  |                       |       |
| (Check all boxes that apply)   | A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or                   |                       |       |
|  | B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact | t; or                 |       |
| X  | C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; o  | r                     |       |
| X  | D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a    | , b or c also is pres | sent. |

X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT): Tugte Way

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

| Nature of Suit Code | Abbreviation | Substantive Statement of Cause of Action   |
|---------------------|--------------|--|
| 861                 | HIA          | All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also,<br>include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program.<br>(42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b)) |
| 862                 | BL           | All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C.<br>923)   |
| 863                 | DIWC         | All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))  |
| 863                 | DIWW         | All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))   |
| 864                 | SSID         | All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.  |
| 865                 | RSI          | All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended.<br>(42 U.S.C. 405 (g))  |

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