

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

<b>Honeyman Cipher Solutions LLC,</b>  Plaintiff,  v.  <b>Slack Technologies, Inc.,</b>  Defendant.	Case No. 1:20-cv-1076  Patent Case  Jury Trial Demanded
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**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Honeyman Cipher Solutions LLC (“Plaintiff”), through its attorneys, complains of Slack Technologies, Inc. (“Defendant”), and alleges the following:

**PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Honeyman Cipher Solutions LLC is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware that maintains its principal place of business at 675 Town Square Blvd., Suite 200, Garland, TX 75040.

2. Defendant Slack Technologies, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware that maintains an established place of business at 1681 Chestnut Pl, Denver, CO 80202.

**JURISDICTION**

3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

4. This Court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because it has engaged in systematic and continuous business activities in this District. As described below, Defendant has committed acts of patent infringement giving rise to this action within this District.

#### **VENUE**

6. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because Defendant has committed acts of patent infringement in this District, and has an established place of business in this District. In addition, Plaintiff has suffered harm in this district.

#### **PATENT-IN-SUIT**

7. Plaintiff is the assignee of all right, title and interest in United States Patent No. 5,991,399 (the “’399 Patent”); (the “Patent-in-Suit”); including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the Patent-in-Suit. Accordingly, Plaintiff possesses the exclusive right and standing to prosecute the present action for infringement of the Patent-in-Suit by Defendant.

#### **The ’399 Patent**

8. The ’399 Patent is entitled “Method for securely distributing a conditional use private key to a trust entity on a remote system,” and issued 11/23/1999. The application leading to the ’399 Patent was filed on 12/18/1997. A true and correct copy of the ’399 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.

9. The ’399 Patent is valid and enforceable.

#### **COUNT 1: INFRINGEMENT OF THE ’399 PATENT**

10. Plaintiff incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

11. **Direct Infringement.** Defendant has been and continues to directly infringe one or more claims of the ’399 Patent in at least this District by making, using, offering to sell, selling and/or importing, without limitation, at least the Defendant products identified in the

charts incorporated into this Count below (among the “Exemplary Defendant Products”) that infringe at least the exemplary claims of the ’399 Patent also identified in the charts incorporated into this Count below (the “Exemplary ’399 Patent Claims”) literally or by the doctrine of equivalents. On information and belief, numerous other devices that infringe the claims of the ’399 Patent have been made, used, sold, imported, and offered for sale by Defendant and/or its customers.

12. Defendant also has and continues to directly infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the Exemplary ’399 Patent Claims, by having its employees internally test and use these Exemplary Products.

13. Exhibit 2 includes charts comparing the Exemplary ’399 Patent Claims to the Exemplary Defendant Products. As set forth in these charts, the Exemplary Defendant Products practice the technology claimed by the ’399 Patent. Accordingly, the Exemplary Defendant Products incorporated in these charts satisfy all elements of the Exemplary ’399 Patent Claims.

14. Plaintiff therefore incorporates by reference in its allegations herein the claim charts of Exhibit 2.

15. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate for Defendant’s infringement.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

16. Under Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:

- A. A judgment that the ’399 Patent is valid and enforceable;

- B. A judgment that Defendant has infringed one or more claims of the '399 Patent;
- C. An accounting of all damages not presented at trial;
- D. A judgment that awards Plaintiff all appropriate damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 for Defendant's past infringement including pre- or post-judgment interest, costs, and disbursements as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- E. And, if necessary, to adequately compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement, an accounting:
  - i. that this case be declared exceptional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and that Plaintiff be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees against Defendant that it incurs in prosecuting this action;
  - ii. that Plaintiff be awarded costs, and expenses that it incurs in prosecuting this action; and
  - iii. that Plaintiff be awarded such further relief at law or in equity as the Court deems just and proper.

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Respectfully submitted,

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