

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

BLACKBIRD TECH LLC d/b/a  
BLACKBIRD TECHNOLOGIES,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZOOT SPORTS, INC. and  
K-2 CORPORATION

Defendants.

C.A. No. \_\_\_\_\_

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Blackbird Tech LLC d/b/a/ Blackbird Technologies (“Blackbird Technologies”) hereby alleges for its Complaint for Patent Infringement against the above-named Defendants, on personal knowledge as to its own activities and on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Blackbird Technologies is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at One Boston Place, Suite 2600, Boston, MA 02108.

2. Defendant Zoot Sports, Inc. (“Zoot”) is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business located at 5205 Avenida Encinas, Suite J, Carlsbad, CA 92008. Upon information and belief, Zoot is a wholly owned subsidiary of K-2 Corporation.

3. Defendant K-2 Corporation (“K-2”) is a corporation organized under the laws of Indiana with its principal place of business located at 4201 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98108.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the provisions of the Patent Laws of the United States of America, title 35, United States Code §§ 100, *et sec.*

5. Subject-matter jurisdiction over Blackbird Technologies' claims is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question jurisdiction) and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (patent jurisdiction).

6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants are subject to general and specific jurisdiction in the State of Delaware. Defendants have also established minimum contacts with this forum. Defendant Zoot is incorporated in Delaware and both Defendants regularly conduct business in the State of Delaware, including by manufacturing, selling, and/or offering to sell products in this judicial district. Defendants sells at a network of stores, including in the State of Delaware. Defendants' actions constitute patent infringement in this district in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 and place infringing products into the stream of commerce, with the knowledge and understanding that such products are sold in this District. The acts by Defendants cause injury to Blackbird Technologies within this District.

7. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 (b) and (c) and § 1400(b) and because Defendants transact business within this District and offer for sale in this District products that infringe U.S. Patent No. 7,867,058.

COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,867,058

8. Blackbird Technologies reasserts and incorporates herein by reference the allegations of all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

9. On January 11, 2011, U.S. Patent No. 7,867,058 (the "'058 Patent") entitled, "Sports Bra," a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as "Exhibit 1," was duly and

legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Blackbird Technologies is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest to the '058 Patent, including all right to recover for any and all past infringement thereof.

10. The '058 Patent is valid and enforceable.

11. K-2, though its subsidiary Zoot, has in the past and continues to infringe literally, and/or under the Doctrine of Equivalents, one or more of the claims of the '058 Patent by making, using, importing, selling and/or offering to sell, in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States, at least the Women's Run Moonlight Bra, which is covered by at least one claim of the '058 Patent (See Exhibit 2). Defendants' infringing activities violate 35 U.S.C. § 271.

12. Blackbird Technologies is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants have gained profits by virtue of its infringement of the '058 Patent.

13. Blackbird Technologies has sustained damages as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' infringement of the '058 Patent.

14. As a consequence of Defendants' infringement of the '058 Patent, Blackbird Technologies is entitled to recovery of past damages in the form of, at a minimum, a reasonable royalty.

15. Upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to infringe the '058 Patent unless enjoined by this Court.

16. As a consequence of continued infringement of the '058 Patent by Defendants complained of herein, Blackbird Technologies has been irreparably damaged to an extent not yet determined and will continue to be irreparably damaged by such acts unless Defendants are enjoined by this Court from committing further acts of infringement. Blackbird Technologies has

no adequate remedy at law. In the event this Court determines that it will not award injunctive relief, this Court should require Defendants to pay damages for past infringement of the '058 Patent and royalties for its infringement of the '058 Patent on a going-forward basis.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Blackbird Technologies respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendants, as follows:

- A. Adjudging that the '058 Patent is valid and enforceable;
- B. Adjudging that each and every Defendant has infringed one or more claims of the '058 Patent, literally or under the Doctrine of Equivalents, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271;
- C. An award of damages to be paid by Defendants adequate to compensate Plaintiff for its past infringement and any continuing or future infringement up until the date such judgment is entered, and in no event less than a reasonable royalty, including interest, costs, and disbursements as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and, if necessary to adequately compensate Plaintiff for Defendants' infringement, an accounting of all infringing sales including, but not limited to, those sales not presented at trial;
- D. Granting Blackbird Technologies permanent injunctive relief pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283 enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, affiliates, and those persons in active consort with them from future acts of patent infringement of the '058 Patent;
- E. In the event that this Court determines that it will not enter injunctive relief, ordering Defendants to continue to pay royalties to Blackbird Technologies for infringement of the '058 Patent on a going-forward basis;

F. This case be judged an Exceptional Case under 25 U.S.C. § 285, and costs and attorney's fees be awarded to Blackbird Technologies;

G. Awarding Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by law on its damages; and

H. Blackbird Technologies be granted such further relief as this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Blackbird Technologies demands a trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable.

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