

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

REVOLAZE, LLC,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v .)	
)	Civil Action No. _____
BBC APPAREL GROUP, LLC, and)	
GOTHAM LICENSING GROUP, LLC)	
d/b/a BLANKNYC,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

1. Plaintiff RevoLaze LLC (“Plaintiff” or “RevoLaze”), for its Complaint against Defendants BBC Apparel Group, LLC and Gotham Licensing Group, LLC (“Defendants”), herein alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

2. RevoLaze is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business at 29300 Clemens Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145. RevoLaze is an operating company and a developer of laser scribing technology to impart graphics and patterns on a myriad of substrates to solve current environmental, quality and cost problems associated with manufacturing and decorating garments and textiles.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant BBC Apparel Group, LLC operates the website www.blanknyc.com selling denim apparel.

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Gotham Licensing Group, LLC is the owner of the BlankNYC trademark.

5. Upon information and belief, Defendants sell denim apparel under the brand name BlankNYC.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant BBC Apparel Group, LLC is a New York limited liability company having a business address at 1407 Broadway, New York, New York 10018.

7. Upon information and belief, Defendant Gotham Licensing Group, LLC is a New York limited liability company having a business address at 1407 Broadway, Suite 506, New York, New York 10018.

8. Upon information and belief, Defendants can be served through their statutory agent, the New York Secretary of State, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231.

9. Upon information and belief, BlankNYC has a business address at 275 West 39th Street, New York, New York 10018.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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

11. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) in that a substantial part of the events giving rise to the patent infringement claims herein have taken place and are still taking place in this judicial district.

12. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants are engaged in substantial and not isolated activities within this state and district, including providing, using, offering for sale, and selling their infringing product to and within this state and district at

least through their website www.blanknyc.com. Due to these infringing activities, Plaintiff has suffered injury in this judicial district.

PLAINTIFF'S PATENTS

13. On November 23, 1999, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly issued United States Patent No. 5,990,444 (“the ‘444 Patent”), entitled “Laser Method and System of Scribing Graphics.” A true and correct copy of the ‘444 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A. RevoLaze is the owner of the ‘444 Patent by assignment.

14. On October 31, 2000, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly issued United States Patent No. 6,140,602 (“the ‘602 Patent”), entitled “Marking of Fabrics and Other Materials Using a Laser.” A true and correct copy of the ‘602 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B. RevoLaze is the owner of the ‘602 Patent by assignment.

15. On June 26, 2001, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly issued United States Patent No. 6,252,196 (“the ‘196 Patent”), entitled “Laser Method of Scribing Graphics.” A true and correct copy of the ‘196 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit C. RevoLaze is the owner of the ‘196 Patent by assignment.

16. On December 16, 2003, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly issued United States Patent No. 6,664,505 (“the ‘505 Patent”), entitled “Laser Processing of Materials Using Mathematical Tools.” A true and correct copy of the ‘505 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit D. RevoLaze is the owner of the ‘505 Patent by assignment.

17. On November 16, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly issued United States Patent No. 6,819,972 (“the ‘972 Patent”), entitled “Material Surface Processing With a Laser That Has a Scan Modulated Effective Power to Achieve Multiple Worn

Looks.” A true and correct copy of the ‘972 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit E. RevoLaze is the owner of the ‘972 Patent by assignment.

18. On February 22, 2005, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly issued United States Patent No. 6,858,815 (“the ‘815 Patent”), entitled “Denim Designs From Laser Scribing.” A true and correct copy of the ‘815 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit F. RevoLaze is the owner of the ‘815 Patent by assignment.

COUNT I — INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘444 PATENT

19. RevoLaze restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 18 as if fully stated herein.

20. Defendants have infringed and are still infringing the ‘444 Patent by making, selling, offering for sale, importing and/or using denim garments that embody the patented invention including the BlankNYC Polka Dot Jeans (“BlankNYC Product”), and Defendants will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

21. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ direct infringement of the ‘444 Patent, RevoLaze is suffering damages and irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT II — INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘602 PATENT

22. RevoLaze restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 21 as if fully stated herein.

23. Defendants have infringed and are still infringing the ‘602 Patent by making, selling, offering for sale, importing and/or using denim garments that embody the patented invention including the BlankNYC Product, and Defendants will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

24. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' direct infringement of the '602 Patent, RevoLaze is suffering damages and irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT III — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '196 PATENT

25. RevoLaze restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 24 as if fully stated herein.

26. Defendants have infringed and are still infringing the '196 Patent by making, selling, offering for sale, importing and/or using denim garments that embody the patented invention including the BlankNYC Product, and Defendants will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

27. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' direct infringement of the '196 patent, RevoLaze is suffering damages and irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT IV — INFRINGEMENT OF THE '505 PATENT

28. RevoLaze restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 27 as if fully stated herein.

29. Defendants have infringed and are still infringing the '505 Patent by making, selling, offering for sale, importing and/or using denim garments that embody the patented invention including the BlankNYC Product, and Defendants will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

30. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' direct infringement of the '505 Patent, RevoLaze is suffering damages and irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT V — INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘972 PATENT

31. RevoLaze restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 30 as if fully stated herein.

32. Defendants have infringed and are still infringing the ‘972 Patent by making, selling, offering for sale, importing and/or using denim garments that embody the patented invention including the BlankNYC Product, and Defendants will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

33. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ direct infringement of the ‘972 Patent, RevoLaze is suffering damages and irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT VI — INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘815 PATENT

34. RevoLaze restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 33 as if fully stated herein.

35. Defendants have infringed and are still infringing the ‘815 Patent by making, selling, offering for sale, importing and/or using denim garments that embody the patented invention including the BlankNYC Product, and Defendants will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court.

36. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ direct infringement of the ‘815 Patent, RevoLaze is suffering damages and irreparable injury for which it has no adequate remedy at law.

JURY DEMAND

37. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial on all issues triable to the jury.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands:

- (a) judgment that Defendants have infringed each of the asserted patents;
- (b) permanent injunctive relief prohibiting further infringement of the asserted patents;
- (c) damages for Defendants' infringements;
- (d) prejudgment interest on the damages;
- (e) costs for this lawsuit; and
- (f) any other relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

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