

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

INNOVATIVE AUTOMATION LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

EPSON AMERICA, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:14-cv-1094

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Innovative Automation LLC states its Complaint against defendant Epson America, Inc., and alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Innovative Automation LLC is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business at 606 North First Street, San Jose, California 95112.

2. Defendant Epson America, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of California, with its principal place of business in Long Beach, California.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs of this Complaint, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

4. This action is for patent infringement pursuant to the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. Personal jurisdiction exists generally over Defendant because it has sufficient minimum contacts with the forum as a result of business conducted within the State of Texas and within the Eastern District of Texas. Personal jurisdiction also exists specifically over Defendant because it, directly or through subsidiaries or intermediaries, makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, imports, advertises, makes available and/or markets one or more products and/or services within the State of Texas, and more particularly, within the Eastern District of Texas, that infringe the patent-in-suit, as described more particularly below.

6. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b), because, on information and belief, Defendant has committed acts of infringement in the Eastern District of Texas and has transacted business in the Eastern District of Texas.

COUNT ONE

INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,174,362

7. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs of this Complaint, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

8. Plaintiff is the owner of all right, title, and interest in United States Patent No. 7,174,362, entitled “Method and System for Supplying Products from Pre-Stored Digital Data in Response to Demands Transmitted via Computer Network,” duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 6, 2007 (the “’362 patent”). A true and correct copy of the ’362 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. The ’362 patent generally describes and claims a computer-implemented method of digital data duplication. The preferred embodiment of the invention is described as a system and method of duplicating digital data onto CDs and DVDs.

10. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '362 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271 by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States the patented invention within the United States. Specifically, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '362 patent by making, using, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing into the United States the Epson Discproducer CD/DVD duplication devices that are capable of being connected to a network (including the networking software sold with and/or made available for use with the networkable Discproducer devices). These devices include at least (i) the Discproducer PP-100N, Product No. C11CA31001; and (ii) the Discproducer PP-100 with TD Bridge software. The networking software includes at least (i) the EPSON Total Disc Setup, (ii) the EPSON Total Disc Monitor; (iii) the EPSON Total Disc Maker; (iv) the EPSON Total Disc Net Administrator; (iv) the EPSON Discproducer SDKs; and (v) and the TD Bridge software. In addition to infringing the '362 patent by making, offering to sell, selling, and/or importing the infringing Discproducer devices and software, Defendant directly infringes the '362 patent when its employees and/or agents develop and test the infringing Discproducer devices and software.

11. As a result of Defendant's infringing activities with respect to the '362 patent, Plaintiff has suffered damages in an amount not yet ascertained. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for Defendant's infringing activities in an amount to be determined at trial, but in no event less than reasonable royalties, together with interest and costs. Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's exclusive rights under the '362 patent will continue to damage Plaintiff, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff requests entry of judgment in its favor against Defendant for the following:

- a) A declaration that Defendant has infringed one or more claims of the '362 patent;
- b) An award of damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement of the '362 patent, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty, together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest and costs, in an amount according to proof;
- c) An entry of a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant, and its respective officers, agents, employees, and those acting in privity with it, from further infringement of the '362 patent, or in the alternative, awarding a royalty for post-judgment infringement; and
- d) An award to Plaintiff of such other costs and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by jury.

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Respectfully submitted,

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