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19 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
20 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
21 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

22 ELECTRONIC ARTS INC., a Delaware
Corporation,

23 Plaintiff,

24 v.

25 ACCELERATION BAY LLC, a Delaware
26 Limited Liability Corporation,

27 Defendant.
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Case No.

**COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY
JUDGMENT OF NON-INFRINGEMENT OF
U.S. PATENT NOS. 6,701,344, 6,829,634,
6,732,147, 6,714,966, 6,920,497, AND 6,910,069**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 Plaintiff Electronic Arts Inc. (“EA” or “Plaintiff”) by and through its attorneys, allege against
2 Defendant Acceleration Bay, LLC (“Acceleration” or “Defendant”) as follows:

3 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

4 1. This is an action brought pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §
5 2201, for a declaratory judgment of non-infringement of patents that Acceleration has asserted
6 against Plaintiff in district court proceedings before the United States District Court for the District
7 of Delaware.

8 2. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment of non-infringement that the “Accused
9 Products” (as defined below) do not infringe any of the following patents: United States Patent Nos.
10 6,701,344 (“the ’344 patent”) (attached as Exhibit A), 6,829,634 (“the ’634 patent”) (attached as
11 Exhibit B), 6,732,147 (“the ’147 patent”) (attached as Exhibit C), 6,714,966 (“the ’966 patent”)
12 (attached as Exhibit D), 6,920,497 (“the ’497 patent”) (attached as Exhibit E), and 6,910,069 (“the
13 ’069 patent”) (attached as Exhibit F) (collectively, “the Asserted Patents”) under the Patent Laws of
14 the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq.*

15 **THE PARTIES**

16 3. Plaintiff EA is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 209
17 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, California 94065.

18 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant Acceleration is a Delaware limited liability
19 corporation with its principal place of business at 370 Bridge Parkway, Redwood City, California
20 94065.

21 **JURISDICTION**

22 5. This is an action under the Federal Declaratory Judgments Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201
23 and 2202, against Defendant for a declaration that pursuant to the patent laws of the United States,
24 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*, the disputed claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,701,344, 6,829,634, 6,732,147,
25 6,714,966, 6,920,497, and 6,910,069 are not infringed by Plaintiff. Jurisdiction as to these claims is
26 conferred on this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

27 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Acceleration. Upon information
28 and belief, Acceleration’s principal place of business is located within this District. In addition, the

1 Court has personal jurisdiction over Acceleration because it has established minimum contacts with
 2 the forum and the exercise of jurisdiction would not offend traditional notions of fair play and
 3 substantial justice.

4 7. Venue is proper in this jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b).

5 8. An actual controversy exists between Defendant and Plaintiff as to whether Plaintiff
 6 infringes the Asserted Patents.

7 9. On March 30, 2015, Acceleration filed a complaint (the “EA Complaint”) with the
 8 District Court of the District of Delaware under 35 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.* alleging that EA infringes
 9 the Asserted Patents through the manufacture, use, sale, importation and/or offer for sale of its
 10 software products and services, including *FIFA 15*, *NHL 15*, *Tiger Woods PGA Tour 14*, *Crysis 3*
 11 and *Plants vs. Zombies* (the “Delaware Action”; all products accused in the Delaware Action are
 12 hereinafter referred to as “Accused Products”). The EA Complaint further alleged that EA
 13 contributes to and induces infringement of the Asserted Patents by others. A true and correct copy
 14 of the EA Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

15 10. In the Delaware Action, Defendant elected the following claims to assert against
 16 Plaintiff:

Asserted Patent	Asserted Claims
6,701,344	1, 6-8, 10, 13-15, and 18
6,714,966	1, 7, 9, 12, and 13
6,829,634	1, 4, 5, 19, and 22
6,732,147	1, 11, 14, 15, and 16
6,910,069	1, 11, 12, and 13
6,920,497	1, 8, 9, and 16

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 24 11. Plaintiff EA denies that any of its activities or products infringe any claim of the
 25 Asserted Patents purportedly owned by Defendant.

26 12. Defendant Acceleration alleged that it owned the Asserted Patents, purportedly
 27 having acquired them from the Boeing Company. However, on Plaintiff’s motion, the District Court
 28 of the District of Delaware found that Defendant Acceleration was a licensee and that the Boeing

1 Company had failed to transfer all substantial rights in the Asserted Patents to Defendant
2 Acceleration prior to the filing of the EA Complaint. The District Court ordered that the Delaware
3 Action be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction unless Boeing joins the Delaware Action.
4 A copy of the District Court's June 3, 2016 order is attached as Exhibit H.

5 13. Boeing has not joined the Delaware Action, and on information and belief, does not
6 intend to do so. Therefore, the Delaware Action should be dismissed according to the Court's June
7 3, 2016 Order.

8 14. On June 15, 2016, Defendant Acceleration represented to the Patent Trial and Appeal
9 Board of the United States Patent and Trademark Office that "Acceleration Bay and the Boeing
10 Company entered into an Amended and Restated Patent Purchase Agreement resolving all of the
11 issues identified by the District Court in its June 3, 2016 Order." Based on, *inter alia*, its prior
12 allegations of infringement and this representation, Plaintiff has a reasonable apprehension that
13 Defendant may again commence litigation against it on the Asserted Patents.

14 15. There is an immediate, real, and substantial justiciable controversy between Plaintiff
15 and Defendant as to its purported right to threaten or maintain suit for infringement of the Asserted
16 Patents, and as to the scope and enforceability thereof, and as to whether Plaintiff infringes any
17 enforceable claims of the Asserted Patents. This controversy is of such immediacy and reality as to
18 warrant declaratory relief so that the parties may ascertain their rights and duties with respect to the
19 Asserted Patents. Therefore, without waiver of any rights, including the right to challenge prudential
20 standing, Plaintiff brings this declaratory judgment action seeking a declaration that the Accused
21 Products do not infringe any of the Asserted Patents.

22 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

23 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 (Declaratory Judgment of Non-Infringement of the '344 Patent)

25 16. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference and realleges all preceding Paragraphs as
26 though fully set forth herein.

27 17. Defendant Acceleration has alleged and continues to assert that Plaintiff and its
28 products and services infringe the '344 patent.

1 18. The asserted independent claims of the '344 patent read as follows (claim element
 2 enumeration added for convenience):

3	Claim 1
4	1-a. A computer network for providing a game environment for a plurality of participants,
5	1-b. each participant having connections to at least three neighbor participants,
6	1-c. wherein an originating participant sends data to the other participants by sending the data through each of its connections to its neighbor participants and
7	1-d. wherein each participant sends data that it receives from a neighbor participant to its other neighbor participants,
8	1-e. further wherein the network is m-regular, where m is the exact number of neighbor participants of each participant and
9	1-f. further wherein the number of participants is at least two greater than m thus resulting in a non-complete graph.
10	Claim 13
11	13-a. A distributed game system comprising:
12	13-b. a plurality of broadcast channels, each broadcast channel for playing a game,
13	13-c. each of the broadcast channels for providing game information related to said game to a plurality of participants,
14	13-d. each participant having connections to at least three neighbor participants,
15	13-e. wherein an originating participant sends data to the other participants by sending the data through each of its connections to its neighbor participants and
16	13-f. wherein each participant sends data that it receives from a neighbor participant to its neighbor participants,
17	13-g. further wherein the network is m-regular, where m is the exact number of neighbor participants of each participant and
18	13-h. further wherein the number of participants is at least two greater than m thus resulting in a non-complete graph;
19	13-i. means for identifying a broadcast channel for a game of interest;
20	13-j. and means for connecting to the identified broadcast channel.
21	Claim 18
22	18-a. A computer network for providing a game environment for a plurality of participants,
23	18-b. each participant having connections to at least three neighbor participants,
24	18-c. wherein an originating participant sends data to the other participants by sending the data through each of its connections to its neighbor participants and
25	18-d. wherein each participant sends data that it receives from a neighbor participant to its other neighbor participants,
26	18-e. further wherein the network is m-regular and the network forms an incomplete graph.

22 19. Plaintiff does not infringe any of the asserted claims, at least because, by way of non-
 23 limiting example, the Accused Products do not meet the following claim limitations: claim 1,
 24 elements 1-b, 1-c, 1-d, 1-e, 1-f; claim 13, elements 13-d, 13-e, 13-f, 13-g, 13-h, 13-i, 13-j; and claim
 25 18, elements 18-b, 18-c, 18-d, 18-e.

26 20. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not directly infringe, do
 27 not induce infringement, and do not contributorily infringe any enforceable claims of the '344
 28 patent.

1 21. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, willfully or
 2 otherwise, any enforceable claims of the '344 patent.

3 22. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, literally or
 4 under the doctrine of equivalents, any enforceable claims of the '344 patent.

5 23. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment from this Court under Rule 57 of the Federal
 6 Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 2201 declaring that Plaintiff is not infringing and has not
 7 infringed the '344 patent and granting Plaintiff all other declaratory relief to which it may be
 8 entitled.

9 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 (Declaratory Judgment of Non-Infringement of the '634 Patent)

11 24. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference and realleges the all preceding Paragraphs
 12 as though fully set forth herein.

13 25. Defendant Acceleration has alleged and continues to assert that Plaintiff and its
 14 products and services infringe the '634 patent.

15 26. The asserted independent claims of the '634 patent read as follows (claim element
 16 enumeration added for convenience):

17	Claim 1
18	1-a. A non-routing table based computer network having a plurality of participants,
19	1-b. each participant having connections to at least three neighbor participants,
20	1-c. wherein an originating participant sends data to the other participants by sending the data through each of its connections to its neighbor participants,
21	1-d. wherein each participant sends data that it receives from a neighbor participant to its other neighbor participants,
22	1-e. wherein data is numbered sequentially so that data received out of order can be queued and rearranged,
23	1-f. further wherein the network is m-regular and m-connected, where m is the number of neighbor participants of each participant, and
24	1-g. further wherein the number of participants is at least two greater than m thus resulting in a non-complete graph.
25	Claim 19
26	19-a. A non-routing table based computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling communications of a participant of a broadcast channel within a network, by a method comprising:
27	19-b. locating a portal computer;
28	19-c. requesting the located portal computer to provide an indication of neighbor participants to which the participant can be connected; receiving the indications of the neighbor participants; and
	19-d. establishing a connection between the participant and each of the indicated neighbor participants,

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Claim 1	
1-a.	A method of disconnecting a first computer from a second computer, the first computer and the second computer being connected to a broadcast channel, said broadcast channel forming an m-regular graph where m is at least 3, the method comprising:
1-b.	when the first computer decides to disconnect from the second computer, the first computer sends a disconnect message to the second computer, said disconnect message including a list of neighbors of the first computer;
1-c.	and when the second computer receives the disconnect message from the first computer, the second computer broadcasts a connection port search message on the broadcast channel to find a third computer to which it can connect in order to maintain an m-regular graph,
1-d.	said third computer being one of the neighbors on said list of neighbors.
Claim 11	
11-a.	A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling disconnecting of a computer from another computer, the computer and the other computer being connected to a broadcast channel, said broadcast channel being an m-regular graph where m is at least 3, comprising:
11-b.	a component that, when the computer decides to disconnect from the other computer, the computer sends a disconnect message to the other computer, said disconnect message including a list of neighbors of the computer;
11-c.	and a component that, when the computer receives a disconnect message from another computer, the computer broadcasts a connection port search message on the broadcast channel to find a computer to which it can connect in order to maintain an m-regular graph,
11-d.	said computer to which it can connect being one of the neighbors on said list of neighbors.

35. Plaintiff does not infringe any of the asserted claims, at least because, by way of non-limiting example, the Accused Products do not meet the following claim limitations: claim 1, elements 1-a, 1-b, 1-c, 1-d; and claim 11, elements 11-a, 11-b, 11-c, 11-d.

36. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not directly infringe, do not induce infringement, and do not contributorily infringe any enforceable claims of the '147 patent.

37. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, willfully or otherwise, any enforceable claims of the '147 patent.

38. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, any enforceable claims of the '147 patent.

39. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment from this Court under Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 2201 declaring that Plaintiff is not infringing and have not infringed the '147 patent and granting Plaintiff all other declaratory relief to which it may be entitled.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Judgment of Non-Infringement of the '966 Patent)

40. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference and realleges all preceding Paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

41. Defendant Acceleration has alleged and continues to assert that Plaintiff and its products and services infringe the '966 patent.

42. The asserted independent claims of the '966 patent read as follows (claim element enumeration added for convenience):

Claim 1
1-a. A computer network for providing an information delivery service for a plurality of participants,
1-b. each participant having connections to at least three neighbor participants,
1-c. wherein an originating participant sends data to the other participants by sending the data through each of its connections to its neighbor participants and
1-d. wherein each participant sends data that it receives from a neighbor participant to its other neighbor participants,
1-e. further wherein the network is m-regular, where m is the exact number of neighbor participants of each participant and
1-f. further wherein the number of participants is at least two greater than m thus resulting in a non-complete graph.
Claim 13
13-a. An information delivery service comprising:
13-b. a plurality of broadcast channels, each broadcast channel for distributing information relating to a topic,
13-c. each of the broadcast channels for providing said information related to a topic to a plurality of participants,
13-d. each participant having connections to at least three neighbor participants,
13-e. wherein an originating participant sends data to the other participants by sending the data through each of its connections to its neighbor participants and
13-f. wherein each participant sends data that it receives from a neighbor participant to its neighbor participants,
13-g. further wherein the network is m-regular, where m is the exact number of neighbor participants of each participant and
13-h. further wherein the number of participants is at least two greater than m thus resulting in a non-complete graph;
13-i. means for identifying a broadcast channel for a topic of interest; and
13-j. means for connecting to the identified broadcast channel.

43. Plaintiff does not infringe any of the asserted claims, at least because, by way of non-limiting example, the Accused Products do not meet the following claim limitations: claim 1, elements 1-b, 1-c, 1-d, 1-e, 1-f; and claim 13, elements 13-d, 13-e, 13-f, 13-g, 13-h, 13-i, 13-j.

1 44. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not directly infringe, do
2 not induce infringement, and do not contributorily infringe any enforceable claims of the '966
3 patent.

4 45. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, willfully or
5 otherwise, any enforceable claims of the '966 patent.

6 46. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, literally or
7 under the doctrine of equivalents, any enforceable claims of the '966 patent.

8 47. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment from this Court under Rule 57 of the Federal
9 Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 2201 declaring that Plaintiff is not infringing and has not
10 infringed the '966 patent and granting Plaintiff all other declaratory relief to which it may be
11 entitled.

12 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 (Declaratory Judgment of Non-Infringement of the '497 Patent)

14 48. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference and realleges all preceding Paragraphs as
15 though fully set forth herein.

16 49. Defendant Acceleration has alleged and continues to assert that Plaintiff and its
17 products and services infringe the '497 patent.

18 50. The asserted independent claims of the '497 patent read as follows (claim element
19 enumeration added for convenience):

20	Claim 1
21	1-a. A method in a computer for locating a computer through which to connect to a network, the method comprising:
22	1-b. providing an identification of a portal computer or a plurality of portal computers, the portal computer or the plurality of portal computers having a communications port or communications ports with a call-in port being enabled for communications when the portal computer or the plurality of portal computers is in a state to coordinate the connection of a seeking computer to the network,
23	1-c. wherein the call-in port is a type of communications port;
24	1-d. selecting the communications port or communications ports of the portal computer or the plurality of portal computers and attempting to communicate with the selected communications port or communications ports until communications with the call-in port is successful,
25	1-e. wherein a port ordering algorithm is used to identify the call-in port, and
26	1-f. wherein the communications ports selected by the port ordering algorithm may be reordered; and
27	1-g. using the call-in port to request that the portal computer or the plurality of portal
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1 58. The asserted independent claim of the '069 patent reads as follows (claim element
2 enumeration added for convenience):

Claim 1
1-a. A computer-based, non-routing table based, non-switch based method for adding a participant to a network of participants, each participant being connected to three or more other participants, the method comprising:
1-b. identifying a pair of participants of the network that are connected
1-c. wherein a seeking participant contacts a fully connected portal computer,
1-d. which in turn sends an edge connection request to a number of randomly selected neighboring participants to which the seeking participant is to connect;
1-e. disconnecting the participants of the identified pair from each other; and
1-f. connecting each participant of the identified pair of participants to the seeking participant.

9 59. Plaintiff does not infringe any of the asserted claims, at least because, by way of non-
10 limiting example, the Accused Products do not meet the following claim limitations: claim 1,
11 elements 1-a, 1-b, 1-c, 1-d, 1-e, 1-f.

12 60. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not directly infringe, do
13 not induce infringement, and do not contributorily infringe any enforceable claims of the '069
14 patent.

15 61. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, willfully or
16 otherwise, any enforceable claims of the '069 patent.

17 62. Plaintiff's activities, products, and services have not and do not infringe, literally or
18 under the doctrine of equivalents, any enforceable claims of the '069 patent.

19 63. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment from this Court under Rule 57 of the Federal
20 Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 2201 declaring that Plaintiff is not infringing and has not
21 infringed the '069 patent and granting Plaintiff all other declaratory relief to which it may be
22 entitled.

23 **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

24 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff EA respectfully prays for relief against Defendant as follows:

25 1. For a declaratory judgment that:

26 a. Plaintiff has not and does not infringe, willfully or otherwise, any
27 enforceable claim of the Asserted Patents; and
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b. Defendant, and those acting in concert with it or acting with knowledge of the judgment herein, are without right or authority to threaten or maintain suit against Plaintiff, or users of Plaintiff’s products or services, for alleged infringement of the Asserted Patents;

2. Enjoining Defendant, its officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons acting in concert or participation with Defendant from initiating infringement litigation against, and from threatening, Plaintiff or purchasers or users of Plaintiff’s products or services with infringement litigation or charging any of them verbally or in writing with infringement of the Asserted Patents, or representing to any of them that infringement has occurred, because of any activities of Plaintiff;

- 3. Determining that this is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- 4. For Plaintiff’s costs and reasonable attorneys’ fees incurred herein; and
- 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

Dated: June 16, 2016

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff EA requests a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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