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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

HAWK TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS,  
LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

KIMPTON HOTEL & RESTAURANT  
GROUP, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No.

**COMPLAINT**

1 Plaintiff, Hawk Technology Systems, LLC (“Hawk”), hereby sues Kimpton  
2 Hotel & Restaurant Group, LLC (“Kimpton”) and alleges:

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4 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

5 1. This is a civil action for patent infringement of United States Patent No.  
6 RE43,462 (‘462 Patent). The ‘462 Patent is a reissue of United States Patent No.  
7 5,265, 410 (the ‘410 Patent). The independent claims in the reissued ‘462 Patent are  
8 substantially identical to the corresponding claims in the original ‘410 Patent.

9 2. The abstract for the ‘462 Patent states:

10 A PC-based system for monitoring and storing representative images  
11 from video cameras which may be utilized for security or other  
12 monitoring applications. Camera inputs from digital or analog sources  
13 are individually and independently digitized and displayed at a first  
14 set of image sizes, sampling rates, and frame rates, and may be stored  
15 in digital form on various recording media at a second set of image  
16 sizes, sampling rates, and frame rates, and these two sets of sizes and  
17 rates may or may not be identical. Provisions are included for adding  
18 detection or alarm systems which will automatically alter image size,  
19 sampling rate and/or frame rate of an individual input source, or  
20 activate other physical responses. In addition to security system  
21 monitoring, further applications of the invention are disclosed for  
22 process monitoring in manufacturing environments and also for  
23 applications in videoconferencing.

18 **PARTIES**

19 3. Hawk is a limited liability company organized and existing under the  
20 laws of the State of Florida and maintains its principal place of business at 2 South  
21 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 3800, Miami, Florida 33131.

22 4. Kimpton is a limited liability company organized and existing under  
23 the laws of the State of Delaware with a principal business address of 222 Kearny  
24 Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94108.

25 5. Kimpton’s registered agent is Corporation Service Company located at  
26 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808.



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**Claim 1 of The '462 Patent**

16. Claim 1 of the '462 patent states:

A video storage and display system, comprising:

one or more video cameras, each outputting a signal representative of a video image;

means to receive the signals from each camera and digitally compress the images;

two forms of high-capacity storage media, one being randomly searchable while the other continues to store the digitally compressed image; and

a computer configured to receive the digitally compressed images, the computer being interfaced to the following devices:

a display screen,

means to receive externally derived operator commands, and the high-capacity storage media, and

wherein the computer is programmed to perform the following functions:

display the digitally compressed images from the cameras in different windows on the display screen, each window being associated with an update rate and dimensions in pixels,

vary the spatial parameters and temporal parameters at which a particular image is updated in its window in accordance with one of the externally derived commands,

store the digitally compressed images in the high-capacity storage media, and

vary the spatial parameters and temporal parameters at which a particular image is stored in accordance with one of the externally derived commands.

('462 Patent, Col. 10, line 57 – Col. 11, line 20).

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**Claim 12 Of The '462 Patent**

17. Claim 12 of the '462 patent states:

The method of simultaneously displaying and storing multiple video images, comprising the steps of:

receiving video images at a personal computer based system from one or more sources;

digitizing any of the images not already in digital form using an analog-to-digital converter;

displaying at least certain of the digitized images in separate windows on a personal computer based display device, using a first set of temporal and spatial parameters associated with each image in each window;

converting one or more of the video source images into a data storage format using a second set of temporal and spatial parameters associated with each image; and simultaneously storing the converted images in a storage device.

('462 Patent, Col. 11, line 62 – Col. 12, line 10).

**Claim 15 Of The '462 Patent**

18. Claim 15 of the '462 patent states:

A video storage and display system, comprising:

one or more video cameras, each outputting a signal representative of a video image;

means to receive the signals from each camera and digitally compress the images; and

a computer configured to receive the digitally compressed images, the computer being interfaced to the following devices:

a display screen,

means to receive externally derived operator commands including means for sensing

1 a deviation from the normal-state image scene associated with at least one of the  
2 video cameras, the existence of the deviation being used as the basis for generating  
3 an externally derived command, and  
4 a high-capacity storage medium, and  
5 programmed to perform the following functions:  
6 display the digitally compressed images from the cameras in different  
7 windows on the display screen, each window being associated with an update rate  
8 and dimensions in pixels,  
9 vary spatial parameters and temporal parameters at which a particular image  
10 is updated in its window in accordance with one of the externally derived  
11 commands,  
12 store the digitally compressed images in the high-capacity storage medium,  
13 and  
14 vary the spatial parameters and temporal parameters at which a particular  
15 image is stored in accordance with one of the externally derived commands.  
16 ('462 Patent, Col. 12, line 15 – 45).

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18 19. Kimpton owns and operates the Sir Francis Drake hotel (the  
19 "Hotel") located at 450 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

20 20. Hawk learned that Kimpton used a video storage and display system  
21 and methods that infringed the '462 Patent at the Hotel by reviewing the case study  
22 attached hereto as Exhibit A. A copy of the case study can be found on 3VR's  
23 website ([www.3VR.com](http://www.3VR.com)).

24 21. Hawk has prepared a claim chart which explains how each limitation  
25 reads onto the system claimed by Claims 1 and 15 and the method claimed by Claim  
26 12 of the '462 Patent. At least each of these three claims was infringed by Kimpton.

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1           22. All conditions precedent to bringing this action have occurred or been  
2 waived.

3           23. Hawk has retained counsel to represent it in this matter and is obligated  
4 to pay its counsel a reasonable fee for its services.

5           24. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285, Hawk is entitled to recover its attorneys'  
6 fees.

7                                   **COUNT I: DIRECT INFRINGEMENT OF THE '462 PATENT**

8           25. The allegations contained in paragraphs 1-24 above are hereby re-  
9 alleged as if fully set forth herein.

10           26. Without Hawk's authorization, Kimpton used a video storage and  
11 display system and/or methods that infringed one or more of the claims in the '462  
12 Patent.

13           27. Hawk has been damaged by Kimpton's infringement.

14           **WHEREFORE**, Hawk respectfully requests the Court:

15           A. Enter a judgment finding that Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant Group,  
16 LLC has directly infringed the '462 Patent.

17           B. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, order Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant Group,  
18 LLC to pay damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, but in no event  
19 less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention, together with  
20 interest and costs;

21           C. Find this to be an exceptional case of patent infringement under 35  
22 U.S.C. § 285 and award reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses incurred by  
23 Plaintiffs in prosecuting this action; and

24           D. Award such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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**DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all triable issues.

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Respectfully submitted,

**LIPSCOMB, EISENBERG & BAKER, PL**

*Attorneys for Plaintiff*

/s/Deborah B. Baker

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deborah B. Baker, Esq.