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

PROPERTY DISCLOSURE	§	
TECHNOLOGIES LLC,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	Civil Action No. 6:14-cv-00015-JDL
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v.	§	Ivar Trial Damandad
	§	Jury Trial Demanded
CENTURY 21 REAL ESTATE LLC,	§	
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Defendant.	§	

## PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Property Disclosure Technologies LLC files this First Amended Complaint for Patent Infringement against Defendant Century 21 Real Estate LLC and alleges as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff Property Disclosure Technologies LLC ("PDT") is a Delaware Limited Liability Company having an address at One Commerce Center, 1201 Orange Street, Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware 19899.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant Century 21 Real Estate LLC ("Century 21") is a Delaware Limited Liability Company, with its principal place of business located at 175 Park Avenue, Madison, New Jersey 07940-1123. Century 21 has been served with process.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States of America, Title 35, United States Code.
- 4. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant has regular and established places of business in this district and/or have transacted business in this district and has committed and/or induced acts of patent infringement in this district.

#### THE '167 PATENT-IN-SUIT

- 6. On September 1, 2009, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued United States Patent No. 7,584,167 (the "167 Patent") entitled "Real Estate Disclosure Reporting Method," a true copy of which is attached as Exhibit A, to inventor G. Randall Bell.
- 7. PDT is the assignee of the '167 Patent and possesses all rights to sue for and recover all past, present and future damages for infringement of the '167 Patent.

## THE '530 PATENT-IN-SUIT

- 8. On May 17, 2011, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued United States Patent No. 7,945,530 (the "'530 Patent") entitled "Real Estate Disclosure Reporting Method," a true copy of which is attached as Exhibit B, to inventor G. Randall Bell, Ph.D.
- 9. PDT is the assignee of the '530 Patent and possesses all rights to sue for and recover all past, present and future damages for infringement of the '530 Patent.

#### THE '974 PATENT-IN-SUIT

- 10. On January 14, 2014, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued United States Patent No. 8,630,974 (the "'974 Patent") entitled "Real Estate Disclosure Reporting Method," a true copy of which is attached as Exhibit C, to inventor G. Randall Bell, Ph.D.
- 11. PDT is the assignee of the '974 Patent and possesses all rights to sue for and recover all past, present and future damages for infringement of the '974 Patent.

# CLAIM 1 INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT 7,584,167

- 12. Defendant has been and is currently directly infringing one or more claims of the '167 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, offering and/or using in the United States the computer implemented websites, such as <a href="http://www.century21.com/">http://www.century21.com/</a> and its related webpages and/or websites, which provide computerized real estate searching and reporting functionality that perform one or more methods claimed in the '167 Patent.
- 13. On information and belief, Century 21 created, developed, supports and operates both of the aforementioned websites.
- 14. In addition and/or in the alternative, Defendant has been and/or is currently indirectly infringing one or more claims of the '167 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by inducing visitors ("End Users") to their websites to directly infringe the '167 Patent through their use of the infringing functionality. Defendant has been aware of the '167 Patent since at least the date they were provided notice of the Original Complaint and may have been aware of the '167 Patent prior to this date given that the inventor, Dr. Bell, is a well-known economist and property damages consultant in the real estate industry. By knowingly making the computerized real estate searching and reporting functionality available on its website to end users with knowledge of the '167 Patent, Defendant has specific intent to encourage its end users to infringe.
- 15. As a direct and proximate consequence of the acts and practices of Defendant in infringing, directly and/or indirectly, one or more claims of the '167 Patent, PDT has suffered, is suffering, and will continue to suffer injury and damages for which it is entitled to relief under 35 U.S.C. § 284 in an amount to be determined at trial.

# CLAIM 2 INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT 7,945,530

- 16. Defendant has been and is currently directly infringing one or more claims of the '530 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, offering and/or using in the United States the computer implemented websites, such as <a href="http://www.century21.com/">http://www.century21.com/</a> and its related webpages and/or websites, which provide computerized real estate searching and reporting functionality that perform one or more methods claimed in the '530 Patent.
- 17. On information and belief, Century 21 created, developed, supports and operates both of the aforementioned websites.
- 18. In addition and/or in the alternative, Defendant has been and/or is currently indirectly infringing one or more claims of the '530 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by inducing visitors ("End Users") to their websites to directly infringe the '530 Patent through their use of the infringing functionality. Defendant has been aware of the '530 Patent since at least the date they were provided notice of the Original Complaint and may have been aware of the '530 Patent prior to this date given that the inventor, Dr. Bell, is a well-known economist and property damages consultant in the real estate industry. By knowingly making the computerized real estate searching and reporting functionality available on its website to end users with knowledge of the '530 Patent, Defendant has specific intent to encourage its end users to infringe.
- 19. As a direct and proximate consequence of the acts and practices of Defendant in infringing, directly and/or indirectly, one or more claims of the '530 Patent, PDT has suffered, is suffering, and will continue to suffer injury and damages for which it is entitled to relief under 35 U.S.C. § 284 in an amount to be determined at trial.

## CLAIM 3 INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT 8,630,974

- 20. Defendant has been and is currently directly infringing one or more claims of the '974 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, offering and/or using in the United States the computer implemented websites, such as <a href="http://www.century21.com/">http://www.century21.com/</a> and its related webpages and/or websites, which provide computerized real estate searching and reporting functionality that perform one or more methods claimed in the '974 Patent.
- 21. On information and belief, Century 21 created, developed, supports and operates both of the aforementioned websites.
- 22. In addition and/or in the alternative, Defendant has been and/or is currently indirectly infringing one or more claims of the '974 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), by inducing visitors ("End Users") to their websites to directly infringe the '974 Patent through their use of the infringing functionality. Defendant has been aware of the '974 Patent since at least the date they were provided notice of the Original Complaint and may have been aware of the '974 Patent prior to this date given that the inventor, Dr. Bell, is a well-known economist and property damages consultant in the real estate industry. By knowingly making the computerized real estate searching and reporting functionality available on its website to end users with knowledge of the '974 Patent, Defendant has specific intent to encourage its end users to infringe.
- 23. As a direct and proximate consequence of the acts and practices of Defendant in infringing, directly and/or indirectly, one or more claims of the '974 Patent, PDT has suffered, is suffering, and will continue to suffer injury and damages for which it is entitled to relief under 35 U.S.C. § 284 in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 24. The limitation of damages provision of 35 U.S.C. § 287(a) is not applicable to PDT.
- 25. This case presents exceptional circumstances within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and PDT is thus entitled to an award of its reasonable attorneys' fees.

### DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

26. PDT, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PDT requests entry of judgment that:

- 1. Defendant has infringed each of the patents-in-suit;
- 2. Defendant accounts for and pays to Plaintiff all damages caused by their infringement of the patents-in-suit;
- 3. Plaintiff be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused to it by reason of one or more of Defendant's patent infringement;
  - 4. Plaintiff be awarded enhanced damages in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- 5. The Court declare this an exceptional case and that Plaintiff be granted reasonable attorneys' fees in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285;
  - 6. Costs be awarded to Plaintiff; and
- 7. Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: April 14, 2014 Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a) on this 14th day of April, 2014. Any other counsel of record will be served by facsimile transmission and first class mail.

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