

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Game And Technology Co., Ltd.
701-44, 29, Saujung-Ro 74 Beon-Gil
Gyeonggi-Do
Gimpo-Si, Republic of Korea

Plaintiff,

v.

Valve Corporation
10500 NE 8TH Street
Suite 1000
Bellevue, Washington, 98004

Defendant

Civil Action No.:

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff, Game And Technology, Co. LTD, (GAT) brings this Complaint for patent infringement against Defendant Valve Corporation as follows.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code §§281 and 271 (a) (b) and/or (c) for infringement of US Patent 8,253,743 (the '743 patent).

2. This Court has jurisdiction over patent claims under 35 U.S.C. §281 and 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1338(a) providing for federal question jurisdiction of actions relating to patents and trademarks.

3. Defendant is currently engaged in making, using, offering for sale and selling, products which infringe claims of the '743 patent throughout the United States, including sales within this judicial district. Defendant is also inducing others to sell and use and contributing to the sale of infringing products. Defendant is also practicing methods and inducing others to

practice methods which infringe claims of the '743 patent.

4. Jurisdiction and Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) and (c)(2) and §1400(a) and (b). Plaintiff is a foreign corporation registered to do business in Texas and Defendant is a domestic corporation incorporated in Washington and sells accused products into this Judicial District and operates systems within this judicial district.

THE PARTIES AND GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

5. Plaintiff, Game And Technology, Co. LTD , is a Korean corporation and is the owner of the entire interest in and to United States Letters Patent Numbers 8,253,743 which issued on August 28, 2012, naming Mr. Joon-Mahn Lee as the sole inventor.

6. Defendant, Valve Corporation, upon information and belief, is a domestic corporation existing under the laws of the state of Washington.

7. Valve Corporation manufactures and distributes nationwide, a video game known as Team Fortress 2.

THE 8,253,743 PATENT IN SUIT

8. U. S. Patent 8,253,743 is entitled "*Method and System for Providing Character Having Game Item Functions.*"

9. U.S. Patent 8,253,743 includes exemplary independent method claim 1:

Claim 1. A method for generating a character associated with a character generating system comprising a gamvatar provider, a gamvatar controller, and a game server, the method comprising:

providing an avatar to a user accessing an avatar shop via a network, the avatar comprising multiple layers for displaying avatar functions or performing game item functions by using the respective layers; and

combining each of a plurality of game item functions with the avatar by adding the respective layers to the avatar to create a gamvatar associated with the plurality of the game item functions,

wherein the gamvatar is configured to be used to perform the plurality of the game item functions and each of the plurality of game item functions being combined with the respective layers is exhausted in response to detection of each time of using the each of the plurality of game item functions associated with playing a game provided by the game server.

and exemplary device claim 6:

Claim 6. A non-transitory computer-readable medium comprising an executable program which, when executed, performs the steps of:

providing an avatar to a user accessing an avatar shop, the avatar comprising a plurality of layers for displaying avatar functions or performing game item functions by using respective layers; and

combining each of a plurality of game item functions being selected with the avatar by adding the respective layers to the avatar to create a gamvatar associated with the a game item functions,

wherein the gamvatar is configured to be used to perform the the plurality of the game item functions and each of the plurality of game item functions being combined with the respective layers is exhausted in response to detection of each time of using the each of the plurality of game item functions associated with playing a game provided by the game server using the gamvatar.

and exemplary system claim 7:

Claim 7. A system for generating a character via a network, the system comprising:

an avatar provider to provide an avatar in response to detection of accessing an avatar shop, the avatar comprising multiple layers for displaying avatar functions or performing game item functions by using the respective layers;

a gamvatar provider to combine the selected game item functions with the avatar by adding the respective layers to the avatar to create a gamvatar being combined with the selected game character associated with a plurality of the game item functions; and

a gamvatar controller to edit the gamvatar corresponding to the respective layers of the avatar associated with the selected game item function,

wherein the gamvatar is configured to be used to perform the plurality of the game item functions and each of the plurality of game item functions being

combined with the respective layers is exhausted in response to detection of each time of using the each of the plurality of game item functions associated with playing a game, and

wherein a database is configured to store information of the gamvatar.

THE ACCUSED PRODUCTS

10. Valve Corporation manufactures, maintains, sells and distributes nationwide, a video game known as Team Fortress 2. Valve Corporation maintains an on-line game known as Team Fortress 2 and provides user access to participate in on-line game play of Team Fortress 2. Team Fortress 2 provides multiple appearances for avatars based on selection of game item functions.

COUNT I **PATENT INFRINGEMENT OF 8,253,743**

11. Valve Corporation has infringed and continues to infringe one or more of the claims of the '743 patent by: (i) making, using, importing, selling and/or offering for sale, devices and/or systems which infringe the claims of the '743 Patent; (ii) practicing methods which infringe one or more of the claims of the '743 Patent; (iii) contributing to the manufacture, use and/or sale of devices and/or systems which infringe the claims of the '743 Patent; (iv) inducing the use and/or sale of devices and/or systems which infringe the claims of the '743 Patent; (v) contributing to the practicing of methods which infringe the claims of the '743 Patent and/or (vi) inducing the practicing of methods which infringe the claims of the '743 Patent, through the activities of Valve Corporation in connection with Team Fortress 2, including the activities described above.

12. Valve Corporation has induced and continues to induce others to infringe one or more of the claims of the '743 patent, through sales of infringing products which are resold and

through the sale of infringing products which are used in an infringing manner to infringe one or more of the claims of the '743 patent, and/or which are used and/or can be used in a method which infringes the method claims of the '743 patent.

13. Valve Corporation has infringed and continues to infringe the method claims of the '743 patent and has practiced and continues to practice methods, which infringe the method claims of the '743 Patent, and sells products which induce others to practice methods which infringe the claims of the '743 patent.

14. Valve Corporation has contributed to the infringement of the '743 patent through its activities which contribute to devices, systems and/or methods which infringe the devices, systems and/or methods claimed in the '743 patent.

15. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of all right title and interest to and has had standing to sue for infringement of United States Letters Patent 8,253,743.

16. Upon information and belief, Defendant Valve Corporation currently infringes and has infringed one or more of the claims of the '743 Patent under 35 U.S.C. §271 by the activities as described above.

17. The infringement by Valve Corporation is direct and indirect, contributory and by inducement.

18. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages from Valve Corporation including reasonable royalties and lost profits, sustained as a result of Valve Corporation's infringing acts under 35 U.S.C. §271 and §284.

19. Defendant has been aware of Plaintiff's rights in the patents in suit and of Plaintiffs' intent to enforce those rights. Defendant has, with full knowledge of those rights, willfully proceeded to infringe, in disregard of Plaintiff's rights. Plaintiff is entitled to enhanced

damages under 35 U.S.C. §284.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:

20. That Defendant be held to have infringed U.S. Patent No. 8,253,743 under 35 U.S.C. §271.
21. That Defendant acted with knowledge of the '743 patent in suit.
22. That judgment be entered for Plaintiff against Defendant, for Plaintiff's actual damages according to proof, and for any additional profits attributable to infringements of Plaintiffs' patent rights, in accordance with proof and for enhanced damages under 35 U.S.C. §284 and §285.
23. That judgment be entered for Plaintiff against Defendant, adequate to compensate Plaintiff, for reasonable royalties and/or other statutory damages based upon Defendant's acts of patent infringement and for its other violations of law under 35 U.S.C. §284 and §285.
24. That Defendant be required to account for all gains, profits, and advantages derived from its acts of infringement and for its other violations of law and that Plaintiff be awarded damages in the amount of such profits under 35 U.S.C. §284 and §285.
25. That the actions of Defendant be found willful.
26. That judgment be entered for Plaintiff and against Defendant, for enhancement of the damages awarded for patent infringement under 35 U.S.C. §284 and §285.
27. That the actions of Defendant be found exceptional under 35 U.S.C. §285.
28. That Plaintiff be granted judgment against the Defendant for Plaintiff's costs and attorney's fees under 35 U.S.C. §285 and or the inherent powers of the Court.
29. That the Court grant such other, further, and different relief as the Court deems

proper under the circumstances.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

30. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues raised by the complaint which are properly triable to a jury.

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Respectfully submitted,

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