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

BLUE SPIKE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

ZTE CORPORATION, ZTE (USA), INC., ZTE (TX), INC.,

Defendants.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED



Axon Pro phone with Android 5.1.1 "Lollipop" Operating System

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Blue Spike, LLC files this complaint against Defendants ZTE Corporation, ZTE (USA), Inc., and ZTE (TX), Inc. (collectively "ZTE" or "Defendant"), and alleges infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,930,719 (the '719 Patent or "Patent-in-Suit") titled "Data Protection Method and Device" as follows:

NATURE OF THE SUIT

1. This is a claim for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff Blue Spike, LLC is a Texas limited liability company and has its headquarters and principal place of business at 1820 Shiloh Road, Suite 1201-C, Tyler, Texas 75703. Blue Spike, LLC is the assignee of the Patent-in-Suit, and has ownership of all substantial rights in the '719 Patent, including the rights to grant sublicenses, to exclude others from using it, and to sue and obtain damages and other relief for past and future acts of patent infringement.
- 3. On information and belief, ZTE Corporation is a Chinese corporation with its principal place of business at No. 55, Hi-tech Road South, ShenZhen, P.R. China 518057. According to its website, ZTE Corporation has an office at 2425 N. Central Expressway, Suite 600, Richardson, Texas 75080.
- 4. On information and belief, ZTE (USA), Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of ZTE Corporation. ZTE (USA), Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, with its principal place of business at 2425 N. Central Expressway, Suite 600, Richardson, Texas 75080. ZTE (USA), Inc. can be served with process through its registered agent Jing Li at 2425 N. Central Expressway, Suite 323, Richardson, Texas 75080.
- 5. On information and belief, ZTE (TX), Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of ZTE Corporation. ZTE (TX), Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the

State of Texas. ZTE (TX) can be served with process through its registered agent Ferguson, Braswell & Fraser, PC at 2500 Dallas Parkway, Suite 260, Plano, Texas 75093.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This lawsuit is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §101 *et seq.* The Court has subject-matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1332, 1338(a), and 1367.
- 7. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant for at least four reasons: (1) Defendant has committed acts of patent infringement and contributed to and induced acts of patent infringement by others in this District and elsewhere in Texas; (2) Defendant regularly does business or solicits business in the District and in Texas; (3) Defendant engages in other persistent courses of conduct and derives substantial revenue from products and/or services provided to individuals in the District and in Texas; and (4) Defendant has purposefully established substantial, systematic, and continuous contacts with the District and should reasonably expect to be haled into court here. Thus, the Court's exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant will not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 8. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §§1391(b)–(c) and 1400(b) because Defendant does business in the State of Texas, Defendant has committed acts of infringement in Texas and in the District, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to Blue Spike's claims happened in the District, and Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in the District.

THE ACCUSED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

9. Defendant designs, develops, employs, and/or manufactures Address Space Layout Randomization ("ASLR") software, systems, and/or technology. Defendant makes, uses, offers for sale and/or imports into the U.S. products, systems, and/or services including, but not limited to, its phones (such as its Avid 4G, Avid 4G N9120, Axon, Axon Elite, Axon Lux, Axon Mini, Axon Pro, Blade 2, Blade A3, Blade A410, Blade A430, Blade A450, Blade A452, Blade A460, Blade Apex, Blade Apex2, Blade Apex3, Blade C V807, Blade C130, Blade C2, Blade C2+, Blade C310, Blade C320, Blade C341, Blade C370, Blade G V880G, Blade III, Blade III Pro, Blade D6, Blade E, Blade G, Blade G Lux, Blade G V880G, Blade G2, Blade L2, Blade L3, Blade Q, Blade Q Maxi, Blade Q Mini, Blade Qlux 4G, Blade S6, Blade S6 Plus, Blade S7, Blade V, Blade V6, Blade Vec 3G, Blade Vec 4G, Blade X3, Blade X5, Blade X9, Boost Force N9100, Boost MAX+, Cricket Engage LT N8000, Cricket Engage V8000, Cricket Max, Director, Engage, Era, Flash, Geek, Geek 2, Geek V975, Grand Era, Grand Memo II LTE, Grand Memo V9815, Grand S, Grand S II, Grand S II S291, Grand S3, Grand S Flex, Grand S Pro, Grand X, Grand X IN, Grand X LTE T82, Grand Xmax, Grand X Max+, Grand X IN, Grand X Plus, Grand X Pro, Grand X Quad V987, Grand X V970, Grand X2, Grand X2 In, Iconic, Imperial, Imperial II, Kis 3, Kis 3 Max, Kis V788, Light Tab 300, Mayen, N800, N91, N910, N919, Nova 3.5, Nova 4 V8000, Nubia My Prague, Nubia X6, Nubia Z5, Nubia Z5S mini, Nubia Z5S, Nubia Z7, Nubia Z7 Max, Nubia Z7 mini, Nubia Z9, Nubia Z9 mini, Nubia Z9 Max, Obsidian, Overture, PF112, PF112 HD, PF200, Prelude, Prelude 2, Radiant, Redbull V5, Reef, Skate Acqua, Solar, Sonata, Sonata 2, Source, Speed, Sprint Flash N9500, Sprint Force N9100, Star 1, Star II, Style

- Q, Supreme, T98, V3, V3 Extreme, V3 Energy, V3 Youth, V5, V5 Lux, V5 Pro, V790, V809, V811, V815, V817, V887, V889M, V9820, Vital, Warp 4G, Warp Elite, Warp Sequent N861, Warp Sync, Zinger, Zmax, and Zmax 2) and tablets (such as its Grand X View, E9Q+, V70, V81, V96, V96A, V98, V9S, PF 100, T98, Light Tab 300, light 8, Optik 2, and Velox) (collectively, the "Accused Products"), which infringe one or more claims of the Patent-in-Suit.
- 10. Defendant has not sought or obtained a license for any of Blue Spike's patented technologies.
- 11. Yet Defendant's Accused Products are using methods, devices, and systems taught by Blue Spike's Patent-in-Suit.

COUNT 1: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,930,719

- 12. Blue Spike incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 11 of this Complaint.
- 13. The '719 Patent is valid, is enforceable, and was duly and legally issued on January 6, 2015. A true and correct copy of the '719 Patent is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit A.
- 14. Without a license or permission from Blue Spike, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe on one or more claims of the '719 Patent—directly, contributorily, or by inducement—by importing, making, using, offering for sale, or selling products and devices that embody the patented invention, including, without limitation, one or more of the Accused Products, in violation of 35 U.S.C. §271.
- 15. Defendant has been and now is indirectly infringing by way of inducing infringement by others and/or contributing to the infringement by others of the '719

Patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, making, using, importing, offering for sale, and/or selling, without license or authority, products for use in systems that fall within the scope of one or more claims of the '719 Patent. Such products include, without limitation, one or more of the Accused Products. Such products have no substantial non-infringing uses and are for use in systems that infringe the '719 Patent. By making, using, importing offering for sale, and/or selling such products, Defendant injured Blue Spike and is thus liable to Blue Spike for infringement of the '719 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271. Those whom Defendant induces to infringe and/or to whose infringement Defendant contributes are the end users of the Accused Products. Defendant had knowledge of the '719 Patent at least as early as the service of this complaint and is thus liable for infringement of one or more claims of the '719 Patent by actively inducing infringement and/or is liable as contributory infringer of one or more claims of the '719 Patent under 35 U.S.C. §271.

- Defendant's acts of infringement of the '719 Patent have caused damage to Blue Spike, and Blue Spike is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §271. Defendant's infringement of Blue Spike's exclusive rights under the '719 Patent will continue to damage Blue Spike, causing it irreparable harm, for which there is no adequate remedy at law, warranting an injunction from the Court.
- 17. On information and belief, the infringement of the Patent-in-Suit by Defendant has been willful and continues to be willful. Defendant had knowledge of the Patent-in-Suit, including but not limited to at least one or more of the following:

- a. Through representation of counsel such as Yuezhong Feng, Ph.D. who in addition to representing ZTE represented defendants accused of similar infringement by Blue Spike in this district.
- b. Through the filing and service of this Complaint.
- 18. On information and belief, Defendant has at least had constructive notice of the '719 Patent by operation of law.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Blue Spike incorporates each of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 18 above and respectfully asks the Court to:

- (a) enter a judgment that Defendant has directly infringed, contributorily infringed, and/or induced infringement of one or more claims of each of the Patent-in-Suit;
- (b) enter a judgment awarding Blue Spike all damages adequate to compensate it for Defendant's infringement of, direct or contributory, or inducement to infringe, the Patent-in-Suit, including all pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by law;
- (c) enter a judgment awarding treble damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §284 for Defendant's willful infringement of one or more of the Patent-in-Suit;
- (d) issue a preliminary injunction and thereafter a permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Defendant, its directors, officers, agents, servants, employees, and those acting in privity or in concert with them, and their subsidiaries, divisions, successors, and assigns, from further acts of infringement, contributory infringement, or inducement of infringement of the Patent-in-Suit;

- (e) enter a judgment requiring Defendant to pay the costs of this action, including all disbursements, and attorneys' fees as provided by 35 U.S.C. §285, together with prejudgment interest; and
- (f) award Blue Spike all other relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Blue Spike demands a jury trial on all issues that may be determined by a jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was filed electronically in compliance with Local Rule CV-5(a). As such, this document was served on all counsel who are deemed to have consented to electronic service. Local Rule CV-5(a)(3)(A). Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(d) and Local Rule CV-5(d) and (e), all other counsel of record not deemed to have consented to electronic service were served with a true and correct copy of the foregoing by email, on this the 9th day of December 2015.

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