

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

VOXATHON LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

NISSAN NORTH AMERICA, INC.,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:15-cv-569

PATENT CASE

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Voxathon LLC files this Original Complaint for Patent Infringement against Nissan North America, Inc., and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

I. THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Voxathon LLC (“Voxathon” or “Plaintiff”) is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business in the Eastern District of Texas at 3401 Custer Road, Suite 125-C, Plano, Texas 75023.

2. On information and belief, Defendant Nissan North America, Inc. (“Defendant”), is a California corporation with its principal place of business at One Nissan Way, M.S. A-5-C, Franklin, TN 37067.

II. 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 subject matter jurisdiction of such action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court’s specific and general personal jurisdiction, pursuant to due process and the Texas Long Arm Statute, due at

least to its substantial business in this forum, including at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein.

5. Without limitation, on information and belief, within this state, Defendant has used the patented inventions thereby committing, and continuing to commit, acts of patent infringement alleged herein. In addition, on information and belief, Defendant has derived substantial revenues from its infringing acts occurring within the State of Texas and this District. Further, on information and belief, Defendant is subject to the Court's general jurisdiction, including from regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to persons or entities in the State of Texas and in this District. Further, on information and belief, Defendant is subject to the Court's personal jurisdiction at least due to its sale of products and/or services within the State of Texas and within this District. Defendant has committed such purposeful acts and/or transactions in the State of Texas and in this District such that it reasonably should know and expect that it could be haled into this Court as a consequence of such activity.

6. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant has sufficient contacts with the State of Texas and this District such that this Court is a fair and reasonable venue for the litigation of this action. On information and belief, from and within this District Defendant has committed at least a portion of the infringements at issue in this case. In addition, on information and belief, Defendant has derived substantial revenues from its infringing acts and is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District for at least the reasons identified above, including due at least to its sale of products and/or services within the State of Texas and from this District.

7. For these reasons, personal jurisdiction exists and venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b).

III. COUNT I
(PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 6,442,261)

8. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

9. On August 27, 2002, United States Patent No. 6,442,261 (“the ‘261 Patent”) was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The ‘261 Patent is titled “Call Recovery Method and Apparatus for an Attendant Telephone Set.” A true and correct copy of the ‘261 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

10. Voxathon is the assignee of all right, title and interest in the ‘261 patent, including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the ‘261 Patent. Accordingly, Plaintiff possesses the exclusive right and standing to prosecute the present action for infringement of the ‘261 Patent by Defendant.

11. **Direct Infringement.** Upon information and belief, Defendant has been and now is directly infringing at least claim 1 of the ‘261 patent in the State of Texas, in this District, and elsewhere in the United States, by actions comprising using an in-dash call system including without limitation using phone features of the Nissan Leaf Bluetooth hands-Free Phone System to receive incoming telephone calls, identifying a telephone number of the calling party of each incoming telephone call, assigning each incoming telephone call to a next available call appearance button, storing the identified telephone number for each incoming telephone call in a memory device, and automatically redialing, in response to the selection of one of the call appearance buttons, the stored telephone number assigned to the selected call appearance button.

12. Plaintiff has been damaged as a result of Defendant's infringing conduct. Defendant is thus liable to Plaintiff for damages in an amount that adequately compensates Plaintiff for such Defendant's infringement of the '261 patent, *i.e.*, in an amount that by law cannot be less than would constitute a reasonable royalty for the use of the patented technology, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

13. On information and belief, Defendant will continue its infringement of one or more claims of the '261 patent unless enjoined by the Court. Each and all of the Defendant's infringing conduct thus causes Plaintiff irreparable harm and will continue to cause such harm without the issuance of an injunction.

14. On information and belief, Defendant has had at least constructive notice of the '261 patent by operation of law, and there are no marking requirements that have not been complied with.

VI. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court find in its favor and against Defendant, and that the Court grant Plaintiff the following relief:

- a. Judgment that one or more claims of United States Patent No. 6,442,261 have been infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant;
- b. Judgment that Defendant account for and pay to Plaintiff all damages to and costs incurred by Plaintiff because of Defendant's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;

- c. That Plaintiff be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused by Defendant's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
- d. That Defendant be permanently enjoined from any further activity or conduct that infringes one or more claims of United States Patent No. 6,442,261; and
- e. That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: April 29, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David R. Bennett

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