# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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| CLOUDING CORP.,               |                     |
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| Plaintiff,                    |                     |
| v.<br>HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY | C.A. No.            |
| Defendant.                    | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED |

# **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* in which Plaintiff Clouding Corp. ("Clouding" or "Plaintiff") makes the following allegations against Defendant Hewlett-Packard Company ("HP" or "Defendant").

## **BACKGROUND**

This instant Complaint alleges HP infringed and continues to infringe the same patents at issue in *Clouding IP*, *LLC v. Hewlett-Packard Company*, 13-cv-01341-LPS (D. Del) ("Clouding IP Litigation") filed on July 26, 2013. The patents asserted here, and in the Clouding IP Litigation were assigned by Symantec Corporation to Clouding IP, LLC. On July 28, 2014, the District Court dismissed the Clouding IP Litigation finding that a lack of prudential standing deprived the District Court of subject matter jurisdiction. On August 10, 2014, Clouding IP, LLC, and Symantec Corporation entered into an amended and restated Patent Purchase Agreement resolving all of the issues identified by the District Court in its July 28, 2014 Order. On August 11, 2014, Clouding IP, LLC moved for reconsideration of the District Court's dismissal for failing to grant leave for Clouding IP, LLC to amend its pleadings to cure the alleged defect regarding prudential standing. While the motion for reconsideration was pending

and prior to the filing of the instant Complaint, Clouding IP, LLC transferred the patents asserted here and in the Clouding IP Litigation to Clouding Corp.

## **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff Clouding Corp. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 11100 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 380, Los Angeles, California 90025.
- 2. On information and belief, Defendant HP is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 3000 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, California 94304. On information and belief, HP may be served via its registered agent, The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 4. On information and belief, Defendant HP is subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Delaware Long Arm Statute, due to having availed itself of the rights and benefits of Delaware by incorporating under Delaware law and conducting substantial business in this forum, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Delaware and in this Judicial District.
- 5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c) and 1400(b). Defendant HP is incorporated in this district, and on information and belief, HP is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district, has transacted business in this district and has committed acts of patent infringement in this district.

## COUNT I INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,065,637

- 6. Plaintiff Clouding realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-5 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 7. Plaintiff Clouding is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 7,065,637 ("the '637 patent") titled "System for Configuration of Dynamic Computing Environments Using a Visual Interface." The '637 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2006. Clouding is the owner by assignment from Clouding IP, LLC of the '637 patent. A true and correct copy of the '637 patent is included as Exhibit A.
- 8. Defendant HP makes, uses, sells, and offers for sale in the United States products and/or services for cloud computing. On information and belief, at least some of HP's cloud computing products and/or services provide or support use of a visual interface to configure cloud computing resources.
- 9. On information and belief, Defendant HP has infringed and continues to infringe the '637 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling cloud computing products and/or services covered by one or more claims of the '637 patent. Such cloud computing products and/or services include, by way of example and without limitation, HP Cloud Compute, the use of which are covered by one or more claims of the '637 patent, including but not limited to claim 1. By making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling such products and services covered by one or more claims of the '637 patent, HP has injured Clouding and is liable to Clouding for infringement of the '637 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.
- 10. As a result of Defendant HP's infringement of the '637 patent, Plaintiff Clouding has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to

compensate for HP's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by HP, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

#### COUNT II INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,272,708

- 11. Plaintiff Clouding realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-10 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 12. Plaintiff Clouding is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 7,272,708 ("the '708 patent") titled "System for Configuration of Dynamic Computing Environments Using a Visual Interface." The '708 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 18, 2007. Clouding is the owner by assignment from Clouding IP, LLC of the '708 patent. A true and correct copy of the '708 patent is included as Exhibit B.
- 13. Defendant HP makes, uses, sells, and offers for sale in the United States products and/or services for cloud computing. On information and belief, at least some of HP's cloud computing products and/or services provide or support use of a visual interface to configure cloud computing resources.
- 14. On information and belief, Defendant HP has infringed and continues to infringe the '708 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling cloud computing products and/or services covered by one or more claims of the '708 patent. Such cloud computing products and/or services include, by way of example and without limitation, HP Cloud Compute, the use of which are covered by one or more claims of the '708 patent, including but not limited to claim 1. By making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling such products and services covered by one or more claims of the '708 patent, HP has injured Clouding and is liable to Clouding for infringement of the '708 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

15. As a result of Defendant HP's infringement of the '708 patent, Plaintiff Clouding has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for HP's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by HP, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

## COUNT III INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,836,292

- 16. Plaintiff Clouding realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-15 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 17. Plaintiff Clouding is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 7,836,292 ("the '292 patent") titled "System for Configuration of Dynamic Computing Environments Using a Visual Interface." The '292 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 16, 2010. Clouding is the owner by assignment from Clouding IP, LLC of the '292 patent. A true and correct copy of the '292 patent is included as Exhibit C.
- 18. Defendant HP makes, uses, sells, and offers for sale in the United States products and/or services for cloud computing. On information and belief, at least some of HP's cloud computing products and/or services provide or support use of a visual interface to configure cloud computing resources.
- 19. On information and belief, Defendant HP has infringed and continues to infringe the '292 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling cloud computing products and/or services covered by one or more claims of the '292 patent. Such cloud computing products and/or services include, by way of example and without limitation, HP Cloud Compute, the use of which are covered by one or more claims of the '292 patent, including but not limited to claim 1. By making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling such

products and services covered by one or more claims of the '292 patent, HP has injured Clouding and is liable to Clouding for infringement of the '292 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

20. As a result of Defendant HP's infringement of the '292 patent, Plaintiff Clouding has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for HP's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by HP, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

## COUNT IV INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,495,607

- 21. Plaintiff Clouding realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-20 above, as if fully set forth herein.
- 22. Plaintiff Clouding is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 5,495,607 ("the '607 patent") titled "Network Management System Having Virtual Catalog Overview of Files Distributive Stored Across Network Domain." The '607 patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 27, 1996. Clouding is the owner by assignment from Clouding IP, LLC of the '607 patent. A true and correct copy of the '607 patent is included as Exhibit D.
- 23. Defendant HP operates one or more server farms (comprising, *inter alia*, servers and computers on a network) that are located in its data centers in the United States. On information and belief, HP's one or more server farms provide and support cloud computing products and/or services, including at least HP Cloud Compute. On information and belief, HP makes and/or uses a system for monitoring the health of at least some of HP's servers and computers over a network in its data centers.
- 24. On information and belief, Defendant HP has infringed and continues to infringe the '607 patent by, among other things, making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling systems,

and products and/or services related thereto, covered by one or more claims of the '607 patent. Such systems include, by way of example and without limitation, a system made and/or used by HP to monitor the health of servers and computers located in its data centers that support HP Cloud Compute, which is covered by one or more claims of the '607 patent, including but not limited to claim 9. By making, using, offering for sale, and/or selling such systems, and products and/or services related thereto, covered by one or more claims of the '607 patent, HP has injured Clouding and is liable to Clouding for infringement of the '607 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

25. As a result of Defendant HP's infringement of the '607 patent, Plaintiff Clouding has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for HP's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by HP, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Clouding respectfully requests that this Court enter:

- 1. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff Clouding that Defendant HP has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '637 patent, the '708 patent, the '292 patent, and the '607 patent;
- 2. A judgment and order requiring Defendant HP to pay Plaintiff Clouding its damages, costs, expenses, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for HP's infringement of the '637 patent, the '708 patent, the '292 patent, and the '607 patent; and
- 3. Any and all other relief as the Court may deem appropriate and just under the circumstances.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff Clouding requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable.

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