

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

ADVANCED MICROSCOPY INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HITACHI HIGH TECHNOLOGIES
AMERICA, INC.

Defendant.

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Case No.: _____

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

Plaintiff ADVANCED MICROSCOPY INC. (“Plaintiff”) files this Original Complaint against Defendant HITACHI HIGH TECHNOLOGIES AMERICA, INC., alleging as follows:

I. THE PARTIES

1. ADVANCED MICROSCOPY INC. (“Plaintiff”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal place of business in Costa Mesa, California.

2. Upon information and belief, Defendant HITACHI HIGH TECHNOLOGIES AMERICA, INC. (“Hitachi” or “Defendant”) is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal place of business in Schaumburg, IL. Hitachi may be served through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This is an action for infringement of a United States patent. Federal question jurisdiction is conferred to this Court over such action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. Upon information and belief, Defendant has had minimum contacts with the District of Delaware such that this venue is fair and reasonable. Defendant has committed such purposeful acts and/or transactions in this district that it reasonably should know and expect that it could be hauled into this Court as a consequence of such activity. Defendant is a corporation existing under the laws of this State and upon information and belief, Defendant has transacted and, at the time of the filing of this Complaint, is transacting business within the District of Delaware.

5. Further, upon information and belief, Defendant manufactures (directly or indirectly through third party manufacturers) and/or assembles products that are and have been used, offered for sale, sold, and/or purchased in the District of Delaware. Defendant directly and/or through its distribution network, places infringing products or systems within the stream of commerce, which stream is directed, at least in part, at this district, with the knowledge and/or understanding that those products will be sold and/or used in the State of Delaware.

6. 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. PATENT INFRINGEMENT

7. On November 6, 2001, United States Patent No. 6,313,452 (“the ’452 Patent”) was duly and legally issued for a “MICROSCOPY SYSTEM UTILIZING A PLURALITY OF IMAGES FOR ENHANCED IMAGE PROCESSING CAPABILITIES.” A true and correct copy of the ’452 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof.

8. By way of assignment, Plaintiff is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the '452 Patent, with all rights to enforce it against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times, including the right to prosecute this action.

9. On information and belief, Defendant, without authority, consent, right, or license, and in direct infringement of the '452 Patent, manufactures, has manufactured, makes, has made, uses, imports, has imported, markets, sells, or offers for sale systems or products that directly infringe one or more claims of the '452 Patent. By way of example only, Defendant's use, sale, or offer for sale of the Hitachi SU3500 Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) is one such system. This system includes an automated, digital microscope with a motorized stage and a controllable magnifying lens; image and video capture functionality (utilizing the Operation Panel to perform the "Zig-Zag Capture", "Stage Navigation", and a "3D-Image Capture" functions) capable of capturing a series of images at a plurality of positions along predetermined travel paths set by the user; and Zigzag Capture software and Stitch software installed on the Hitachi SU3500 SEM, which together capture and stitch overlapping images to create an image montage or mosaic. This system infringes at least Claim 14 of the '452 Patent.

10. Further, upon information and belief, Defendant induces and/or contributes to the infringement of one or more of the claims of the '452 patent by others and is therefore liable for its indirect infringement, as described further below.

11. Defendant has had knowledge of the '452 Patent and knowledge of its infringement since at least as early as the filing of this suit.

12. On information and belief, the Georgia Tech University, through its Microscopy and Microanalysis Laboratory, directly infringes at least claim 14 of the '452 Patent by using, in the U.S., an infringing product or system like the ones described above.

13. On information and belief, Defendant possessed a specific intent to induce direct infringement by its customers, as evidenced by, at a minimum, its efforts to provide or make available instructions, literature, or brochures on how to use the product or system in a way that would infringe the '452 Patent. For example, Defendant provides instructions to its customers on how to use its infringing systems to combine multiple images, such as (but not limited to) those found at http://www.hitachi-hightech.com/us/product_detail/?pn=em-su3500. That intent is also evidenced by its decision to provide equipment to a laboratory or research facility in which to conduct infringing activities.

14. Specifically, and upon information and belief, Defendant actively induces at least Georgia Tech University, its faculty, and/or its students to infringe the '452 Patent by advertising or publishing an infringing use of its infringing product or system. For example, Defendant advertises an infringing use of an infringing product or system by providing product manuals and literature to explain the operation of its equipment and by providing equipment to a laboratory or research facility in which to conduct infringing activities.

15. Upon information and belief, the Zigzag Capture software and Stitch software in the SU3500 has no substantial non-infringing use. Further, upon information and belief, Defendant knows that certain of its products, such as the Zigzag Capture software and Stitch software are especially made or especially adapted for use in a system that infringes the '452 Patent.

16. Plaintiff expressly reserves the right to assert additional claims of the '452 Patent.

17. Plaintiff has been damaged as a result of Defendant's infringing conduct. Defendant is, thus, liable to Plaintiff in an amount that adequately compensates for its

infringement, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

18. Upon information and belief, Defendant will continue its infringement of the '452 Patent unless enjoined by the Court. Defendant's infringing conduct has caused Plaintiff irreparable harm and will continue to cause such harm without the issuance of an injunction.

IV. JURY DEMAND

19. Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

V. 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 the '452 Patent have been directly infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant, or judgment that one or more of the claims of the '452 patent have been directly infringed by others and indirectly infringed by Defendant, to the extent Defendant contributed to or induced such direct infringement by others;
- b. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, judgment that Defendant account for and pay to Plaintiff all damages, including treble damages, and costs incurred by Plaintiff because of Defendant's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein, including Defendant's willful infringement;
- 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 the Court declare this an exceptional case and award Plaintiff its reasonable attorney's fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- e. That Defendant be permanently enjoined from any further activity or conduct that infringes one or more claims of the '452 Patent;
- f. That Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

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Respectfully submitted,

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