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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IXI MOBILE (R&D) LTD., and
IXI IP, LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BLACKBERRY LIMITED and
BLACKBERRY CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Civil No. _____

COMPLAINT AND
JURY DEMAND

14-cv-4428 RJS-DF
ECF CASE

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COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs IXI MOBILE (R&D) Ltd. and IXI IP, LLC (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), for their Complaint against Defendants BlackBerry Limited and BlackBerry Corporation (collectively, "Defendants" or "BlackBerry"), allege as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action arising under the patent laws of the U.S. (35 U.S.C. § 100 *et seq.*) based upon BlackBerry's infringement of one or more U.S. patents owned by the Plaintiffs.

THE PARTIES

2. IXI Mobile (R&D) Ltd. ("IXI"; formerly known as IXI Mobile (Israel) Ltd.) is a company incorporated and registered under the laws of Israel with a

registered address of 11 Moshe Levi Street Rishon Lezion 75658, Israel. IXI develops, makes, and sells wireless mobile devices (e.g., cellular telephones and messaging devices) and related services. IXI previously owned each of the patents at issue in this litigation (the “Patents-in-Suit”) and now has an exclusive license to the Patents-in-Suit.

3. IXI IP, LLC (“IXI IP”) is a New York limited liability company with a registered address of 1218 Central Avenue, Suite 100, Albany, NY 12205. IXI IP owns the Patents-in-Suit. IXI IP has exclusively licensed the Patents-in-Suit to IXI.

4. Defendant BlackBerry Limited (formerly Research in Motion Ltd.) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Canada with a principal place of business at 2200 University Ave. E, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2K 0A7. On information and belief, BlackBerry Limited sells wireless mobile devices and related services.

5. Defendant BlackBerry Corporation (formerly Research in Motion Corporation) is a wholly owned subsidiary of BlackBerry Limited. BlackBerry Corporation is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with a principal place of business located at 5000 Riverside Drive, Irving, Texas 75039. On information and belief, BlackBerry Corporation sells wireless mobile devices and related services.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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

7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over BlackBerry because each of BlackBerry Limited and BlackBerry Corporation has committed and continues to commit acts of patent infringement within the U.S. and this Judicial District, in violation

of 35 U.S.C. § 271. Furthermore each of BlackBerry Limited and BlackBerry Corporation places infringing products and services into the stream of commerce, with the knowledge or understanding that such products and services are sold and/or used in the State of New York, including in this District. The acts by BlackBerry within this District cause injury to Plaintiffs. Upon information and belief, BlackBerry derive substantial revenue from the sale and use of infringing products and services within this District, expect those actions to have consequences within this District, and derive substantial revenue from interstate and international commerce.

8. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c), and 1400(b) because BlackBerry have committed and continue to commit acts of patent infringement in this Judicial District, have induced and are continuing to induce others to infringe the Patents-in-Suit in this District, provide a substantial volume of goods to this District, and do a substantial amount of business within this District, and thus have purposefully availed themselves of the privilege of conducting business within the State of New York and this Judicial District.

BACKGROUND

9. This dispute involves technology called “mobile tethering,” which permits a device to access a wide area network (such as the Internet) by way of a connection between the first device and a second, intermediary, device that has access to the wide area network. An example of mobile tethering is use of a cellular telephone as a source of Internet connectivity for a personal computer that is linked with the cellular telephone. Mobile tethering permits devices having only short-range connectivity to access distant networks using the long-range wireless connectivity of a second device.

The dispute also involves technology relating to remote control of mobile communication devices such as cellular telephones.

10. IXI was formed in 2000 and develops phone operating systems and messaging devices.

11. IXI filed patent applications describing its technological developments in the field of mobile communications. The Patents-in-Suit are among the patents issued to IXI by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

12. The Patents-in-Suit are:

- A. U.S. Patent No. 7,295,532 (“the ‘532 Patent”), which issued on November 13, 2007;
- B. U.S. Patent No. 7,426,398 (“the ‘398 Patent”), which issued on September 16, 2008;
- C. U.S. Patent No. 7,039,033 (“the ‘033 Patent”), which issued on May 2, 2006; and
- D. U.S. Patent No. 7,016,648 (“the ‘648 Patent”), which issued on March 21, 2006.

13. True and correct copies of the ‘532 Patent, the ‘398 Patent, the ‘033 Patent, and the ‘648 Patent are attached to this Complaint as Exhibits A-D, respectively.

BLACKBERRY’S INFRINGEMENT

14. BlackBerry make, use, offer for sale, and/or sell within the U.S. and/or import into the U.S. devices which infringe one or more claims of the Patents-in-Suit,

including the BlackBerry Z10, BlackBerry Z30, and the BlackBerry PlayBook tablet (“Accused Products”).

15. The fields of mobile tethering, cellular telephony, and Internet connectivity are covered by many U.S. patents and patent applications claiming various aspects of these technologies, and it is a routine practice in these fields for major manufacturers and service providers to canvass U.S. patents and pending patent applications in order to identify those which may be relevant to a product or service to be made, use, sold, or offered for sale in, or imported into the U.S. prior to commencing such making, use, selling, offering, or importing. In fact, BlackBerry is the original assignee of a number of patents related to network communications with handheld devices that were filed after the Patents-in-Suit were published. A number of these patents, including U.S. Patent Nos. 8,533,263, 8,626,065, 8,630,635, and 8,610,659, reference patents whose original assignee is IXI. And BlackBerry's U.S. Patent No. 8,630,635 references the '398 Patent in suit here. On information and belief, in researching the patentability of these patents BlackBerry should have become aware of the Patents-in-Suit. Therefore, BlackBerry either i) were aware of the Patents-in-Suit and their relevance to the Accused Products at all times relevant to this suit or ii) willfully blinded themselves to the existence of the Patents-in-Suit and their relevance to the Accused Products.

FIRST COUNT FOR RELIEF

(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '532 PATENT)

16. The allegations of every preceding item in this Complaint are incorporated herein by reference.

17. BlackBerry have made, used, offered for sale, sold, and/or imported Accused Products without the authority of the '532 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

18. Despite their knowledge or willful blindness of the '532 Patent, BlackBerry have actively induced one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '532 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), for example through joint business planning and/or provision of instructional and promotional materials provided in connection with Accused Products, including the associated user manuals.

19. Despite their knowledge or willful blindness of the '532 Patent, BlackBerry have acted in concert with one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '532 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

20. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that Accused Products are made and intended especially for use in the systems claimed in the '532 Patent.

21. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that Accused Products are not suitable for substantial uses in mobile tethering systems other than those claimed in the '532 Patent.

22. IXI and IXI IP have sustained, are sustaining, and will continue to sustain damages owing to BlackBerry's Infringement of the '532 Patent.

23. BlackBerry's Infringement of the '532 Patent is continuing and is expected to continue unless enjoined by this Court. IXI and IXI IP do not have an

adequate remedy at law, will be irreparably harmed if BlackBerry's Infringement of the '532 Patent is permitted to continue, and are therefore entitled to an injunction against further Infringement by BlackBerry pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

24. On information and belief, BlackBerry's Infringement of the '532 Patent is exceptional and IXI and IXI IP are therefore entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285.

SECOND COUNT FOR RELIEF

(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '398 PATENT)

25. The allegations of every preceding item in this Complaint are incorporated herein by reference.

26. BlackBerry have made, used, offered for sale, sold, and/or imported Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '398 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

27. Despite their knowledge or willful blindness of the '398 Patent, BlackBerry have actively induced one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '398 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), for example through joint business planning and/or provision of instructional and promotional materials provided in connection with Accused Products, including the associated user manuals.

28. Despite knowledge or willful blindness of the '398 Patent, BlackBerry have acted in concert with one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '398 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

29. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that Accused Products are made and intended especially for use in the methods claimed in the '398 Patent.

30. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that Accused Products are not suitable for substantial uses other than those claimed in the '398 Patent.

31. IXI and IXI IP have sustained, are sustaining, and will continue to sustain damages owing to BlackBerry's Infringement of the '398 Patent.

32. BlackBerry's Infringement of the '398 Patent is continuing and is expected to continue unless enjoined by this Court. IXI and IXI IP do not have an adequate remedy at law, will be irreparably harmed if BlackBerry's Infringement of the '398 Patent is permitted to continue, and are therefore entitled to an injunction against further Infringement by BlackBerry pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

33. On information and belief, BlackBerry's Infringement of the '398 Patent is exceptional and IXI and IXI IP are therefore entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285.

THIRD COUNT FOR RELIEF

(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '033 PATENT)

34. The allegations of every preceding item in this Complaint are incorporated herein by reference.

35. BlackBerry have made, used, offered for sale, sold, and/or imported Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '033 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

36. Despite their knowledge or willful blindness of the '033 Patent, BlackBerry have actively induced one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '033 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), for example through joint business planning and/or provision of instructional and promotional materials provided in connection with Accused Products, including the associated user manuals.

37. Despite their knowledge or willful blindness of the '033 Patent, BlackBerry have acted in concert with one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '033 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

38. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that Accused Products are made and intended especially for use in the systems claimed in the '033 Patent.

39. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that Accused Products are not suitable for substantial uses in mobile tethering systems other than those claimed in the '033 Patent.

40. IXI and IXI IP have sustained, are sustaining, and will continue to sustain damages owing to BlackBerry's Infringement of the '033 Patent.

41. BlackBerry's Infringement of the '033 Patent is continuing and is expected to continue unless enjoined by this Court. IXI and IXI IP do not have an adequate remedy at law, will be irreparably harmed if BlackBerry's Infringement of the '033 Patent is permitted to continue, and are therefore entitled to an injunction against further Infringement by BlackBerry pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

42. On information and belief, BlackBerry's Infringement of the '033 Patent is exceptional and IXI and IXI IP are therefore entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285.

FOURTH COUNT FOR RELIEF

(INFRINGEMENT OF THE '648 PATENT)

43. The allegations of every preceding item in this Complaint are incorporated herein by reference.

44. BlackBerry have made, used, offered for sale, sold, and/or imported Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '648 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

45. Despite their knowledge or willful blindness of the '648 Patent, BlackBerry have actively induced one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '648 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), for example through joint business planning and/or provision of instructional and promotional materials provided in connection with Accused Products, including the associated user manuals.

46. Despite their knowledge or willful blindness of the '648 Patent, BlackBerry have acted in concert with one another and/or others to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import Accused Products without the authority of the owner of the '648 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

47. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that Accused Products are made and intended especially for use in the systems and methods claimed in the '648 Patent.

48. On information and belief, BlackBerry knew at all times relevant to this Complaint that the Accused Products are not suitable for substantial uses other than those claimed in the '648 Patent or for uses in mobile tethering systems other than those claimed in the '648 Patent.

49. IXI and IXI IP have sustained, are sustaining, and will continue to sustain damages owing to BlackBerry's Infringement of the '648 Patent.

50. BlackBerry's Infringement of the '648 Patent is continuing and is expected to continue unless enjoined by this Court. IXI and IXI IP do not have an adequate remedy at law, will be irreparably harmed if BlackBerry's Infringement of the '648 Patent is permitted to continue, and are therefore entitled to an injunction against further Infringement by BlackBerry pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.

51. On information and belief, BlackBerry's Infringement of the '648 Patent is exceptional and IXI and IXI IP are therefore entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court to enter judgment in their favor against each of the Defendants and to grant the following relief:

A. an adjudication that each of the Defendants has infringed one or more claims of the Patents-in-Suit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a), 271(b), and/or 271(c);

B. a judgment declaring that continuing manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation of Accused Products, or inducement of or contribution to such conduct, by any of Defendants would constitute infringement of one or more claims of the Patents-in-Suit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a), 271(b), and/or 271(c);

C. a permanent injunction enjoining each of Defendants and its corresponding officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, affiliates, divisions, subsidiaries, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them, from infringing each of the Patents-in-Suit, and/or contributing to or inducing anyone to do the same, including manufacture, use, offer to sell, sale, and/or importation of Accused Products before the expiration of each of the Patents-in-Suit;

D. an award of damages sustained by Plaintiffs as a result of BlackBerry's Infringement of the Patents-in-Suit, in an amount to be ascertained at trial, including at least a reasonable royalty on sales of Accused Products and/or Plaintiffs' lost profits;

E. an assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs against BlackBerry, together with an award of such interest and costs, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §284;

F. a determination that this is an exceptional case and a corresponding award of reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

G. such other or further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues properly so triable.

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Respectfully submitted,



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