## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

**Case Number: 9:15-cv-81758** 

VOLTSTAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC., an Illinois corporation

Plaintiff,

V.

L & L WINGS, INC. a South Carolina corporation,

Defendant.

#### **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

#### **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Plaintiff VOLTSTAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC., by and through undersigned counsel, brings this civil action for patent infringement against Defendant L & L WINGS, INC., and alleges as follows:

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, et seq., to enjoin and obtain damages resulting from Defendant's unauthorized importation for sale, manufacture, use, offer to sell and sale in the United States of an AC Adapter that infringes one or more claims of United States Patent No. 9,024,581 entitled "Charger Plug with Improved Package."

## **PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. Plaintiff VOLTSTAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC. ("Voltstar") is an Illinois Corporation, registered to do business in the State of Florida, with an office at 4651 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida 33431.

3. Defendant L & L WINGS, INC. ("WINGS") is a South Carolina corporation that can be served with process through its registered agent Shaul Levy at 2800 NW 125<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33167. On information and belief, WINGS maintains offices and warehouse facilities within the jurisdiction of this Court.

- 4. Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction within this judicial district and division because it operates, conducts, engages in, or carries on business within this state, judicial district and division, and/or has an office or agency within this state, judicial district and division.
- 5. This Court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1338(a) under the Patent Laws of the United States.
- 6. Venue is proper in this judicial district and division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1400(b) and 28 U.S.C. §1391 (b) because Defendant has committed acts of infringement within this judicial district and division.

#### THE PATENT-IN-SUIT

- 7. Prior to May 21, 2008, James W. McGinley, Donald Rimdzius, and David P. Marcusen, invented a novel and non-obvious Charger Plug with Improved Package.
- 8. McGinley, Rimdzius, and Marcusen applied for and obtained United States Patent No. 9,024,581 entitled "Charger Plug with Improved Package Electrical Charger" which was

duly and legally issued on May 5, 2015 (the '581 Patent). A true and correct copy of the '581

Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

9. McGinley, Rimdzius and Marcusen assigned all right, title and interest in and to

the '581 Patent to Horizon Technologies, Inc. in May, 2008, which was recorded at the United

States Patent and Trademark Office on May 21, 2008 at Reel 20979, Frame 56. Horizon

Technologies, Inc. changed its name to Voltstar Technologies, Inc. and recorded such change of

name at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2010, and corrected on

November 22, 2010 at Reel 25411, Frame 783. A copy of the records of the United States Patent

and Trademark Office relating to the activities referred to in the paragraph 9 is attached as

Exhibit B.

10. In general, non-legal terms, the '581 Patent relates to a Charger that is to be

connected between a source of AC power, such as a wall outlet or a power strip, and a device

such as a mobile phone that includes a battery with the battery being rechargeable through the

use of DC power. The size and shape of the Charger are such that upon plugging the Charger

into a source of AC power such as a wall outlet or power strip outlet, (a) the Charger does not

block or interfere with the use of adjacent outlets and (b) the Charger does not interfere with

furniture that may be placed adjacent to or in front of the outlet. In addition, the size and shape

of the Charger are such that (a) a power cord for the device to be charged may be easily inserted

into and removed from the Charger while the Charger is plugged into the source of AC power

and (b) removal of the power cord from the Charger can be accomplished without removal of the

Charger from the source of AC power.

## **COUNT I**

# **DIRECT INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,024,581**

- 11. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 10 above as fully and completely as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 12. Beginning on or after May 5, 2015, Defendant infringed at least one claim of the '581 patent by offering to sell and by selling an AC adapter identified as item FS2295 PK.1.24.88.
  - 13. The following is a photograph of the product referred to in paragraph 12:



14. The following is a photograph of the product referred to in paragraph 12:



- 15. The AC adapter referred to in paragraph 12 is representative of products sold by Defendant all of which have, *inter alia*, the characteristics referred to in paragraph 10.
- 16. The AC adapters referred to in paragraphs 12 and 15 each have a longitudinal length less than 2 inches and a width less than approximately 1.7 inches, a blade length of approximately 0.625 inches and an insertion depth for the power cord of approximately 0.50 inches but in no event less than the blade length.
- 17. Defendant's offering for sale and selling the products referred to in this Count I constitutes literal infringement of each of claims 1, 9-13 and 17-19 of the '581 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).
  - 18. Attached as Exhibit C is a preliminary claim infringement chart.

19. The activities of Defendant as set forth in this Count I have been without license, permission or authorization from Plaintiff.

20. The activities of Defendant as set forth in this Count I have been and continue to be to the injury and detriment of Plaintiff and irreparable harm to Plaintiff.

#### **COUNT II**

#### INDIRECT INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,024,581

- 21. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 11-18 as fully and completely as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 22. Defendant intends that the AC adapters referred to in Count I be used with a receptacle, power source, wall outlet and/or power strip.
- 23. Defendant does not advertise any use of any of the AC adapters referred to in Count I other than with a receptacle, power source, wall outlet and/or power strip.
- 24. Defendant does not know of any substantial use of any of the AC adapters referred to in Count I other than with a receptacle, power source, wall outlet and/or power strip.
- 25. The AC adapters referred to in Count I are not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing uses.
- 26. The use of the AC adapters referred to in Count I with a receptacle, power source, wall outlet and/or power strip constitutes literal infringement of one or more of claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 15 and/or 16 of the '581 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C.§ 271(a).
- 27. The activities of Defendant referred to in this Count II constitute contributory infringement of each of claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 15 and/or 16 of the '581 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C.§ 271(c).

28. The activities of Defendant as set forth in this Count II have been without license,

permission or authorization from Plaintiff.

29. The activities of Defendant as set forth in this Count II have been and continue to

be to the injury and detriment of Plaintiff and irreparable harm to Plaintiff.

**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS** 

Plaintiff reserves the right to add claims of inducement of infringement and/or willful

infringement by Defendant based on any conduct of Defendant continuing after notice of

Plaintiff's patent rights.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

A. For judgment that Defendant has infringed at least one claim of the '581 Patent;

B. For an accounting and an award of damages sufficient to compensate Plaintiff for

the infringement but in no event less than a reasonable royalty;

C. For an award of costs; and

D. For such other and further relief as to the Court may appear just and reasonable.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.

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DATED: December 23, 2015 Respectfully submitted,

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