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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
9 **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

10 SPEX TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 INTEGRAL MEMORY PLC,

14 Defendant.

Case No. 8:16-cv-01805

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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1 committed acts of direct infringement of one or more of the claims of one or more
2 of the Patents-in-Suit in this judicial district.

3 8. Venue in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1400(b) and 1391(b)
4 and (c), because Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district and has
5 committed acts of infringement in this district.

6 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

7 9. The Patents-in-Suit were originally assigned to Spyrus, Inc. ("Spyrus").
8 SPEX acquired full rights to the Patents-in-Suit from Spyrus.

9 **SPYRUS IS A PIONEERING ENCRYPTION COMPANY THAT HAS**
10 **DEVELOPED CRYPTOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS RELIED ON TO SECURE**
11 **ALL TYPES OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

12 10. Spyrus was founded around October 1992 by two pioneering women.
13 The founding concept of Spyrus was to make cryptography more affordable and
14 usable for distributing and accessing electronic content.

15 11. Instead of building up the company with venture capital money, Spyrus
16 initially built itself up using small capital investments from friends and family.
17 Spyrus' first major achievement was to propose and win a contract with the
18 Department of Defense ("DoD") to design a specification for a hardware security
19 module ("HSM") to be used for encrypting sensitive communications. In 1993,
20 Spyrus released the LYNKS HSM based on an ARM processor.

21 12. In approximately 1993 or 1994, in partnership with Mykotronx, Spyrus
22 released the successor to the LYNKS HSM, the Fortezza Crypto Card, originally
23 named the Tessera Crypto Card. *See, e.g.,* <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fortezza>.
24 The Fortezza Crypto Card and its successor versions were capable of protecting
25 sensitive data, including confidential information. The Fortezza Crypto Card was
26 used in a number of government and military applications.

27 13. Around 1996 or 1997, Spyrus began expanding on the cryptographic
28 technology embodied in the LYNKS HSM and Fortezza Crypto Card technologies.

1 In particular, Spyrus developed its Hydra series of products, which added
 2 capabilities such as flash memory or modem functionalities to the family of LYNKS
 3 HSM and Fortezza Crypto Card technologies. Spyrus' initial Hydra products were
 4 released around 1997. Spyrus' Hydra-based products are still sold today. Spyrus'
 5 Hydra-based products include the PocketVault P-3X, PocketVault P-384,
 6 PocketVault P-384E, Worksafe, Worksafe Pro and Secure Portable Workplace.

7 14. Spyrus' Hydra-based products have won awards and have been
 8 consistently praised. *See, e.g.,*
 9 <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2478715,00.asp> (editor rating of
 10 "Excellent" for the Worksafe Pro);
 11 <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2478716,00.asp> (editor rating of "excellent"
 12 for the Worksafe); [http://www.thessdreview.com/our-reviews/spyrus-worksafe-pro-](http://www.thessdreview.com/our-reviews/spyrus-worksafe-pro-wtg-secure-flash-drive-review-worlds-secure-flash-drive/3/)
 13 [wtg-secure-flash-drive-review-worlds-secure-flash-drive/3/](http://www.thessdreview.com/our-reviews/spyrus-worksafe-pro-wtg-secure-flash-drive-review-worlds-secure-flash-drive/3/) (Worksafe Pro was
 14 given an "Editor's Choice" award; called the "worlds most secure flash drive");
 15 [http://www.spyrus.com/spyrus-named-winner-in-2011-golden-bridge-awards-for-](http://www.spyrus.com/spyrus-named-winner-in-2011-golden-bridge-awards-for-virtual-office-technology/)
 16 [virtual-office-technology/](http://www.spyrus.com/spyrus-named-winner-in-2011-golden-bridge-awards-for-virtual-office-technology/) (Secure Pocket Drive named the winner in the Virtual
 17 Office Technology category of the 3rd Annual 2011 Golden Bridge Awards as well
 18 as the Security Products Guide's Tomorrow's Technology Today award and the GSN
 19 Homeland Security award); [http://www.darkreading.com/risk/nsa-approves-spyrus-](http://www.darkreading.com/risk/nsa-approves-spyrus-hydra-pc-for-protection-of-classified-government-data/d/d-id/1132286?print=yes)
 20 [hydra-pc-for-protection-of-classified-government-data/d/d-id/1132286?print=yes](http://www.darkreading.com/risk/nsa-approves-spyrus-hydra-pc-for-protection-of-classified-government-data/d/d-id/1132286?print=yes)
 21 (Hydra Privacy Card Series II was first commercial-off-the-shelf device approved
 22 by the DoD to protect confidential information at SECRET level and below);
 23 [http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20060612005367/en/Info-Security-](http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20060612005367/en/Info-Security-Products-Guide-Names-SPYRUS-Hydra)
 24 [Products-Guide-Names-SPYRUS-Hydra](http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20060612005367/en/Info-Security-Products-Guide-Names-SPYRUS-Hydra) (Hydra Privacy Card Series II won 2006
 25 Global Excellence in Secure and Removable Mass Storage Device Award from Info
 26 Security Products Guide); [http://www.scmagazine.com/spyrus-hydra-privacy-card-](http://www.scmagazine.com/spyrus-hydra-privacy-card-series-ii/review/1087/)
 27 [series-ii/review/1087/](http://www.scmagazine.com/spyrus-hydra-privacy-card-series-ii/review/1087/) (very positive review of Hydra Privacy Card Series II; "If you
 28 deal with sensitive data, especially on laptops, you need the Hydra").

1 15. The Patents-in-Suit, and Spyrus' technology, have been licensed in the
2 past by Kingston Digital, Inc. and PNY Technologies, Inc.

3 16. SPEX was formed to facilitate licensing of the technology developed
4 and practiced by Spyrus in both domestic and foreign markets.

5 **THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

6 17. SPEX is the owner by assignment of the Patents-in-Suit. SPEX owns
7 all rights to the Patents-in-Suit, including the right to enforce the Patents-in-Suit.

8 18. United States Patent No. 6,088,802, entitled "Peripheral Device With
9 Integrated Security Functionality," issued on July 11, 2000 from United States Patent
10 Application No. 08/869,305 filed on June 4, 1997. A true and correct copy of the
11 '802 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

12 19. United States Patent No. 6,003,135, entitled "Modular Security
13 Device," issued on December 14, 1999 from United States Patent Application No.
14 08/869,120 filed on June 4, 1997. A true and correct copy of the '135 patent is
15 attached as Exhibit B.

16 20. All maintenance fees for the Patents-in-Suit have been timely paid, and
17 there are no fees currently due.

18 **COUNT I**

19 **(DEFENDANT'S INFRINGEMENT OF THE '802 PATENT)**

20 21. Paragraphs 1 through 20 are incorporated by reference as if fully
21 restated herein.

22 22. United States Patent No. 6,088,802, entitled "Peripheral Device With
23 Integrated Security Functionality," issued on July 11, 2000 from United States Patent
24 Application No. 08/869,305 filed on June 4, 1997. A true and correct copy of the
25 '802 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

26 23. On information and belief, Defendant has made, used, offered for sale,
27 sold and/or imported into the United States products that infringe various claims of
28 the '802 patent, and continues to do so. By way of illustrative example, these

1 infringing products include, without limitation, Defendant's hardware encrypting
 2 storage solutions, including but not limited to Defendant's Crypto Dual FIPS 197
 3 Encrypted USB 3.0, Crypto Drive FIPS 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Courier Dual FIPS
 4 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Courier FIPS 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Envoy Dual FIPS
 5 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Crypto Dual+ FIPS 140-2 Encrypted USB, Crypto Dual
 6 FIPS 140-2 Encrypted USB, Crypto Dual+ FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Crypto Dual
 7 FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Crypto Drive FIPS 140-2 Encrypted USB, Crypto Drive
 8 FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Courier FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Secure 360 Encrypted
 9 USB 3.0, Secure 360 Encrypted USB (Secure Lock II), Secure Key Encrypted USB,
 10 Crypto SSD Hardware Encrypted SATA III 2.5" FIPS 140-2, Crypto MSATA SSD
 11 Hardware Encrypted SATA III FIPS 140-2, Crypto M.2 SATA 6GBPS 22X60
 12 Hardware Encrypted FIPS 140-2 and Crypto M-2 SATA 6GBPS 22x80 Hardware
 13 Encrypted FIPS 140-2.

14 24. Defendant has been and now is directly infringing one or more claims
 15 of the '802 patent under 35 U.S.C. §271(a), in this judicial District and elsewhere in
 16 the United States, by, among other things, making, using, selling, offering to sell
 17 and/or importing into the United States for subsequent sale or use hardware
 18 encrypting storage solutions that include, for example, (a) a cryptographic processor
 19 for performing security operations on data; (b) mass storage memory, such as flash
 20 or magnetic storage; (c) an interface between the cryptographic processor and the
 21 mass storage memory; (d) an interface with the host computer (*e.g.*, a USB or SATA
 22 interface); and (e) a mediating interface that ensures that data communicated
 23 between the host computer and mass storage memory passes through the
 24 cryptographic processor. An exemplary chart showing how Defendant infringes the
 25 '802 patent is attached as Exhibit C.¹ Exhibit C is based on the public information

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 27 ¹ Plaintiff reserves the right to assert additional claims of the '802 patent against
 28 Defendant as the litigation proceeds. For example, Plaintiff expressly reserves the
 right to assert additional claims in its infringement contentions to be served during
 the discovery process.

1 available to Plaintiff, and Plaintiff reserves the right to amend Exhibit C based on
2 information obtained through discovery. Accordingly, the aforementioned products
3 infringe the '802 patent literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

4 25. Defendant actively, knowingly, and intentionally induces, and
5 continues to actively, knowingly, and intentionally induce, infringement of the '802
6 patent under 35 U.S.C. §271(b) by its customers and end users.

7 26. Defendant has had knowledge of and notice of the '802 patent and its
8 infringement since at least the filing of this complaint.

9 27. Defendant has induced its customers and end users to infringe the '802
10 patent by using hardware encrypting storage solutions to (a) communicate with a
11 host computer to exchange data with the hardware encrypting storage solution; (b)
12 perform security operations on the data; (c) store or retrieve the data; and (d) mediate
13 communications so that data must first pass through the hardware encrypting
14 processor. *See, e.g.*, Ex. C. For example, Defendant encourages its customers and
15 end users to perform infringing methods by the very nature of the products. When
16 using the infringing products, security operations are performed on all data passed
17 between Defendant's infringing products and the customer's or end user's computer.

18 28. Defendant specifically intends its customers and/or end users infringe
19 the '802 patent, either literally or by the doctrine of equivalents, because Defendant
20 has known about the '802 patent and how Defendant's products infringe the claims
21 of the '802 patent but Defendant has not taken steps to prevent infringement by its
22 customers and/or end users. Accordingly, Defendant has acted with the specific
23 intent to induce infringement of the '802 patent.

24 29. Accordingly, Defendant has induced, and continues to induce,
25 infringement of the '802 patent under 35 U.S.C. §271(b).

26 30. Defendant has been and continues to infringe one or more of the claims
27 of the '802 patent through the aforesaid acts.
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31. Defendant has committed these acts of infringement without license or authorization.

32. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate for the infringement.

COUNT II

(DEFENDANT'S INFRINGEMENT OF THE '135 PATENT)

33. Paragraphs 1 through 20 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.

34. United States Patent No. 6,003,135, entitled "Modular Security Device," issued on December 14, 1999 from United States Patent Application No. 08/869,120 filed on June 4, 1997. A true and correct copy of the '135 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

35. On information and belief, Defendant has made, used, offered for sale, sold and/or imported into the United States products that infringe various claims of the '135 patent, and continues to do so. By way of illustrative example, these infringing products include, without limitation, Defendant's hardware encrypting storage solutions, including but not limited to Defendant's hardware encrypting storage solutions, including but not limited to Defendant's Crypto Dual FIPS 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Crypto Drive FIPS 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Courier Dual FIPS 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Courier FIPS 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Envoy Dual FIPS 197 Encrypted USB 3.0, Crypto Dual+ FIPS 140-2 Encrypted USB, Crypto Dual FIPS 140-2 Encrypted USB, Crypto Dual+ FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Crypto Dual FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Crypto Drive FIPS 140-2 Encrypted USB, Crypto Drive FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Courier FIPS 197 Encrypted USB, Secure 360 Encrypted USB 3.0, Secure 360 Encrypted USB (Secure Lock II), Secure Key Encrypted USB, Crypto SSD Hardware Encrypted SATA III 2.5" FIPS 140-2, Crypto MSATA SSD Hardware Encrypted SATA III FIPS 140-2, Crypto M.2 SATA 6GBPS 22X60

1 Hardware Encrypted FIPS 140-2 and Crypto M-2 SATA 6GBPS 22x80 Hardware
2 Encrypted FIPS 140-2.

3 36. Defendant has been and now is directly infringing one or more claims
4 of the '135 patent under 35 U.S.C. §271(a), in this judicial District and elsewhere in
5 the United States, by, among other things, making, using, selling, offering to sell
6 and/or importing into the United States for subsequent sale or use hardware
7 encrypting storage solutions that include, for example, (a) a security portion
8 including (i) a cryptographic processor for performing security operations on data;
9 and (ii) an interface to the memory portion; (b) a memory portion including (i) mass
10 storage memory, such as flash or magnetic storage; and (ii) an interface to the
11 security portion; (c) an interface with the host computer (*e.g.*, a USB or SATA
12 interface); and (d) a means for operably connecting the security module and/or the
13 target module to the host computing device in response to an instruction from the
14 host computing device. An exemplary chart showing how Defendant infringes the
15 '135 patent is attached as Exhibit D.² Exhibit D is based on the public information
16 available to Plaintiff, and Plaintiff reserves the right to amend Exhibit D based on
17 information obtained through discovery. Accordingly, the aforementioned products
18 infringe the '135 patent literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents.

19 37. Defendant actively, knowingly, and intentionally induces, and
20 continues to actively, knowingly, and intentionally induce, infringement of the '135
21 patent under 35 U.S.C. §271(b) by its customers and end users.

22 38. Defendant has had knowledge of and notice of the '135 patent and its
23 infringement since at least the filing of this complaint.

24 39. Defendant has induced its customers and end users to infringe the '135
25 patent by using hardware encrypting storage solutions to (a) communicate with a

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28 Defendant as the litigation proceeds. For example, Plaintiff expressly reserves the
right to assert additional claims in its infringement contentions to be served during
the discovery process.

1 host computer to exchange data with the hardware encrypting storage solution; (b)
2 perform security operations on the data; (c) mediate communications so that data
3 must first pass through the hardware encrypting processor; and (d) operably connect
4 the hardware encrypting storage solution in to the host computer in response to an
5 instruction from the host computer. *See, e.g.*, Ex. D. For example, Defendant
6 encourages its customers and end users to perform infringing methods by the very
7 nature of the products. When using the infringing products, security operations are
8 performed on all data passed between Defendant's infringing products and the
9 customer's or end user's computer.

10 40. Defendant specifically intends its customers and/or end users infringe
11 the '135 patent, either literally or by the doctrine of equivalents, because Defendant
12 has known about the '135 patent and how Defendant's products infringe the claims
13 of the '135 patent but Defendant has not taken steps to prevent infringement by its
14 customers and/or end users. Accordingly, Defendant has acted with the specific
15 intent to induce infringement of the '135 patent.

16 41. Accordingly, Defendant has induced, and continues to induce,
17 infringement of the '135 patent under 35 U.S.C. §271(b).

18 42. Defendant has been and continues to infringe one or more of the claims
19 of the '135 patent through the aforesaid acts.

20 43. Defendant has committed these acts of infringement without license or
21 authorization.

22 44. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate for the
23 infringement.

24 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

25 Wherefore, SPEX Technologies, Inc., respectfully requests the following relief:

26 a) A judgment that Defendant has infringed the '802 patent;

27 b) A judgment that Defendant has infringed the '135 patent;

- 1 c) A judgment that awards Plaintiff all appropriate damages under 35 U.S.C. §
 2 284 for Defendant's past infringement, and any continuing or future
 3 infringement of the Patents-in-Suit, up until the date such judgment is entered,
 4 including interest, costs, and disbursements as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284
 5 and, if necessary, to adequately compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's
 6 infringement;
- 7 d) An adjudication that this case is exceptional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C.
 8 § 285;
- 9 e) An adjudication that Plaintiff be awarded the attorneys' fees, costs, and
 10 expenses it incurs in prosecuting this action; and
- 11 f) An adjudication that Plaintiff be awarded such further relief at law or in equity
 12 as the Court deems just and proper.

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 14 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

15 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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 18 Respectfully submitted,

19 DATED: September 28, 2016

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