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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
11 **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

12 CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,
13 Plaintiff,
14 vs.
15 TP-LINK USA CORPORATION,
16 Defendant.

CASE:
COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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20 Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, sues Defendant, TP-LINK USA
21 CORPORATION, and alleges as follows:

22 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

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

27 **PARTIES**

28 2. Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, is a foreign limited

1 liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Texas.

2 3. Defendant, TP-LINK USA CORPORATION, is a domestic
3 corporation with its headquarters located in Brea, California. Defendant uses,
4 sells, and/or offers to sell products and services in interstate commerce that
5 infringe the ‘159 Patent.

6 **SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**

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

10 **PERSONAL JURISDICTION**

11 5. The court has general *in personam* jurisdiction over Defendant
12 because Defendant is a citizen of the State of California.

13 **VENUE**

14 6. Venue is proper in this court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b),
15 because Defendant has a regular and established place of business in this district
16 and resides in this district.

17 **COUNT I**

18 **PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

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

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

25 9. The ‘159 Patent teaches a method and apparatus for providing a
26 mobile service with the use of code pattern.

27 10. The ‘159 Patent is directed to computerized decoding technologies to
28 provide users with access to and use of various content more conveniently.

1 Traditionally, companies simply provided their URL information to the consuming
2 public, but this is effective only if a consumer memorized the name and spelling of
3 the URL. Thus, there was a need in the art to provide an effective product or
4 method to assist consumers with recalling website or URL information.

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

10 12. Collectively, the claimed embodiments in the '159 Patent provide new
11 solutions to problems related to transmitting information from a mobile service
12 provider to a mobile device.

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

17 14. Plaintiff is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the
18 '159 Patent at the USPTO, including the right to assert causes of action arising
19 under the '159 Patent.

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

28 16. The Accused Products infringe at least claims 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, and

1 16 of the '159 Patent.

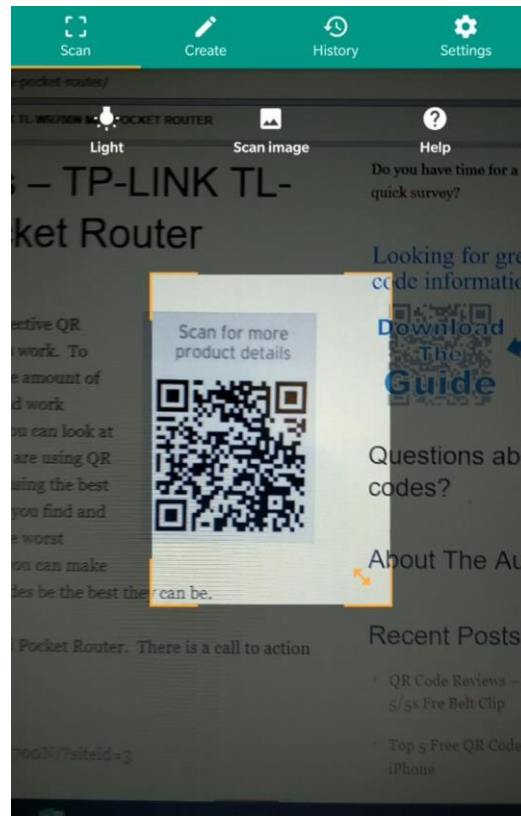
2 ***Claim 1***

3 17. Through claim 1, the '159 Patent claims a method of providing
4 content with the use of a code pattern by a user terminal, the method comprising:
5 obtaining a photographic image of a code pattern by a camera of the user terminal;
6 processing, by a processor of the user terminal, the photographic image of the code
7 pattern to extract the code pattern from the photographic image; decoding the
8 extracted code pattern by the processor of the user terminal into code information;
9 transmitting a content information request message to a server based on the code
10 information; and receiving content information from the server in response to the
11 content information request message.

12 18. Defendant infringes claim 1.

13 19. Defendant, at least in internal use and testing, practices a method of
14 providing content (*e.g.*, a web page associated with the defendant) with the use of
15 a code pattern (*e.g.*, a QR code) by a user terminal (*e.g.*, a smartphone), as
16 demonstrated in the following images:





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

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 web page 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). 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). 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.

26. Defendant infringes claim 2.

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

Claim 3

28. Through claim 3, the '159 Patent claims the method of claim 1,

1 wherein the transmitting a content information request message includes:
2 extracting a uniform resource locator (URL) of the server from the code
3 information; and transmitting the content information request message to the
4 server based on the extracted URL.

5 29. Defendant infringes claim 3.

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

12 ***Claim 8***

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

22 32. Defendant infringes claim 8.

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

26 34. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a camera configured to
27 obtain a photographic image of a code pattern (*e.g.*, QR code).

28 35. Defendant uses a user terminal comprising a processor which in turn

1 comprises an image processor configured to process the photographic image of the
 2 code pattern (e.g., QR code) to extract the code pattern (e.g., QR code) from the
 3 photographic image. Once the photographic image of the QR code is captured by
 4 the camera of the smartphone, the photographic image is processed to retrieve the
 5 QR code. The retrieved QR code can be viewed on the user interface screen of the
 6 smartphone.

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

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

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19 20 Cellular and 21 Wireless	22 Model A1660* 23 Model A1661*	24 <u>FDD-LTE (Bands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26,</u> 25 <u>27, 28, 29, 30)</u> 26 <u>TD-LTE (Bands 38, 39, 40, 41)</u> 27 <u>TD-SCDMA 1900 (F), 2000 (A)</u> 28 <u>CDMA EV-DO Rev. A (800, 1900, 2100 MHz)</u> <u>UMTS/HSPA+/DC-HSDPA (850, 900, 1700/2100, 1900, 2100</u> <u>MHz)</u> <u>GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)</u>
	Model A1778* Model A1784* <small>Models A1778 and A1784 do not support CDMA networks, such as those used by Verizon and Sprint.</small>	<u>FDD-LTE (Bands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26,</u> <u>27, 28, 29, 30)</u> <u>TD-LTE (Bands 38, 39, 40, 41)</u> <u>UMTS/HSPA+/DC-HSDPA (850, 900, 1700/2100, 1900, 2100</u> <u>MHz)</u> <u>GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz)</u>

1 ***Claim 9***

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

5 39. Defendant infringes claim 9.

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

8 ***Claim 10***

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

14 42. Defendant infringes claim 10.

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

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

22 ***Claim 15***

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

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

6 46. Defendant infringes claim 15.

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

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

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

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

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

24 ***Claim 16***

25 52. Through claim 16, the '159 Patent claims a method of providing
26 content with the use of an image captured by a user terminal, the method
27 comprising: obtaining a photographic image by a camera of the user terminal;
28 processing, by a processor of the user terminal, the photographic image to extract

1 characteristic information from the photographic image; transmitting a content
2 information request message with the extracted characteristic information to a
3 server; and receiving content information from the server in response to the
4 content information request message.

5 53. Defendant infringes claim 16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 60. Defendant's acts of infringement of the '159 Patent have caused and

1 will continue to cause Plaintiff immediate and irreparable harm unless such
2 infringing activities are also enjoined by this court pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283.
3 Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

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

6 62. Plaintiff retained the law firm of WATSON LLP to represent its
7 interests in this action and is obligated to pay such firm reasonable attorneys’ fees
8 for its services. Plaintiff may recover its attorneys’ fees and costs from Defendant,
9 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285, because this case is exceptional.

10 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, demands
11 judgment against Defendant, TP-LINK USA CORPORATION, and respectfully
12 seeks the entry of an order (i) adjudging that Defendant has infringed the ‘159
13 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271; (ii) granting an injunction enjoining
14 Defendant, its employees, agents, officers, directors, attorneys, successors,
15 affiliates, subsidiaries and assigns, and all of those in active concert and
16 participation with any of the foregoing persons or entities from infringing,
17 contributing to the infringement of, or inducing infringement of the ‘159 Patent;
18 (iii) ordering Defendant to account and pay damages adequate to compensate
19 Plaintiff for Defendant’s infringement of the ‘159 Patent, with pre-judgment and
20 post-judgment interest and costs, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284; (iv) ordering that
21 the damages award be increased up to three times the actual amount assessed,
22 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284; (v) declaring this case exceptional and awarding
23 Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys’ fees, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and, (vi)
24 awarding such other and further relief as this court deems just and proper.

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28 Respectfully submitted,

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