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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN DIVISION (LOS ANGELES)

BARBARO TECHNOLOGIES,  
LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability  
Company;

Plaintiff,

v.

NIANTIC, INC., a Delaware  
Corporation;

Defendant.

Case No. 2:18-cv-00773

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, BARBARO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, for its claims and relief  
against NIANTIC, INC. alleges:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This action arises from Niantic, Inc.’s direct infringement of U.S.  
Patent Nos. 7,373,377 and 8,228,325 (collectively, “Barbaro Patents”) and/or  
active and knowing inducement of its end users and others to infringe the ‘377  
and ‘325 Patents by making, using, selling, and/or offering to sell within the  
United States computer systems and methods of integrating real-time information  
into a virtual thematic environment using a computer system associated with at  
least its Ingress and Pokémon Go augmented reality platforms.

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**THE PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff Barbaro Technologies, LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company.

3. Defendant Niantic, Inc. is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business at 2 Bryant, Suite 220, San Francisco, California 94105.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. This is an action for infringement of a United States Patent arising under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a)-(b), 281, and 284-85.

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the patent claims in this Complaint under 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 28 U.S.C. §1338(a).

6. Defendant Niantic, Inc. is subject to this Court’s personal jurisdiction because it has a regular and established place of business in the Central District of California and has and continues to conduct substantial business within this Judicial District, including actions that constitute direct and indirect patent infringement. In particular, Defendant states on its website (<https://nianticlabs.com/about>) “[w]ith offices in San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Tokyo, the Niantic team is pushing the limits of technology to invent the future of augmented reality.” Niantic has also posted on its website positions currently open in its “Los Angeles” office for Game Development Engineer, Mobile Software Engineer, Server Infrastructure

1 Engineer, and Software Engineer-Server Infrastructure, for which Niantic, Inc. is  
2 currently accepting applications.

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4 7. Under 28 U.S.C. §1400(b), venue is proper in this Judicial District  
5 over Niantic, Inc., where Niantic, Inc. has committed acts of patent infringement  
6 and has a regular and established place of business.

7 **BACKGROUND**

8 8. The managing member of Plaintiff Barbaro Technologies, LLC is  
9 Ms. Frances Barbaro.

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11 9. In 2002, Ms. Barbaro, a former software specialist at Honeywell  
12 (1983-87) and a business manager at Adobe Systems (1987-97)), filed a U.S.  
13 patent application disclosing her vision of an interactive, multi-user computer  
14 environment.

15 10. By 2003, Ms. Barbaro established Plaintiff Barbaro Technologies,  
16 LLC with an aim to employ fellow Massachusetts-based former colleagues from  
17 Honeywell and Adobe, and other Massachusetts-based technologists and sales  
18 and marketing professionals to pursue Ms. Barbaro's technological vision.

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20 11. In the meanwhile, Plaintiff Barbaro Technologies, LLC was  
21 developing a prototype based on Ms. Barbaro's virtual thematic environment  
22 more commonly referred today as an augmented reality ("AR") environment.

23 12. By 2004, at Barbaro Technologies, LLC Ms. Barbaro had further  
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1 developed her vision into an interactive computer system that integrated real-time  
2 information into a virtual thematic environment resulting in an augmented reality  
3 system having potential application in the entertainment, business, publishing,  
4 and gaming industries. These further developments were disclosed in a second  
5 patent application that issued into two U.S. Patents, Nos. 7,373,377 and  
6 8,228,325.  
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8         13. As early as 2005, Barbaro Technologies was showing its working  
9 AR prototype at venture capital competitions in New York and San Francisco.  
10 Certain of the VCs in attendance at these competitions expressed interest in Ms.  
11 Barbaro's technology. However, the interested VCs made funding contingent on  
12 replacing Ms. Barbaro with a male chief executive and moving the company to  
13 the Bay Area.  
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15         14. Barbaro Technologies refused to move to the Bay Area and leave its  
16 Massachusetts technologists without high-tech jobs.  
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18         15. Barbaro Technologies also refused to ask its founder and chief-  
19 technologist to step into the background.  
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21         16. Instead, Barbaro Technologies spent several years looking for  
22 investors, development partners, educational institutions, and/or customers for  
23 whom it could implement Ms. Barbaro's technology. Ultimately, Barbaro  
24 Technologies was unsuccessful in finding the right opportunity.

1           17. By 2009, Barbaro Technologies was forced to wind down active  
2 operations and began looking for a second home for its technology and patent  
3 portfolio. At all times relevant to the infringement alleged, no patent marking  
4 would have been required for Barbaro Technologies, LLC to recover damages  
5 under 35 U.S.C. §287(a).  
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7           18. Licensing overtures were made on behalf of Barbaro Technologies,  
8 LLC to various companies, including Google, which were met mostly by silence.  
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10           19. In 2004, Google acquired Northern California-based, geospatial data  
11 visualization firm, Keyhole, Inc., which had been co-founded by serial  
12 technology entrepreneur John Hanke.

13           20. The Keyhole technology was ultimately transformed at Google into  
14 the applications commonly known today as Google Maps and Google Earth.

15           21. In 2010, Mr. Hanke was given the resources to build a gaming unit  
16 within Google to work on location-based games.  
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18           22. By 2012, Mr. Hanke's team, which would later form the core of  
19 Niantic, Inc., developed an augmented reality, location-based multiplayer game  
20 called Ingress.

21           23. Ingress was released for Android-based devices on or around  
22 November 2012, and for iOS-based devices on July 14, 2014. The Ingress client  
23 application (augmented reality platform) is downloaded onto an Android or iOS-  
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1 based device and, when launched by a user, allows the user—through their smart  
2 device—to play and interact with the location-based augmented reality game in  
3 which players capture “portals” generally found at historical or cultural locations.  
4 The user collects the portals, which appear on the screen of a user’s smart device,  
5 as if those portals were actually at the same location as the user while walking in  
6 the real location in real time.  
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8 24. In October 2015, Niantic, Inc. was spun out of Google.

9 25. In July 2016, Niantic released “Pokémon Go,” for Android-based  
10 devices and iOS-based devices. The Pokémon Go client application (augmented  
11 reality platform) is downloaded onto an Android or iOS-based device, and when  
12 launched by a user, allows the user through their smart device to play and interact  
13 with the location-based augmented reality game in which the player locates,  
14 captures, battles, and trains virtual characters, which appear on the screen of a  
15 user’s smart device as if those virtual characters were actually at the same  
16 location as the user.  
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19 26. By the end of 2016, Pokémon Go had proven to be one of the most  
20 successful mobile application launches ever.

21 27. By June 8, 2017, Niantic announced that Pokémon Go had been  
22 downloaded 750 million times.

23 28. As of January 2016, Niantic revealed that Ingress had over 14  
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1 million downloads since its release in 2012 and announced 254,184 individuals  
2 had attended its live events.

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4 29. Niantic maintains game servers which connect with users of Ingress  
5 and Pokémon Go after launching the augmented reality platforms to enable  
6 Ingress and Pokémon Go to update in real time.

7 **U.S. PATENT NO. 7,373,377**

8 30. On May 13, 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
9 duly issued U.S. Patent No. 7,373,377, entitled “Interactive Virtual Thematic  
10 Environment” naming Frances Barbaro Altieri as the sole inventor. A true and  
11 correct copy of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

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13 31. Plaintiff Barbaro Technologies is the owner by assignment of the  
14 Barbaro ‘377 Patent, with all rights in and to that patent, including the right to  
15 collect past damages.

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17 32. The Barbaro ‘377 Patent is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent  
18 Application No. 10/272,408, now U.S. Patent No. 8,458,028, filed on October 16,  
19 2002.

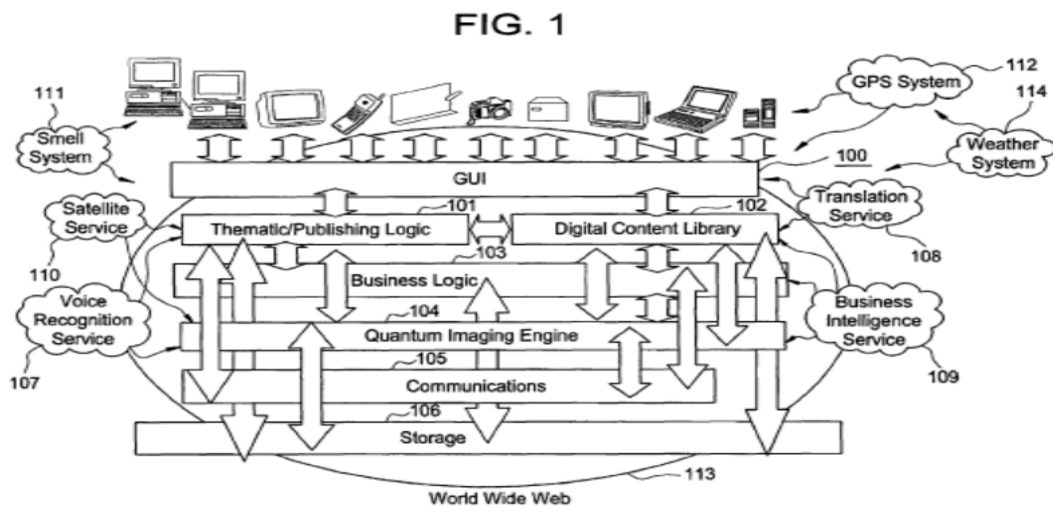
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21 33. The Barbaro ‘377 Patent relates to “an interactive software  
22 application platform which can be used in entertainment, business, publishing,  
23 and other applications to provide a virtual and real world experience to the user  
24 by integrating audio, video, two dimensional (2D), and three dimensional (3D)



1 technology, and other applications or services.” ‘377 patent, Col. 1, lines 18-23.

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3 34. More particularly, the invention disclosed in the Barbaro ‘377 Patent  
4 is directed to an interactive software application platform which injects real time  
5 data into a virtual thematic environment which includes both audio and video, and  
6 integrates mini-applications into the virtual thematic environment, without a  
7 noticeable delay. See, Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Col. 6, lines 50-64.

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9 35. Figure 1 of the ‘377 Patent is a schematic diagram reflecting one  
10 embodiment of the invention and the various equipment on which the patented  
11 invention may function.



20 36. The ‘377 Patent describes Figure 1:

21 The present invention is implemented in software which  
22 can be provided in a client, client and server environment, or in  
23 a distributed system over a computerized network (the physical  
24 architecture is described below), or embedded in a controller  
that activates both the computer system and/or other devices.

In particular, the program of the present invention is in a

1 Quantum Imaging Environment (QIE). Thus, the logical  
2 architecture of the virtual platform of the present invention is  
3 implemented on a 6-tier modular system (i.e., six layers), and at  
4 least six (6) service area modules, which are fully distributed  
5 across the internet (see FIG. 1).

6 The six layers of the virtual platform include 1) a  
7 graphical user interface (GUI) 100, 2) a Thematic/Publishing  
8 Logic 101 and a Digital Content Library 102, 3) a Business  
9 Logic 103, 4) a thematic or zone application builder and  
10 interpreter (i.e., a Quantum Imaging Engine 104), 5)  
11 Communications 105, and 6) a Data Storage 106. Each level of  
12 the 6-tier system is designed around Open Source technologies,  
13 but can include custom software developed in an open  
14 standards environment. By using Open Source and proprietary  
15 technologies with generic APIs, the present invention is  
16 scalable as the numbers of users increase, and the advances can  
17 be programmed as Open Source technologies.

18 The six service area modules of the logical architecture  
19 of the virtual platform include 1) voice recognition 107, 2)  
20 language translation services 108, 3) business intelligence 109,  
21 4) satellite transmission 110, (5) a synthesized smell system  
22 111, and (6) a GPS system 112, fully distributed across the  
23 world wide web (WWW) 113. A weather system 114, can also  
24 be provided as another service area module. Additional services  
are a subset of the Business Logic module, and include e-mail,  
chat, order entry, purchasing, billing, and sponsor fulfilment  
modules.

The virtual platform of the present invention may use the  
support of PCs, or any other type of hardware that can support  
specific tasks at the Business Logic and Thematic Logic levels.  
This may take the form of Grid, Artificial Intelligence (AI), or  
other technology advanced servers, or the entire system may be  
hosted on a very high level supercomputing system that can  
calculate very complicated algorithms and manage all processes  
supporting well over millions of users simultaneously.

Barbaro '377 Patent at Col. 11, line 37 – Col. 12, line 12.

37. The Barbaro '377 patent particularly notes that virtual environments

1 were “increasingly of interest” in the period leading up to the filing of Ms.  
2 Barbaro’s patents, but that those prior art “virtual environments, especially those  
3 present on the internet, for example, [had] not provided the user with a real world  
4 experience.” Barbaro ‘377 patent, Col. 1, line 25 and Col 1, lines 32-34. The  
5 Barbaro ‘377 Patent solved this need in the art by disclosing an improvement in  
6 the functioning of computers, *viz.*, a computer system that teaches a logical  
7 software architecture preferably having logical software layers and service area  
8 modules that provide an end user with a real world environment, as reflected in  
9 the embodiment provided as an example above.  
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12 38. More particularly, the claims of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent are directed  
13 to improvements in computer capabilities that provide virtual thematic  
14 environments, otherwise known as augmented or virtual reality. Standing alone,  
15 augmented and virtual reality systems are still no ordinary computer task today.  
16 On or about 2004 (the filing date of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent), the marrying of  
17 augmented and/or virtual reality with real-time information, and the additional  
18 combination of primary and secondary applications within the virtual thematic  
19 environment was previously unknown.  
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21 39. The Barbaro ‘377 Patent, further teaches that this virtual thematic  
22 environment can be geographic, in which case “the program would allow the user  
23 to move through the 2D and/or 3D and/or integrated graphical representation of  
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1 the actual real world environment and interact with it.” Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Col.  
2 7: Lines 24-26. One potential interaction disclosed in the Barbaro ‘377 Patent is  
3 with virtual storefronts, which the user may enter using standard computer entry  
4 techniques (such as a mouse click), which may redirect the user to a standard  
5 website associated with the virtual store front and provide a link (i.e. “an icon,  
6 URL, address, etc.) “so that the user can return to the virtual world when  
7 desired.” Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Col. 7, lines 27-42. Similar interactivity is  
8 disclosed regarding products (or other objects) placed within the virtual  
9 environment. Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Col. 7, line 50 - Col. 8, line 5.  
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12 40. As disclosed in the Barbaro ‘377 Patent, “the virtual thematic  
13 environment can interface with a GPS system, which will show the user a map  
14 showing the user's (or any other) location, and provide details down to street and  
15 house. The program will allow the user to view either real world satellite  
16 maps/street photographs, etc., or a virtual representation of the same, showing  
17 buildings, grounds, landmarks etc.” Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Col. 9, lines 19-25; see  
18 also, Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Col. 8, lines 37-51; Col. 10, lines 48-60.  
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20 41. The Barbaro ‘377 Patent further discloses with the systems and  
21 methods disclosed that players,

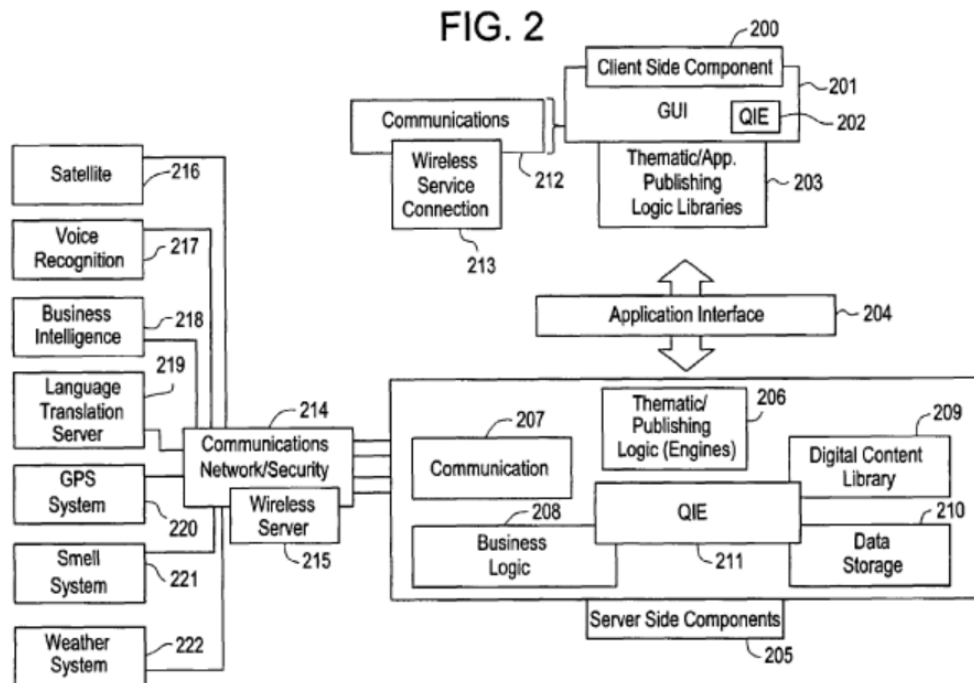
22 can compete in real-time in a gaming environment, for  
23 example, with other players others around the world. All the  
24 players will have their own internet connections, be logged onto

1 a world server or a set of servers with a unique account and  
2 password, and will be able to interact with one another in the  
3 thematic environment on a real-time basis. Each player will  
4 receive dynamic content (i.e., information in real time) based on  
5 the other players' actions. For example, the other players may  
6 be directed to "pick someone's pocket" by "grabbing" an object  
7 from their competitor, and may gain points by getting to a  
8 certain location first, by opening and reading certain  
9 information first, or by "hot clicking" on an item first, to obtain  
10 points etc.

11 The present invention also provides the feature of allowing  
12 "mini-applications" to be accessible within the virtual world  
13 such that the user can utilize word processing programs, e-mail,  
14 spreadsheets, attend and participate in an auction, etc. In  
15 addition, these mini-applications, such as e-mail, chat rooms,  
16 video messaging, are performed by the program in real time,  
17 without a noticeable delay to the user.

18 Barbaro '377 Patent, Col. 9, lines 47-67.

19 42. The invention disclosed in the Barbaro '377 Patent is implemented  
20 in software deployed at a client, across a client-server architecture, throughout a  
21 distributed system. Barbaro '377 Patent, Col. 11, lines 36-40. See also, Figure 2:  
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43. Prior to Ms. Barbaro’s invention, a user was unable to have a virtual real-world experience. In particular, prior to Ms. Barbaro’s invention there was no way to “integrate audio, video, 2D and 3D technology to maximize the realworld experience for the user.” Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Col. 1, lines: 25-36.

44. A person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the inventions of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent (and the Barbaro ‘325 Patent discussed below) would not have understood that the inventions disclosed in Ms. Barbaro’s disclosure could or would be performed solely in the human mind or using paper and pen. In other words, a human mind, paper, or pen would not have been able to generate a virtual environment, let alone seamlessly integrate that virtual environment with real-time information, as well as secondary applications within that virtual

1 thematic environment. Instead, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have  
2 recognized that the inventions disclosed in the Barbaro '377 Patent provided an  
3 unconventional solution of providing for real-time interactions within a virtual  
4 thematic environment.  
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6 **U.S. PATENT NO. 8,228,325**

7 45. On July 24, 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
8 duly issued U.S. Patent No. 8,228,325, entitled "Interactive Virtual Thematic  
9 Environment" naming Frances Barbaro Altieri as the sole inventor. A true and  
10 correct copy of the Barbaro '325 Patent is attached as Exhibit 2.  
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12 46. Plaintiff Barbaro Technologies is the owner by assignment of the  
13 '325 Patent, with all rights in and to that patent, including the right to collect past  
14 damages.  
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16 47. The Barbaro '325 Patent was filed as a divisional application of  
17 application No. 10/805,415, now the Barbaro '377 Patent, which was a  
18 continuation-in-part of application No. 10/272,408, now U.S. Patent No.  
19 8,458,028, filed on October 16, 2002.

20 48. Thus, the Barbaro '325 Patent also relates to "an interactive software  
21 application platform which can be used in entertainment, business, publishing,  
22 and other applications to provide a virtual and real world experience to the user  
23 by integrating audio, video, two dimensional (2D), and three dimensional (3D)  
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1 technology, and other applications or services.” Barbaro ‘325 Patent, Col. 1, lines  
2 17-23.

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4 49. Thus, the Barbaro ‘325 Patent discloses the same technology as that  
5 disclosed in the Barbaro ‘377 Patent, but the claims of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent  
6 are directed to a different inventive aspect disclosed by Ms. Barbaro to the United  
7 States Patent Office in 2004. Specifically, the claims of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent  
8 are directed to a computer system for providing a virtual thematic environment,  
9 comprising: at least one memory having at least one program comprising the  
10 steps of: retrieving information for utilization with a three-dimensional virtual  
11 thematic environment, from external sources over the internet, said information  
12 including a real-world geographic location of a user within said three-dimensional  
13 virtual thematic environment; and integrating said information into the three-  
14 dimensional virtual thematic environment, such that the three-dimensional virtual  
15 thematic environment includes said real-world geographic location displayed to  
16 the user as said three-dimensional virtual thematic environment; wherein the user  
17 interacts with the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment as a simulated  
18 real-world interaction, depending on the user’s geographical three-dimensional  
19 movement through the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment; and at  
20 least one processor for running the program. Barbaro ‘325 patent, Col. 42, lines  
21 36-58.  
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1 Patent Laws.

2 54. Defendant is directly infringing the Barbaro ‘377 Patent either  
3 literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant is thus liable for direct  
4 infringement of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).  
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6 55. In particular, Defendant, without authority, has at least made, used  
7 and continues to make and use a client-server computer system that integrates real  
8 time information into a virtual thematic environment that meets each and every  
9 limitation of at least Claims 1-3, 6-12, 15-17, 19, and 24-25 of the Barbaro ‘377  
10 Patent, either literally or under the Doctrine of Equivalents, in this Judicial  
11 District and elsewhere in the United States.  
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13 56. As an example of one claim infringed by Defendant’s actions, Claim  
14 15 of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent recites:

15 A method of integrating information into a virtual thematic  
16 environment using a computer system including a client and a  
17 server, comprising: providing a graphics user interface (GUI)  
18 module for use in the client system; providing a quantum  
19 imaging environment (QIE) module in one of the client or the  
20 server system; providing a digital logic library in one of the  
21 client or the server system; providing a primary application for  
22 use in the client system; accessing a database that stores at least  
23 first real-time information and second real-time information  
24 downloaded from the world wide web; retrieving at least the  
first real-time information and the second real-time information  
from said database; accessing the primary application; inserting  
the first real-time information into the primary application;  
providing access to the first real-time information within the  
virtual thematic environment via a first user interface; providing

1 at least one secondary application within the primary  
2 application; downloading second real-time information into the  
3 at least one secondary application; and enabling a user to  
4 control the at least one secondary application via a second user  
interface.

5 57. Defendant, without authority, directly infringes at least Claim 15 of  
6 the Barbaro '377 Patent. Defendant made and uses a network of specially  
7 configured servers and applications, such as Ingress and Pokémon Go, which it  
8 distributed and continues to distribute to end users such that Defendant's specially  
9 configured servers, in combination with Defendant's applications running on  
10 smart devices, provide each and every element of the client-server computer  
11 system claimed in at least Claim 15 of the Barbaro '377 Patent and, in so doing,  
12 Defendant provides end users with the ability to enter a virtual world based on the  
13 user's current real-world location by integrating at least location information into  
14 a virtual thematic environment.  
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16 58. Additionally, in regards to Claim 15, by making, using and  
17 ultimately providing access to the specially configured servers and to distributed  
18 software, Defendant provides: (i) a graphics user interface module for use on the  
19 user's smart device; (ii) a quantum imaging environment (QIE) module in one of  
20 the server or a user's smart device to allow a virtual thematic environment to be  
21 rendered; (iii) a digital logic library in one of the server or a user's smart device;  
22 and (iv) a primary application (e.g., the primary gameplay of Ingress and  
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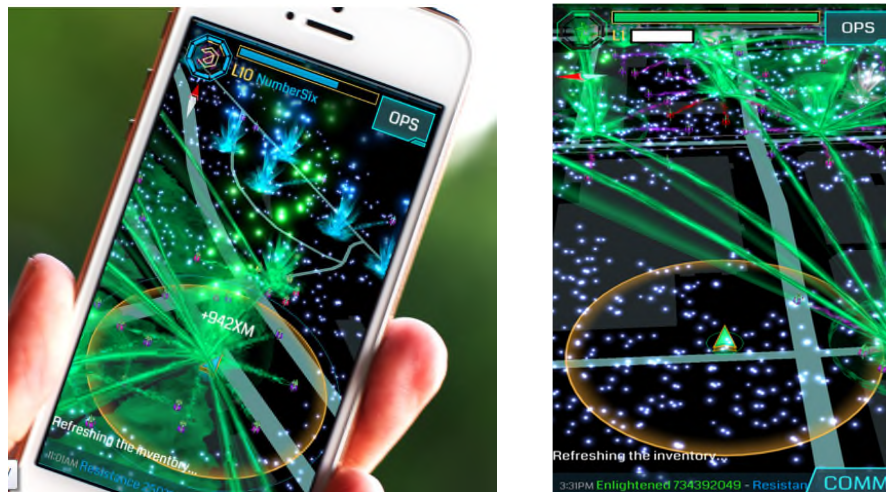
1 Pokémon Go) which can be used on a user's smart device.

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3 59. Additionally, in regard to Claim 15, to enable the virtual thematic  
4 environment provided by accessing its specially configured servers and software,  
5 Defendant accesses a database that has first-time real information, such as a  
6 user's current GPS location, and second real-time information, such as a variety  
7 of up-to-date game-related information associated with or for use in the primary  
8 application. Defendant retrieves those first and second pieces of real-time  
9 information from the database.

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11 60. Further, in regard to Claim 15, Defendant accesses its primary  
12 applications via its specially configured servers and software, inserts the first real-  
13 time information into its primary application on the user's smart device (e.g., GPS  
14 information into the map), and provides access to the first real-time information  
15 within the virtual thematic environment as displayed via a first user interface  
16 generated by the graphical user interface in conjunction with the QIE and digital  
17 logic library.

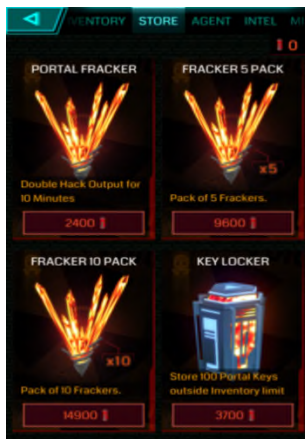
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19 61. Further, in regard to Claim 15, Defendant provides at least one  
20 secondary application (e.g., instant messaging application or photo capture) via  
21 the primary application, downloads second real-time information into the  
22 secondary application, and enables the user to use and control the second  
23 application through a second user interface within the primary application.

1           62. Thus, in one instance, Defendant directly infringes Claim 15 of the  
2 Barbaro '377 Patent by distributing the Ingress Software it made and uses with its  
3 network of servers that Defendant also made and uses to provide users with the  
4 ability to enter a virtual world based on the user's current real-world location. The  
5 images below reflect the virtual thematic environment that the user accesses  
6 through their smart device launching the Ingress application provided by  
7 Defendant. The images below illustrate, the green triangle apparent in the right-  
8 hand image below indicates the user's current real-world location as well as  
9 second real-time information obtained and utilized by Defendant's infringing  
10 system.  
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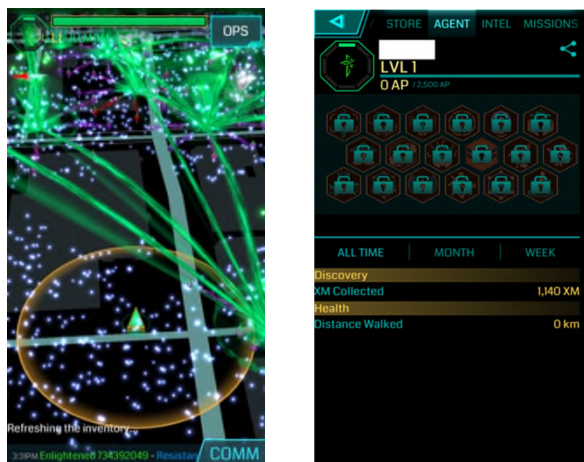
20           63. By providing access to the specially configured servers Defendant  
21 made and uses and providing the Ingress Application (Defendant also made and  
22 uses), Defendant provides a graphical user interface on the user's smart device (as  
23 shown in the images above), which reflects the user's real-time location  
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1 information. Additionally, Defendant provides a quantum imaging environment  
2 (QIE) module to allow content (such as graphics) to be rendered on clients (i.e.,  
3 devices) and thus, the Ingress Application can operate on different types of  
4 devices, such as Android and iOS-based smart devices, among others. Defendant  
5 also provides a library of information (digital logic library) and a database  
6 including information such as exotic matter (XM) collected, distance walked, and  
7 inventory of objects available to the user in the game via the smart device. The  
8 image below reflects one example of the library of information available to the  
9 user upon launch of Defendant's Ingress Application, and during the Ingress  
10 game.  
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20 64. By providing access to its specially configured servers and Ingress  
21 Application, Defendant accesses a database having first-time real information,  
22 which for example, is the user's GPS location which is used to map the user's  
23 current location, and accesses the same database having second real-time  
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1 information from the world wide web including information such as up-to-date  
2 information on the user's hacks, XM collected, portals visited. Defendant  
3 retrieves the first and second real-time information from the database, as is  
4 reflected by the information being available through the graphical user interface  
5 associated with the user's smart device.  
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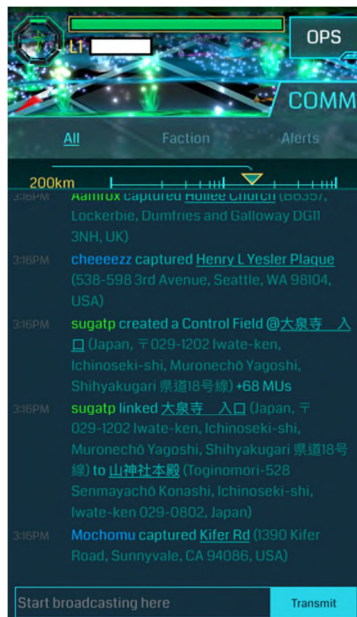


14 65. By providing access to its specially configured servers and Ingress  
15 application, Defendant also accesses the primary application, inserts the user's  
16 real-time GPS location information into the primary application, and provides  
17 each user of the Ingress Application their real-time location information via the  
18 virtual thematic environment displayed by the graphical user interface. This is  
19 shown in the image above this paragraph.  
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21 66. By providing access to its specially configured servers and Ingress  
22 Application, Defendant accesses at least two secondary applications (e.g.,  
23 messaging and worldwide game statistics) via the primary application. Referring  
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1 only to the secondary messaging application, the Defendant downloads the real-  
 2 time communication feed in the secondary messaging application, which enables  
 3 users of the Ingress Application to use and control the second messaging  
 4 application within the secondary application through a messenger interface  
 5 separate from the primary application interface. The image below reflects the  
 6 secondary application, which Defendant launches from within the primary  
 7 application by touching the “COMM” tab provided by Defendant within the  
 8 primary application:  
 9 primary application:



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 20 67. Thus, by providing access to the specially configured servers and  
 21 providing its Ingress Application for users to run on smart devices, Defendant  
 22 meets each and every limitation of at least Claim 15 of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent.

23 68. In another example, Defendant directly infringes Claim 15 of the  
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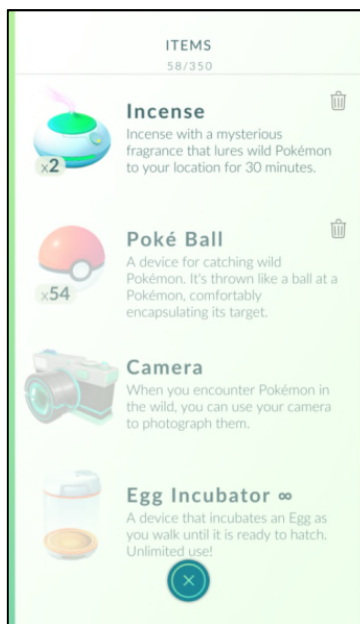


1 Barbaro '377 Patent by distributing the Pokémon Go Application it made and  
2 uses with its network of servers (also made and used by Defendant) to provide  
3 users with the ability to enter a virtual world based on the user's current real-  
4 world location. The images below reflect the virtual thematic environment the  
5 user accesses through their smart device launching the Pokémon Go Application  
6 provided by Defendant. The image below illustrates the avatar within Defendant's  
7 system that reflects the user's current real-world location in the virtual thematic  
8 environment.  
9 environment.



19 69. By providing access to the specially configured servers Defendant  
20 made and uses and providing the Pokémon Go Application Defendant also made  
21 and uses, Defendant provides a graphical user interface on the user's smart device  
22 (as shown in the image above), which reflects the user's real-time location  
23 information. Also, Defendant provides a quantum imaging environment (QIE)  
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1 module to allow content (such as graphics) to be rendered on clients (i.e. devices),  
2 and thus, the Pokémon Go application is able to operate on different types of  
3 devices, such as Android and iOS-based smart devices, among others. Defendant  
4 also provides a library of information (digital logic library) and a database  
5 including information such as a variety of items that will either be provided to the  
6 user from the start, found in the virtual thematic environment by visiting Poke  
7 Stops, or available for purchase at the in-game shop. The image below reflects an  
8 example of the library of information available to the user within Defendant's  
9 Pokémon Go Application.  
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21 70. Additionally, by providing access to its specially configured servers  
22 and Pokémon Go Application, Defendant accesses a database having first-time  
23 real information, which for example, is the user's GPS location, which is used by  
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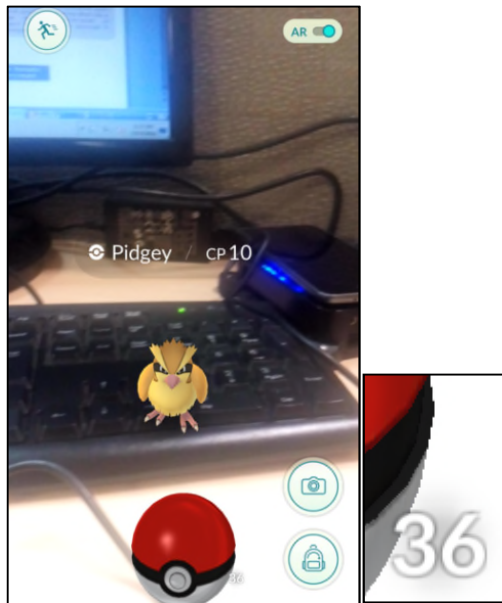
1 the system to map the user's current location, and accesses the same database  
2 having second real-time information from the world wide web including  
3 information such as up to date information on the user's remaining Poke Balls  
4 within their instance of the Pokémon Go Application. Defendant retrieves the first  
5 and second real-time information from the database, as is reflected by the  
6 information being available through the graphical user interface associated with  
7 the user's smart device.  
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17 71. Further, by providing access to its specially configured servers and  
18 Pokémon Go Application, Defendant also accesses the primary application,  
19 inserts the user's real-time GPS location information into the primary application,  
20 and provides each user of the Pokémon Go Application their real-time location  
21 information via the virtual thematic environment displayed by the graphical user  
22 interface. This is shown in the image immediately above.  
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24 72. By providing access to its specially configured servers and Pokémon

1 Go Application, Defendant accesses at least one secondary application (e.g., the  
2 camera) via the primary application, which is used by users of the Pokémon Go  
3 Application to capture any Pokémon in the real-world vicinity. The Defendant  
4 downloads real-time information (e.g., the number of Pokeballs used to capture  
5 the Pokémon) in the secondary camera application (as reflected on the camera  
6 screen), and enables the user of the Pokémon Go Application to use and control  
7 the secondary camera application within the secondary camera application  
8 through a second user interface (e.g., camera touch-screen based interface)  
9 separate from the primary application interface. Specifically, the Defendant  
10 provides users of the Pokémon Go Application with functionality within the  
11 second user interface for a variety of options (e.g. deploy a Pokeball, turn “AR”  
12 off/on, return to primary application). As shown below, the second user interface  
13 may be used by the user to deploy of a Pokeball so that the user can virtually  
14 capture a Pokémon co-located at the real-world location information provided by  
15 the Pokémon Go Application to the system, at which time the Defendant’s  
16 computer system updates the Pokeball count (i.e. real-time information) in  
17 association with the world wide web:  
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73. Thus, by providing access to the specially configured servers and providing its Pokemon Go Application for user to run on smart devices, Defendant meets each and every limitation of Claim 15 of the Barbaro '377 Patent.

74. As will be shown after a reasonable opportunity for discovery, Defendant has been aware of the Barbaro '377 Patent at all times relevant to Defendant's alleged acts of infringement. Specifically, the Plaintiff sent notice of the patent publication, with a copy of the patent publication that led to the issuance of the Barbaro '377 Patent to Google, Inc.'s Deputy General Counsel on October 26, 2006. Google, Inc. responded to that notice on November 29, 2006, with an acknowledgement of Plaintiff's letter but refused to discuss the matter before the patent issued. Following the issuance of the Barbaro '377 Patent,

1 Plaintiff caused to be sent notice of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent to Google.

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3 75. As the predecessor to Defendant Niantic, Inc. was still part of  
4 Google, Inc. at the time of the foregoing notices, Barbaro Technologies believes  
5 that Defendant had constructive as well as actual knowledge that its acts would  
6 constitute infringement of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent and yet, elected, without  
7 authority, to pursue the actions described herein in wanton and willful disregard  
8 of the Plaintiff’s exclusive rights.

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10 76. Moreover, this Complaint will serve as notice to Defendant of the  
11 Barbaro ‘377 Patent and Defendant’s direct infringement thereof, should  
12 Defendant contend that it did not previously have knowledge thereof.

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14 77. Additional allegations regarding Defendant’s knowledge of the  
15 Barbaro ‘377 Patent and Defendant’s willful infringement will likely have  
16 evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

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18 78. Plaintiff has been substantially and irreparably harmed by  
19 Defendant’s infringing conduct and will continue to be irreparably damaged as a  
20 result of such injurious conduct. Defendant’s actions complained of herein will  
21 continue unless and until Defendant is enjoined by this Court. Thus, Plaintiff is  
22 entitled to an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing its infringing acts.

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24 79. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff in an amount that adequately  
compensates Plaintiff for the Defendant’s infringement of the Barbaro ‘377

1 Patent, which, by law, cannot be less than reasonable royalty, together with  
2 interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

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4 80. As a result of Defendant's intentional and willful infringement of the  
5 Barbaro '377 Patent, Plaintiff is further entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and  
6 up to treble damages from Defendant under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

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8 **COUNT II**  
**DIRECT INFRINGEMENT OF THE '325 PATENT**

9 81. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1-80 herein by  
10 reference.

11 82. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United  
12 States, and in particular, 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

13 83. The Barbaro '325 Patent is valid and enforceable under United States  
14 Patent Laws.

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16 84. Defendant is directly infringing the Barbaro '325 Patent either  
17 literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant is thus liable for direct  
18 infringement of the Barbaro '325 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

19 85. In particular, Defendant, without authority, has at least made, used  
20 and continues to make and use a computer system for providing a virtual thematic  
21 environment that meets each and every limitation of at least Claims 1-3, and 5 of  
22 the Barbaro '325 Patent, either literally or under the Doctrine of Equivalents, in  
23 this Judicial District and elsewhere in the United States.  
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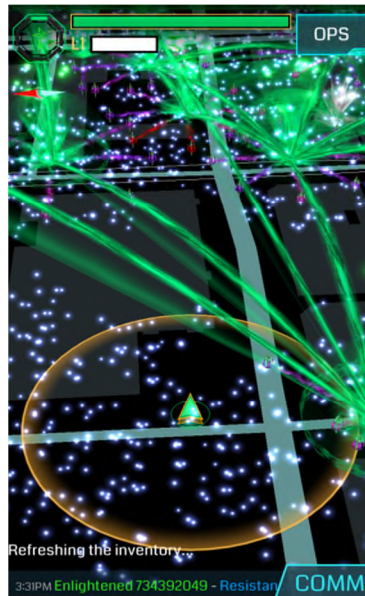
1 86. As an example of one claim infringed by Defendant's actions, Claim  
2 1 of the Barbaro '325 Patent recites:

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4 A computer system for providing a virtual thematic  
5 environment, comprising: at least one memory having at least  
6 one program comprising the steps of: retrieving information for  
7 utilization with a three-dimensional virtual thematic  
8 environment, from external sources over the internet, said  
9 information including a real-world geographic location of a user  
10 within said three-dimensional virtual thematic environment;  
11 and integrating said information into the three-dimensional  
12 virtual thematic environment, such that the three-dimensional  
13 virtual thematic environment includes said real-world  
14 geographic location displayed to the user as said three-  
15 dimensional virtual thematic environment; wherein the user  
16 interacts with the three-dimensional virtual thematic  
17 environment as a simulated real-world interaction, depending  
18 on the user's geographical three-dimensional movement  
19 through the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment;  
20 and at least one processor for running the program.

21 87. Defendant, without authority, directly infringes at least Claim 1 of  
22 the Barbaro '325 Patent. Defendant made and uses a network of specially  
23 configured servers and applications, such as Ingress and Pokémon Go, which it  
24 distributed and continues to distribute to end users such that memory and  
processors operably associated with Defendant's specially configured servers in  
combination with Defendant's applications running on smart devices provide  
each and every element of the computer system claimed in at least Claim 1 of the  
Barbaro '325 Patent. In so doing, Defendant made and used a computer system  
that includes memory containing a computer program that retrieves information

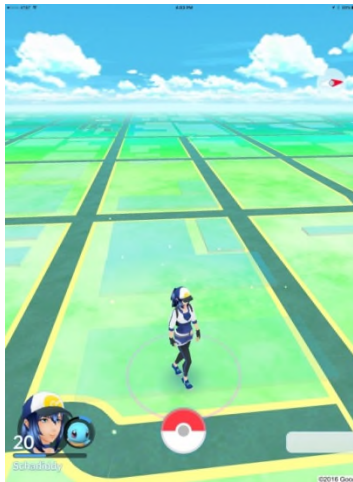


1 for utilization with a three-dimensional virtual thematic environment, from  
2 external sources over the internet, including the real-world geographic location of  
3 a user and integrating the information into the three-dimensional virtual thematic  
4 environment such that the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment  
5 includes the real-world geographic location displayed to the user such that the  
6 user interacts with the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment as a  
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8 dimensional movement through the virtual thematic environment.  
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19 88. The image above illustrates the three-dimensional virtual thematic  
20 environment produced by Defendant's Ingress Application. In particular, the  
21 raised green triangle appearing in the above image reflects the real-time, real-  
22 world geographic location of a user within the three-dimensional virtual thematic  
23 environment. The green "spikes" in the above image represent portals within the  
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1 virtual thematic environment that the user can walk towards within the three-  
2 dimensional virtual thematic environment to collect. The white lights in the above  
3 image represent exotic matter (XM) which the user can also collect at their real  
4 locations. As the user walks towards the real locations of the portals or XM, the  
5 user's location on the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment changes  
6 depending upon the user's geographical three-dimensional movement through the  
7 virtual thematic environment, and the user is able to simulate real world  
8 interactions. The system receives information for utilization with the three  
9 dimensional virtual thematic environment from external sources over the internet,  
10 including the real-world location of the user and integrates that information into  
11 the virtual thematic environment to achieve the operations discussed in the  
12 foregoing sentences of this paragraph.  
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22 89. The image above illustrates the graphical user interface of the three-  
23 dimensional virtual thematic environment produced by Defendant's Pokémon Go  
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1 Application. In particular, the avatar appearing in the above image reflects the  
2 real-time, real-world geographic location of a user with the three-dimensional  
3 virtual thematic environment. The street map grid (x,y) axis in the image above  
4 reflects the area around the user. As the user “walks towards” a Pokémon in the  
5 virtual thematic environment to capture the Pokémon, the user visits PokeStops,  
6 PokeGyms, or causes other simulated interactions with the three-dimensional  
7 virtual thematic environment, the user’s location within the three-dimensional  
8 virtual thematic environment changes with the user’s current geographical  
9 location and thus the system simulates real world interaction between the user and  
10 the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment.  
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13 90. Upon information and belief, and as will be shown after a reasonable  
14 opportunity for discovery, Defendant was aware of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent.  
15 Specifically, the Plaintiff sent notice of the patent publication of the Barbaro ‘377  
16 Patent, with a copy of the patent publication that led to the issuance of the  
17 Barbaro ‘377 Patent to Google, Inc.’s Deputy General Counsel on October 26,  
18 2006. Google, Inc. responded to that notice on November 29, 2006, with an  
19 acknowledgement of Plaintiff’s letter but refused to discuss the matter before the  
20 patent issued. The disclosure of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent was contained in the  
21 patent application. Following the issuance of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent, Plaintiff  
22 caused to be sent notice of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent to Google.  
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1           91. As the predecessor to Defendant Niantic, Inc. was still part of  
2 Google, Inc. at the time of the foregoing notices, Barbaro Technologies believes  
3 that Defendant had constructive as well as actual knowledge that its acts would  
4 constitute infringement of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent and yet, elected to pursue the  
5 actions described herein in wanton and willful disregard of the Plaintiff’s  
6 exclusive rights.  
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8           92. Moreover, this Complaint will serve as notice to Defendant of the  
9 ‘325 Patent and Defendant’s direct infringement thereof, should Defendant  
10 contend it did not previously have knowledge thereof.  
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12           93. Additional allegations regarding Defendant’s knowledge of the ‘325  
13 Patent and willful infringement will likely have evidentiary support after a  
14 reasonable opportunity for discovery.  
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16           94. Plaintiff has been substantially and irreparably harmed by  
17 Defendant’s infringing conduct and will continue to be irreparably damaged as a  
18 result of such injurious conduct. Defendant’s actions complained of herein will  
19 continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this Court. Thus, Plaintiff is entitled to  
20 an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing its infringing acts.  
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22           95. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff in an amount that adequately  
23 compensates Plaintiff for the Defendant’s infringement of the Barbaro ‘325  
24 Patent, which, by law, cannot be less than reasonable royalty, together with

1 interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

2 96. As a result of Defendant’s intentional and willful infringement of the  
3 Barbaro ‘325 Patent, Plaintiff is further entitled to an award of attorneys’ fees and  
4 up to treble damages from Defendant under 35 U.S.C. § 285.  
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6 **INDUCEMENT TO INFRINGE BARBARO ‘377 PATENT**

7 97. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1 through 96 herein  
8 by reference.

9 98. If it is determined that Defendant has not directly infringed any of  
10 the asserted claims of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Defendant is infringing those  
11 claims of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) in this Judicial  
12 District and elsewhere in the United States, by actively inducing the end users of  
13 the Defendant’s applications, such as the Ingress and Pokémon Go Applications,  
14 to directly infringe the claims of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent.  
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16 99. As will be shown after a reasonable opportunity for discovery,  
17 Defendant, at all times relevant hereto, was aware of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent and  
18 yet, with knowledge that its action would cause end users to infringe the ‘377  
19 Patent or by deliberately avoiding the opportunity to learn about such  
20 infringement, induced end users to infringe the Barbaro ‘377 Patent by using  
21 Defendant’s applications in association with Defendant’s specially configured  
22 servers.  
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1 100. Moreover, this Complaint will serve as notice to Defendant of the  
2 ‘377 Patent and infringement thereof, should Defendant contend it did not  
3 previously have knowledge of such infringement.  
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5 101. Additional allegations regarding Defendant’s knowledge of the ‘377  
6 Patent will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for  
7 discovery.  
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9 102. Thus, Defendant has knowingly and actively assisted in direct  
10 infringement of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent.  
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12 103. With full knowledge of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Defendant  
13 intentionally encourages and aids others to use Defendant’s applications, such as  
14 its Pokémon Go and Ingress Applications, in association with Defendant’s  
15 specially configured servers to provide each and every element of the client-  
16 server computer system claimed in at least Claim 15 of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent  
17 and in so doing Defendant provides end users with the ability to enter a virtual  
18 world based on the user’s current real-world location by integrating at least  
19 location information into a virtual thematic environment.  
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21 104. Also, with full knowledge of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent, Defendant  
22 intentionally encourages and aids others to use Defendant’s Applications, such as  
23 its Pokémon Go and Ingress Applications in association with Defendant’s  
24 specially configured servers to provide each and every element of the client-

1 server computer system claimed in at least Claim 15 of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent  
2 and in so doing Defendant provides end users with the ability to enter a virtual  
3 world based on the user’s current real-world location by integrating at least  
4 location information into a virtual thematic environment.  
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6 105. Specifically, Defendant provides instructions and information  
7 regarding its applications, including how to use its Ingress Application (e.g.  
8 <https://support.ingress.com/hc/en-us>) and its Pokémon Go Application (e.g.  
9 <https://support.pokemongo.nianticlabs.com/hc/en-us>) to enable end users to use  
10 the applications in association with Defendant’s computer system in a directly  
11 infringing manner.  
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13 106. The end users of the Ingress and Pokémon Go Applications directly  
14 infringe by using the method and/or computer system claimed in the Barbaro ‘377  
15 Patent in their intended manners.  
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17 107. Plaintiff has been substantially and irreparably harmed by  
18 Defendant’s infringing conduct and will continue to be irreparably damaged as a  
19 result of the induced infringing activities. Defendant’s actions complained of  
20 herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court. Thus, Plaintiff is  
21 entitled to an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing its infringing acts.  
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23 108. Defendant is, therefore, liable to Plaintiff in an amount that  
24 adequately compensates for the Defendant’s induced infringement of the Barbaro

1 ‘377 Patent, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with  
2 interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.  
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4 109. As a result of the Defendants’ intentional and willful infringement of  
5 the ‘377 Patent, Plaintiff is further entitled to an award of attorneys’ fees and up  
6 to treble damages from Defendant under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

7 **INDUCEMENT TO INFRINGE BARBARO ‘325 PATENT**

8 110. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges paragraphs 1 through 109 herein  
9 by reference.  
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11 111. If it is determined that Defendant has not directly infringed any of  
12 the asserted claims of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent, Defendant is infringing those  
13 claims of the Barbaro ‘377 Patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), in this Judicial  
14 District and elsewhere in the United States, by actively inducing the end users of  
15 Defendant’s applications, such as the Ingress and Pokémon Go Applications, to  
16 directly infringe the asserted claims of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent.  
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18 112. As will be shown after a reasonable opportunity for discovery,  
19 Defendant was aware of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent and yet, with knowledge that its  
20 action would cause end users to infringe the Barbaro ‘325 Patent or by  
21 deliberately avoiding the opportunity to learn about such infringement, induced  
22 end users to infringe the Barbaro ‘325 Patent by using Defendant’s applications in  
23 association with Defendant’s specially configured servers.  
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1 113. Moreover, this Complaint will serve as notice to Defendant of the  
2 ‘325 Patent and its infringement thereof, should Defendant contend it did not  
3 previously have knowledge of such infringement.  
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5 114. Additional allegations regarding Defendant’s knowledge of the ‘325  
6 Patent will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for  
7 discovery.  
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9 115. Thus, Defendant knowingly and actively assisted in direct  
10 infringement of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent.  
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12 116. With full knowledge of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent, Defendant  
13 intentionally encourages and aids others to use the Defendant’s applications, such  
14 as its Pokémon Go and Ingress Applications in association with Defendant’s  
15 specially configured servers to provide each and every element of the computer  
16 system of at least Claim 1 of the Barbaro ‘325 Patent and in so doing Defendant  
17 provides end users with a computer system that includes memory containing a  
18 computer program that retrieves information for utilization with a three-  
19 dimensional virtual thematic environment, from external sources over the  
20 internet, including the real-world geographic location of a user and integrating the  
21 information into the three-dimensional virtual thematic environment such that the  
22 three-dimensional virtual thematic environment includes the real-world  
23 geographic location displayed to the user such that the user interacts with the  
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1 three-dimensional virtual thematic environment as a simulated real-world  
2 interaction dependent upon the user's geographical three-dimensional movement  
3 through the virtual thematic environment.  
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5 117. Specifically, Defendant provides instructions and information on its  
6 applications, including how to use its Ingress Application (e.g.  
7 <https://support.ingress.com/hc/en-us>) and its Pokémon Go Application (e.g.  
8 <https://support.pokemongo.nianticlabs.com/hc/en-us>) to enable end users to use  
9 Defendant's applications in association with Defendant's specially constructed  
10 servers in a directly infringing manner.  
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12 118. The end users of the Ingress and Pokémon Go applications directly  
13 infringe by using the computer system claimed in the Barbaro '325 Patent in its  
14 intended manner.

15 119. Plaintiff has been substantially and irreparably harmed by  
16 Defendant's infringing conduct and will continue to be irreparably damaged as a  
17 result of the induced infringing activities. Defendant's actions complained of  
18 herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court. Thus, Plaintiff is  
19 entitled to an injunction prohibiting Defendant from continuing its infringing acts.  
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21 120. Defendant is, therefore, liable to Plaintiff in an amount that  
22 adequately compensates for the Defendant's induced infringement of the Barbaro  
23 '325 Patent, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with  
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1 interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

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3 121. As a result of the Defendants' intentional and willful infringement of  
4 the '325 Patent, Plaintiff is further entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and up  
5 to treble damages from Defendant under 35 U.S.C. § 285.

6 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

7 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

8 A. a judgment and decree that the Barbaro '377 Patent and the Barbaro  
9 '325 Patent are each valid and enforceable;

10 B. a judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendant infringed and  
11 continues to infringe one or more claims of each of the Barbaro '377 Patent and  
12 the Barbaro '325 Patent under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a) and/or 271(b);

13 C. a judgment and order requiring Defendant to pay to Plaintiff  
14 damages, costs, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for  
15 Defendant's infringement of the Barbaro '377 Patent and the Barbaro '325 Patent,  
16 and increasing such damages as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284 because of the  
17 willful and intentional nature of Defendant's conduct, and an accounting of  
18 ongoing post-judgment infringement;

19 D. a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its officers,  
20 directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries,  
21 parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from continued acts of  
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1 infringement, inducing the infringement of, or contributing to the infringement of  
2 the Barbaro '377 Patent and the Barbaro '325 Patent, or such other equitable  
3 relief the Court determines is warranted;  
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5 E. a judgement finding that this is an exceptional case and awarding  
6 attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

7 F. any and all other relief, at law or equity, to which Plaintiff may show  
8 itself to be entitled.

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10 **DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

11 Plaintiff, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a  
12 trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

13 DATED: January 30, 2018.

14 Respectfully submitted,

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