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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**
12 **ORLANDO DIVISION**

13 CODING TECHNOLOGIES LLC,
14 Plaintiff,
15 vs.
16 SKECHERS U.S.A., INC.,
17 Defendant.

Case No.: 6:18-cv-719-ARL-37-
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COMPLAINT
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF DEMANDED
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

18 Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES LLC, sues Defendant, SKECHERS, U.S.A., INC.,
19 and alleges as follows:

20 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

21 1. This is an action for infringement of United States Patent No. 8,540,159 under the
22 Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 271, *et seq.*, based on Defendant's unauthorized commercial
23 manufacture, use, importation, offer for sale, and sale of infringing products and services in the
24 United States.

25 **PARTIES**

26 2. Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, is a foreign limited liability
27 company, organized under the laws of the State of Texas.

28 3. Defendant, SKECHERS, U.S.A., INC., is a Delaware corporation with its

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1 headquarters located in Manhattan Beach, California. Defendant uses, sells, and/or offers to sell
2 products and services in interstate commerce that infringe the '159 Patent.

3 **SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**

4 4. This court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, pursuant
5 to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a), because this action involves a federal question relating to
6 patents.

7 **PERSONAL JURISDICTION**

8 5. The court has general *in personam* jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant
9 is found in this state.

10 **VENUE**

11 6. Venue is proper in this court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b), because Defendant
12 has committed acts of infringement in this district and has a regular and established place of
13 business in this district.

14 **COUNT I**

15 **PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

16 7. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges paragraphs 2 through 6 by reference, as if fully set
17 forth herein.

18 8. On September 24, 2013, the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)
19 duly and legally issued the '159 Patent, entitled "Method for Providing Mobile Service Using
20 Code Pattern." A true and authentic copy of the '159 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**
21 and incorporated herein by reference.

22 9. The '159 Patent teaches a method and apparatus for providing a mobile service
23 with the use of code pattern.

24 10. The '159 Patent is directed to computerized decoding technologies to provide
25 users with access to and use of various content more conveniently. Traditionally, companies
26 simply provided their URL information to the consuming public, but this is effective only if a
27 consumer memorized the name and spelling of the URL. Thus, there was a need in the art to
28 provide an effective product or method to assist consumers with recalling website or URL

1 information.

2 11. The '159 Patent claims, among other things, a method of providing content with
3 the use of code pattern by a user terminal; a user terminal for providing content with the use of
4 code pattern; a non-transitory machine-readable storage medium having encoded thereon
5 program code; and, a method of providing content with the use of an image captured by a user
6 terminal.

7 12. Collectively, the claimed embodiments in the '159 Patent provides new solutions
8 to problems related to transmitting information from a mobile service provider to a mobile
9 device.

10 13. The '159 Patent solves a problem with the art that is rooted in computer
11 technology that uses mobile service providers. The '159 Patent does not merely recite the
12 performance of some business practice known from the pre-Internet world along with the
13 requirement to perform it on the Internet.

14 14. Plaintiff is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the '159 Patent at
15 the USPTO, including the right to assert causes of action arising under the '159 Patent.

16 15. Upon information and belief, Defendant has and continues to directly infringe,
17 contributorily infringe, or actively induce the infringement of the '159 Patent by making, using
18 (including by at least internally testing the Accused Products as defined herein), selling, offering
19 for sale, importing in the United States, including this judicial district, a user terminal designed
20 to capture certain code pattern information and convert same into embedded content, which
21 embodies or uses the invention claimed in the '159 Patent (the "Accused Products"), all in
22 violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

23 16. The Accused Products infringe at least claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, and 16 of the
24 '159 Patent.

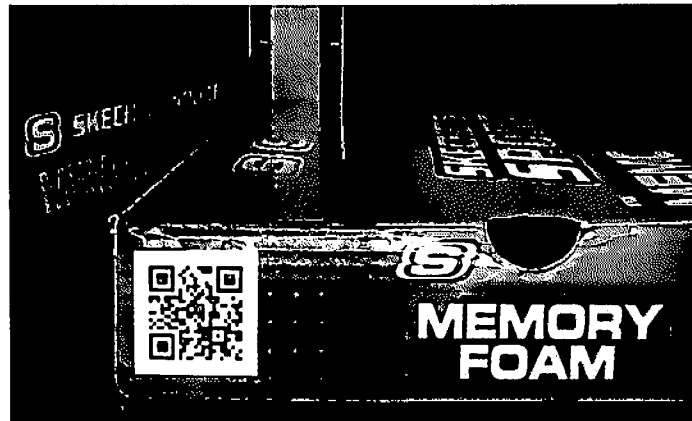
25 *Claim 1*

26 17. Through claim 1, the '159 Patent claims a method of providing content with the
27 use of a code pattern by a user terminal, the method comprising: obtaining a photographic image
28 of a code pattern by a camera of the user terminal; processing, by a processor of the user

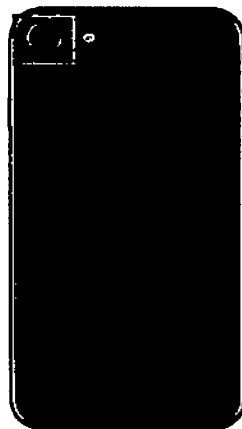
1 terminal, the photographic image of the code pattern to extract the code pattern from the
2 photographic image; decoding the extracted code pattern by the processor of the user terminal
3 into code information; transmitting a content information request message to a server based on
4 the code information; and receiving content information from the server in response to the
5 content information request message.

6 18. Defendant infringes claim 1.

7 19. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, practices a method of providing
8 content (e.g., a web page associated with the defendant) with the use of a code pattern (e.g., a
9 QR code) by a user terminal (e.g., a smartphone), as demonstrated in the following image:

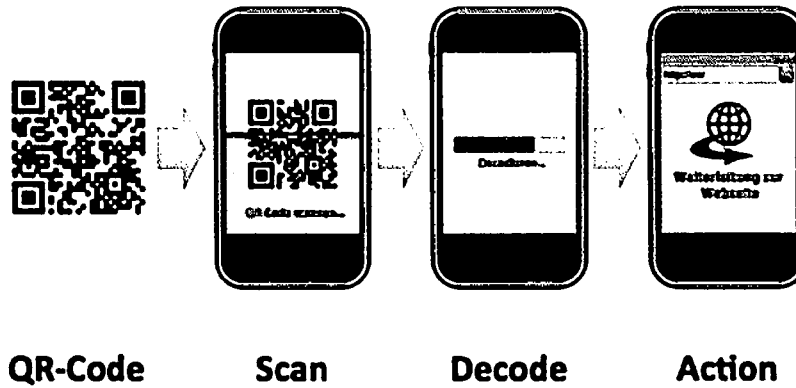


17 20. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, obtains a photographic image of a
18 code pattern (e.g., QR code) by a camera of the user terminal (e.g., smartphone), as shown
19 below:



21. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, processes by a processor of the user terminal (e.g., smartphone), the photographic image of the code pattern (e.g., QR code) to view and extract the code pattern from the photographic image.

22. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, decodes the extracted code pattern by the processor of the user terminal from the QR code into code information (e.g., URL of webpage associated with the defendant), as shown below:



23. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, transmits a content information request message (e.g., http request message for accessing the webpage associated with Defendant) to a server (e.g., Defendant's server) based on the code information (e.g., URL of the webpage associated with Defendant). As shown below, once the URL is decoded from the extracted QR code, a request for accessing a webpage associated with Defendant is sent to Defendant's server.

24. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, receives content information (e.g., a web page associated with Defendant) from the server (e.g., Defendant's server) in response to the content information request message (e.g., http request message for accessing the webpage associated with Defendant). As shown below, the terminal (e.g., smartphone) receives content information (e.g., webpage associated with Defendant).

Claim 2

25. Through claim 2, the '159 Patent claims the method of claim 1, wherein the content information comprises at least one of the following: image, sound, moving picture, and text data.

1 26. Defendant infringes claim 2.

2 27. Defendant uses a user terminal to receive content information that comprises
3 image and text data.

4 ***Claim 3***

5 28. Through claim 3, the '159 Patent claims the method of claim 1, wherein the
6 transmitting a content information request message includes: extracting a uniform resource
7 locator (URL) of the server from the code information; and transmitting the content information
8 request message to the server based on the extracted URL.

9 29. Defendant infringes claim 3.

10 30. Defendant transmits a content information request message (*e.g.*, http request
11 message for accessing the webpage associate with Defendant) which includes extracting URL of
12 the server and transmitting the content information request message (*e.g.*, http request message
13 for accessing the webpage associate with Defendant) to the server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server)
14 based on the extracted URL.

15 ***Claim 8***

16 31. Through claim 8, the '159 Patent claims a user terminal for providing content
17 with the use of a code pattern, the user terminal comprising: a camera configured to obtain a
18 photographic image of a code pattern; a processor comprising: an image processor configured to
19 process the photographic image of the code pattern to extract the code pattern from the
20 photographic image; and a decoder configured to decode the extracted code pattern into code
21 information; and a transceiver configured to (i) transmit a content information request message
22 to a server based on the code information; and (ii) receive content information from the server in
23 response to the content information request message.

24 32. Defendant infringes claim 8.

25 33. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, uses a user terminal (*e.g.*,
26 smartphone) for providing content (*e.g.*, a web page associated with Defendant) with the use of a
27 code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code).

28 34. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a camera configured to obtain a

1 photographic image of a code pattern (e.g., QR code).

2 35. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a processor which in turn comprises an
 3 image processor configured to process the photographic image of the code pattern (e.g., QR
 4 code) to extract the code pattern (e.g., QR code) from the photographic image. Once the
 5 photographic image of the QR code is captured by the camera of the smartphone, the
 6 photographic image is processed to retrieve the QR code. The retrieved QR code can be viewed
 7 on the user interface screen of the smartphone.

8 36. Defendant uses a user terminal (e.g., smartphone) comprising a decoder that is
 9 configured to decode the extracted code pattern (e.g., QR code) into code information (e.g., URL
 10 of web page associated with Defendant).

11 37. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a transceiver (e.g., FDD- LTE/TDD -
 12 LTE/CDMA/EDGE transceiver) which is configured to transmit or receive a content
 13 information request message (e.g., http request message for accessing the webpage associated
 14 with Defendant) to a server (e.g., Defendant's server) based on the code information (e.g., URL
 15 of the webpage associated with Defendant). As shown below, once the URL is decoded from
 16 the extracted QR code, a request or response for accessing a webpage associated with Defendant
 17 is sent to Defendant's server by means of transceiver of the smartphone:

18 iPhone 7

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 20 Cellular and
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Model A1660*	<u>FDD-LTE (Bands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30)</u>
Model A1661*	<u>TD-LTE (Bands 38, 39, 40, 41)</u>
	<u>TD-SCDMA 1900 (F), 2000 (A)</u>
	<u>CDMA EV-DO Rev. A (800, 1900, 2100 MHz)</u>
	<u>UMTS/HSPA+/DC-HSDPA (850, 900, 1700/2100, 1900, 2100 MHz)</u>
	<u>GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)</u>
Model A1778*	<u>FDD-LTE (Bands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30)</u>
Model A1784*	<u>TD-LTE (Bands 38, 39, 40, 41)</u>
<small>Models A1778 and A1784 do not support CDMA networks, such as those used by Verizon and Sprint.</small>	<u>UMTS/HSPA+/DC-HSDPA (850, 900, 1700/2100, 1900, 2100 MHz)</u>
	<u>GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)</u>

Claim 9

38. Through claim 9, the '159 Patent claims the user terminal of claim 8, wherein the content information comprises at least one of the following: image, sound, moving picture, and text data.

39. Defendant infringes claim 9.

40. Defendant uses a user terminal to receive content information that comprises image and text data.

Claim 10

41. Through claim 10, the '159 Patent claims the user terminal of claim 8, wherein: the processor is further configured to extract a uniform resource locator (URL) of the server from the code information; and the transceiver is further configured to transmit the content information request message to the server based on the extracted URL.

42. Defendant infringes claim 10.

43. Defendant uses a user terminal (e.g., smartphone) that is configured to extract a uniform resource locator (URL) of the server (e.g., Defendant's server) from the code information (e.g., URL of web page associated with Defendant).

44. Defendant uses a user terminal (e.g., smartphone) comprising a transceiver configured to transmit the content information request message (e.g., http request message for accessing the webpage associate with Defendant) to the server (e.g., Defendant's server) based on the extracted URL.

Claim 15

45. Through claim 15, the '159 Patent claims a non-transitory machine-readable storage medium, having encoded thereon program code, wherein, when the program code is executed by a machine, the machine implements a method for providing content with the use of a code pattern by a user terminal, comprising the steps of: obtaining a photographic image of a code pattern by a camera of the user terminal; processing, by a processor of the user terminal, the photographic image of the code pattern to extract the code pattern from the photographic image; decoding the extracted code pattern by the processor of the user terminal into code

1 information; transmitting a content information request message to a server based on the code
2 information; and receiving content information from the server in response to the content
3 information request message.

4 46. Defendant infringes claim 15.

5 47. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, practices a method of providing
6 content (*e.g.*, a webpage associated with Defendant) with the use of a code pattern (*e.g.*, a QR
7 code) by a user terminal (*e.g.*, a smartphone).

8 48. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, obtains a photographic image of a
9 code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) by a camera of the user terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone).

10 49. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, uses a processor of the user
11 terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone) to processes the photographic image of the code pattern (*e.g.*, QR
12 code) to extract the code pattern from the photographic image.

13 50. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, decodes the extracted code pattern
14 by the processor of the user terminal into code information (*e.g.*, URL of web page associated
15 with Defendant).

16 51. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, transmits and receives a content
17 information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for accessing the webpage associated
18 with Defendant) to and from a server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) based on the code information
19 (*e.g.*, URL of the webpage associated with Defendant).

20 ***Claim 16***

21 52. Through claim 16, the '159 Patent claims a method of providing content with the
22 use of an image captured by a user terminal, the method comprising: obtaining a photographic
23 image by a camera of the user terminal; processing, by a processor of the user terminal, the
24 photographic image to extract characteristic information from the photographic image;
25 transmitting a content information request message with the extracted characteristic information
26 to a server; and receiving content information from the server in response to the content
27 information request message.

28 53. Defendant infringes claim 16.

1 54. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, practices a method of providing
2 content (*e.g.*, a webpage associated with Defendant) with the use of a code pattern (*e.g.*, a QR
3 code) by a user terminal (*e.g.*, a smartphone).

4 55. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, obtains a photographic image of a
5 code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) by a camera of the user terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone).

6 56. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, processes by a processor of the user
7 terminal (*e.g.*, smartphone), the photographic image of the code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code) to
8 extract characteristic information from the photographic image.

9 57. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, transmits and receives a content
10 information request message (*e.g.*, http request message for accessing the webpage associated
11 with Defendant) to or from a server (*e.g.*, Defendant's server) based on the extracted
12 characteristic information (*e.g.*, URL of the webpage associated with Defendant).

13 58. Upon information and belief, Defendant has known of the existence of the '159
14 Patent, and its acts of infringement have been willful and in disregard for the '159 Patent,
15 without any reasonable basis for believing that it had a right to engage in the infringing conduct.

16 59. Defendant's acts of infringement of the '159 Patent have caused and will continue
17 to cause Plaintiff damages for which Plaintiff is entitled to compensation pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §
18 284.

19 60. Defendant's acts of infringement of the '159 Patent have caused and will continue
20 to cause Plaintiff immediate and irreparable harm unless such infringing activities are also
21 enjoined by this court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

22 61. Upon information and belief, the '159 Patent, at all times material, was and is in
23 compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

24 62. Plaintiff retained the law firm of WATSON LLP to represent its interests in this
25 action and is obligated to pay such firm reasonable attorneys' fees for its services. Plaintiff may
26 recover its attorneys' fees and costs from Defendant, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285, because this
27 case is exceptional.
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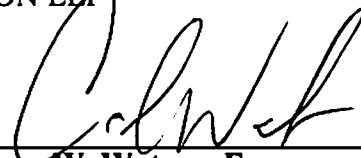
1 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES LLC, demands judgment
2 against Defendant, SKECHERS, U.S.A., INC., and respectfully seeks the entry of an order (i)
3 adjudging that Defendant has infringed the '159 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271; (ii)
4 granting an injunction enjoining Defendant, its employees, agents, officers, directors, attorneys,
5 successors, affiliates, subsidiaries and assigns, and all of those in active concert and participation
6 with any of the foregoing persons or entities from infringing, contributing to the infringement of,
7 or inducing infringement of the '159 Patent; (iii) ordering Defendant to account and pay
8 damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement of the '159 Patent, with
9 pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284; (iv) ordering
10 that the damages award be increased up to three times the actual amount assessed, pursuant to 35
11 U.S.C. § 284; (v) declaring this case exceptional and awarding Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys'
12 fees, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and, (vi) awarding such other and further relief as this court
13 deems just and proper.

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15 **DATED** on May 10, 2018

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