# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

DENIS CIMAF, INC.	) Case No: 1:17-cv-820
188 De l'Église	)
Roxton Falls	) Judge
Quebec, CA J0H 1E0	)
Plaintiff,	) ) <b>COMPLAINT</b>
v.	) ) JURY DEMAND
FECON, INC.	)
3460 Grant Ave	)
Lebanon, OH 45036-6432	)
PLEASE ALSO SERVE: FECON, INC., c/o Dinsmore Agent Co. 191 W. Nationwide Blvd, Ste. 300 Columbus, OH 43215-2569	) ) ) ) )
Defendant.	)

Plaintiff, Denis Cimaf, Inc., for its complaint of patent infringement against Defendant Fecon, Inc., alleges as follows:

# **THE PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff Denis Cimaf, Inc. ("Cimaf" or "Plaintiff") is a Canadian corporation with its principle place of business in Roxton Falls, Quebec, Canada.
- 2. On information and belief, Defendant Fecon, Inc. ("Fecon" or "Defendant") is a corporation incorporated in the State of Ohio with its principal place of business in Lebanon, Ohio.

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

3. This is a civil action against Fecon for patent infringement arising under the patent statutes of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 271 *et seq*. for the infringement of United States Patent No. 6,764,035 (the "'035 patent"). A true and correct copy of the '035 patent is attached as Exhibit #1 to this Complaint.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 5. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and/or 1400(b). On information and belief, Fecon has transacted business in this district; has committed acts of patent infringement in this district; and has a regular and established place of business in this district.

### **BACKGROUND**

### Cimaf's '035 Patent

- 6. Cimaf is a company that designs and manufactures machinery for land clearing, forest fire prevention, roadside maintenance, and other land management applications.
- 7. On July 20, 2004, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued the '035 patent, entitled "Brush Cutter," to inventors Gilles Denis and Laurent Denis.
- 8. Cimaf is the owner, by assignment, of all rights, title, and interest in the '035 patent.

#### **Fecon and Its Tool Rotors**

- 9. On information and belief, Fecon is a company that manufactures forestry mulchers, forestry track carriers, bio-mass harvesting equipment, and other land management machinery.
- 10. On information and belief, Fecon has designed and manufactured tool rotors that include protective guards. *See* Exhibit #2, Fecon's website describing its tool rotors, accessed on November 10, 2017 at http://fecon.com/forestry/equipment/mulching-attachments/tools-rotors/.

# **COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '035 PATENT**

- 11. Cimaf adopts and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-10, inclusive.
- 12. On information and belief, Fecon infringes at least claim 20 of the '035 patent by making, using, selling, and offering to sell products that include a brush cutting head and protective guards (*see*, *e.g.*, Exhibit #3 that compares the limitations of claim 20 of the '035 patent to Fecon's tool rotors).
- 13. On information and belief, Fecon will continue to infringe the claims of the '035 patent unless enjoined by this Court.
- 14. Cimaf has been and will continue to be irreparably harmed by Fecon's infringing acts, requiring the entry of a permanent injunction to prevent Fecon's further infringement of the '035 patent because Cimaf does not have another adequate remedy at law.

## JURY DEMAND

15. Cimaf demands a trial by jury on all issues.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Cimaf pray the Court to:

a) grant a permanent injunction against Fecon's continued infringement;

- b) award damages of not less than a reasonable royalty;
- c) award prejudgment and postjudgment interest;
- d) find that this case is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and award attorneys' fees;
- e) award costs; and
- f) grant all other relief to which Cimaf is entitled.

# Respectfully Submitted,

### /s/ James E. Burke

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