This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, in which Plaintiff Scramoge Technology Limited ("Plaintiff" or "Scramoge") makes the following allegations against Defendant Belkin International, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Belkin"):

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This amended complaint arises from Belkin's unlawful infringement of the following United States patents owned by Plaintiff, which relate to improvements in wireless charging of mobile devices: United States Patent Nos. 9,490,652 ("the '652 Patent"), 10,193,392 ("the '392 Patent"), and 7,825,537 ("the '537 Patent") (collectively, the "Asserted Patents").

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. Plaintiff Scramoge Technology Limited is a limited liability company organized and existing under the law of Ireland, with its principal place of business at The Hyde Building, Suite 23, The Park, Carrickmines, Dublin 18, Ireland. Scramoge is the sole owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in the Asserted Patents, including the right to recover damages for past, present, and future infringement.
- 3. On information and belief, Defendant Belkin International, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 12045 E. Waterfront Dr., Playa Vista, California 90094.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Belkin International, Inc. in this action because Defendant has committed acts within this District giving rise to this action and has established minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant would not offend

traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Defendant, directly and through subsidiaries or intermediaries, has committed and continues to commit acts of infringement in this District by, among other things, importing, offering to sell, and selling Belkin-branded products that infringe the Asserted Patents.

6. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b). Defendant Belkin International, Inc. is registered to do business in California. Additionally, upon information and belief, Belkin has transacted business in this District and has committed acts of direct and indirect infringement in this District by, among other things, making, using, offering to sell, selling, and importing products that infringe the Asserted Patents. Belkin has a regular and established place of business in this District, including at 12045 E. Waterfront Dr., Playa Vista, California 90094.

#### **COUNT I**

# **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,490,652**

- 7. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 8. Plaintiff owns by assignment all rights, title, and interest, including the right to recover damages for past, present, and future infringement, in U.S. Patent No. 9,490,652, entitled "Wireless charger equipped with auxiliary power supply and auxiliary power device." The '652 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 8, 2016. A true and correct copy of the '652 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 9. On information and belief, Belkin makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, and/or imports certain products, including without limitation the Belkin-branded BoostCharge Magnetic Wireless Power Bank 2.5K, BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger 10k, and BoostCharge Power Bank 2K for Apple Watch ("Accused Products"), that directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '652 Patent. Identification of the accused

products will be provided in Plaintiff's infringement contentions pursuant to the Court's scheduling order.

- 10. The Accused Products satisfy all claim limitations of one or more claims of the '652 Patent. A claim chart comparing exemplary independent claim 1 of the '652 Patent to representative Accused Products is attached as Exhibit 2.
- 11. By making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United States the Accused Products, Belkin has injured Plaintiff and is liable for infringement of the '652 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).
- 12. As a result of Belkin's infringement of the '652 Patent, Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages (past, present, and future) in an amount adequate to compensate for Belkin's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Belkin, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

#### **COUNT II**

# **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,193,392**

- 13. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 14. Plaintiff owns by assignment all rights, title, and interest, including the right to recover damages for past, present, and future infringement, in U.S. Patent No. 10,193,392, entitled "Wireless power transfer device and wireless power transfer system." The '392 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 29, 2019. A true and correct copy of the '392 Patent is attached as Exhibit 3.
- 15. On information and belief, Belkin makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, and/or imports certain products, including without limitation the Belkin-branded Wireless Charging Pad, BoostUp Wireless Charging Pad, BoostUp Bold Wireless Charging Pad, BoostUp Wireless Charging Stand, BoostUp Special Edition Wireless Charging Dock for iPhone and Apple Watch, BoostUp Wireless Charging Spot,

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BoostUp Wireless Charging Vent Mount, Wireless Charging Stand, Studio Qi Wireless Charging Pad, BoostCharge Pro 3-in-1 Wireless Charger with MagSafe 15W, BoostCharge Pro 2-in-1 Wireless Charger Stand with MagSafe 15W, BoostCharge 15W Wireless Charging Stand, BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger Pad 7.5W, BoostCharge Magnetic Wireless Power Bank 2.5K, BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger 10k, BoostCharge Power Bank 2K for Apple Watch, BoostCharge Magnetic Wireless Charger Stand 7.5W, BoostCharge 3-in-1 Wireless Charger Special Edition for Apple Devices, Soundform Elite Hi-Fi Smart Speaker + Wireless Charger, BoostCharge Wireless Charging Stand + Speaker, BoostCharge Wireless Charging Stand 10W, BoostCharge Dual Wireless Charging Pads, BoostCharge Wireless Charging Pad 15W, BoostCharge 10W Wireless Charging Pad + QC 3.0 Wall Charger + Cable, BoostCharge TrueFreedom Pro, BoostCharge 7.5W Wireless Charging Stand -Special Edition, BoostCharge 3-in-1 Wireless Charger for Apple Devices, BoostUp Wireless Charging Dock for iPhone + Apple Watch + USB-A Port, BoostCharge Wireless Car Charger with Vent Mount 10W, BoostCharge UV Sanitizer + Wireless Charger, Wireless Charging Vent Mount 10W – Wireless Car Charger, PowerHouse 2-in-1 iPhone and Apple Watch Charging Dock, BoostUp Wireless Charging Pad 5W, and BoostCharge Wireless Charging Pad 7.5W Special Edition ("Accused Products"), that directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '392 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a). Identification of the accused products will be provided in Plaintiff's infringement contentions pursuant to the Court's scheduling order.

16. The Accused Products satisfy all claim limitations of one or more claims of the '392 Patent. A claim chart comparing exemplary independent claim 1 of the '392 Patent to representative Accused Products is attached as Exhibit 4.

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- 17. By making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United States the Accused Products, Belkin has injured Plaintiff and is liable for infringement of the '392 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).
- 18. As a result of Belkin's infringement of the '392 Patent, Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages (past, present, and future) in an amount adequate to compensate for Belkin's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Belkin, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

#### **COUNT III**

#### **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,825,537**

- 19. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. Plaintiff owns by assignment all rights, title, and interest, including the right to recover damages for past, present, and future infringement, in U.S. Patent No. 7,825,537, entitled "Inductive power transfer system and method." The '537 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 2, 2010. A true and correct copy of the '537 Patent is attached as Exhibit 5.
- 21. On information and belief, Belkin makes, uses, offers for sale, sells, and/or imports certain products, including without limitation the Belkin-branded Wireless Charging Pad, BoostUp Wireless Charging Pad, BoostUp Bold Wireless Charging Pad, BoostUp Wireless Charging Stand, BoostUp Special Edition Wireless Charging Dock for iPhone and Apple Watch, BoostUp Wireless Charging Spot, BoostUp Wireless Charging Vent Mount, Wireless Charging Stand, Studio Qi Wireless Charging Pad, BoostCharge Pro 3-in-1 Wireless Charger with MagSafe 15W, BoostCharge Pro 2-in-1 Wireless Charger Stand with MagSafe 15W, BoostCharge 15W Wireless Charging Stand, BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger Pad 7.5W, BoostCharge Magnetic Wireless Power Bank 2.5K,

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BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger 10k, BoostCharge Power Bank 2K for Apple Watch, BoostCharge Magnetic Wireless Charger Stand 7.5W, BoostCharge 3-in-1 Wireless Charger Special Edition for Apple Devices, Soundform Elite Hi-Fi Smart Speaker + Wireless Charger, BoostCharge Wireless Charging Stand + Speaker, BoostCharge Wireless Charging Stand 10W, BoostCharge Dual Wireless Charging Pads, BoostCharge Wireless Charging Pad 15W, BoostCharge 10W Wireless Charging Pad + QC 3.0 Wall Charger + Cable, BoostCharge TrueFreedom Pro, BoostCharge 7.5W Wireless Charging Stand -Special Edition, BoostCharge 3-in-1 Wireless Charger for Apple Devices, BoostUp Wireless Charging Dock for iPhone + Apple Watch + USB-A Port, BoostCharge Wireless Car Charger with Vent Mount 10W, BoostCharge UV Sanitizer + Wireless Charger, Wireless Charging Vent Mount 10W – Wireless Car Charger, PowerHouse 2-in-1 iPhone and Apple Watch Charging Dock, BoostUp Wireless Charging Pad 5W, and BoostCharge Wireless Charging Pad 7.5W Special Edition ("Accused Products"), that directly infringe, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, one or more claims of the '537 Patent, including through Belkin's own use and/or testing of the Accused Products. Identification of the accused products will be provided in Plaintiff's infringement contentions pursuant to the Court's scheduling order.

- 22. The Accused Products satisfy all claim limitations of one or more claims of the '537 Patent. A claim chart comparing exemplary independent claim 1 of the '537 Patent to representative Accused Products is attached as Exhibit 6.
- 23. Belkin also knowingly and intentionally induces infringement of one or more claims of the '537 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b). Before the filing of this Amended Complaint, Belkin has knowledge of the '537 Patent in as many as four different ways.

- 24. First, on October 15, 2021, Belkin was served with an original complaint alleging infringement of the '537 Patent and the infringing nature of the Accused Products. *See* Dkt. No. 19 (Proof of Service).
- 25. Second, on information and belief, Belkin has knowledge of the '537 Patent through co-pending actions filed by Scramoge against its competitors (Mophie Inc. and Anker Innovations Ltd.) and business partners (such as Apple Inc.), which also allege infringement of the '537 Patent by similar wireless chargers and charging power banks as those sold by Belkin. *See Scramoge Technology Ltd. v. Mophie Inc.*, No. 8:21-cv-01673-DOC-ADS (C.D. Cal. Oct. 7, 2021); *Scramoge Technology Ltd. v. Anker Innovations Ltd., et al.*, No. 5:21-cv-01712-DOC-ADS (C.D. Cal. Oct. 8, 2021); *Scramoge Technology Ltd. v. Apple Inc.*, No. 6:21-cv-01071-ADA (W.D. Tex. Oct. 14, 2021). With respect to its competitors Mophie and Anker, it is plausible that Belkin tracks or is otherwise appraised of patent litigations against other market players in the ordinary course of business and learned of the '537 Patent through the filing of those cases.
- 26. Third, it is also plausible that Belkin's business partners (such as Apple) would inform it (and provide notice, such as for indemnification) of potential liability for Belkin products advertised and sold on their website. *See, e.g.*, <a href="https://www.apple.com/shop/product/HPGA2ZM/A/belkin-boost%E2%86%91charge-pro-3-in-1-wireless-charger-with-magsafe-white?fnode=02ab40d8450069d6f8385ba3913eef282d1bae9a7341c4296bde7c4288a4057c1fdd0bae8a9877c9dc7792ffbfd62b0271718d42154b23806724979cb046bba2605131e6270d781550b5a73eab492c0615271ab261d16a99bd9eea7af2bea274fa8148d934e2d4305ecd298e996e5d66efddcb0ec8266aa3f03be53f24bd4a46 (accused Belkin BoostCharge Pro 3-in-1 Charger sold on Apple website). Indeed, on a December 23, 2021 meet and confer, Belkin's counsel acknowledged that it is aware of Scramoge's pending action against Apple in the United States District Court for

the Western District of Texas—evidencing perhaps that indemnification communications were and are on-going.

- 27. Fourth, on January 4, 2022, Scramoge sent Belkin a letter outlining its infringement of, *inter alia*, the '537 Patent and demanding that Belkin cease its infringing activities (including but not limited to its inducement and contributory infringement of the '537 Patent) by January 7, 2022. Belkin acknowledged receipt of the letter on January 7, 2022. To date, however, Belkin has not ceased its infringing activities.
- 28. Despite this knowledge obtained as many as four different ways of the '537 Patent, Belkin continues to actively encourage and instruct its customers and end users (for example, through user manuals, online instruction materials, and videos on its website) to use the Accused Products in ways that directly infringe the '537 Patent in an infringing manner. For example, Belkin shows users how to use the exemplary BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger 10K to inductively charge a target unit, *i.e.*, smartphone, in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the '537 Patent:



See <a href="https://www.belkin.com/us/chargers/power-banks/boost-charge-magnetic-portable-wireless-charger-10k/p/p-bpd001/">https://www.belkin.com/us/chargers/power-banks/boost-charge-magnetic-portable-wireless-charger-10k/p/p-bpd001/</a>. Belkin also provides users with step-by-step instructions on how to use the exemplary BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger 10K to inductively transfer power to a target unit, *i.e.*, a smartphone, in an infringing manner:

# Step 1:

Make sure your Belkin BPD001 is properly charged.

# Step 2:

Choose between two ways to charge your phone:



See <a href="https://www.belkin.com/us/support-article?articleNum=318205">https://www.belkin.com/us/support-article?articleNum=318205</a> ("Wireless charging – Place the back of your phone on top of the charger then press the button located on the side of the Belkin BPD001."). Belkin provides similar instructions and user manuals on its website that depict how to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. See, e.g., <a href="https://www.belkin.com/us/support-article?articleNum=318252">https://www.belkin.com/us/support-article?articleNum=318252</a> (BoostCharge Magnetic Wireless Charger Stand 7.5W

User Instructions); <a href="https://www.belkin.com/us/support-article?articleNum=318237">https://www.belkin.com/us/support-article?articleNum=317801</a> (BoostCharge Pro 2-in-1 Wireless Charger Stand with MagSafe 15W User Instructions). Belkin provides these instructions, user manuals, videos, and other materials knowing and intending (or with willful blindness to the fact) that its customers and end users will commit these infringing acts. Belkin also continues to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import the Accused Products, despite its knowledge of the '537 Patent, thereby specifically intending for and inducing its customers to infringe the '537 Patent through the customers' normal and customary use of the Accused Products.

29. Belkin has also infringed, and continues to infringe, one or more claims of the '537 Patent by selling, offering for sale, or importing into the United States, the Accused Products, knowing that the Accused Products constitute a material part of the inventions claimed in the '537 Patent, are especially made or adapted to infringe the '537 Patent, and are not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for non-infringing use. For the reasons stated above, Belkin has knowledge of the '537 Patent. Despite this knowledge, Belkin is contributorily infringing the '537 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(c) and/or (f). For example, Belkin advertises that the Accused Products, including the exemplary BoostCharge Magnetic Portable Wireless Charger 10K, are designed to transfer power to compatible devices:

# Charge Wirelessly at Home or On-The-Go

Designed for the iPhone 12 series, this MagSafe compatible wireless charging pad doubles as a 10K power bank to take with you anywhere. Perfect magnetic alignment every time allows you to keep using your phone while it charges without detaching it from the pad, and a slim, portable design fits easily in your purse or pocket. When the pad needs a recharge, pass-through power allows you to plug it in while still powering your phone, so you never have to wait to charge. Get the best of both charging worlds with a dual-function charging pad and power bank.

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See https://www.belkin.com/us/chargers/power-banks/boost-charge-magneticportable-wireless-charger-10k/p/p-bpd001/; also, see e.g., https://www.belkin.com/us/chargers/wireless/charging-stands-docks/boost-chargemagnetic-wireless-charger-stand-7-5w/p/p-wib003/ (Magnetic Wireless Charger Stand 7.5W) ("The perfect alignment of MagSafe delivers efficient and secure charging, with easy one-handed placement."). Belkin's wireless power chargers, power banks, and battery packs are base units that constitute a material part of the inventions claimed in the '537 Patent, are especially made or adapted to infringe the '573 Patent, and are not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for non-infringing use. For example, there are no non-infringing uses for the accused functionality in the Accused Products other than to inductively transfer power to a target unit in an infringing manner.

- 30. By making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United States the Accused Products, Belkin has injured Plaintiff and is liable for infringement of the '537 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), (c), and/or (f).
- 31. As a result of Belkin's direct infringement of the '537 Patent, Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages (past, present, and future) in an amount adequate to compensate for Belkin's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Belkin, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.
- 32. As a result of Belkin's indirect infringement of the '537 Patent (induced and contributory infringement), Plaintiff is entitled to monetary damages (present and future) in an amount adequate to compensate for Belkin's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Belkin's customers, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

# **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

a. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Belkin has infringed, either

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literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '652, '392, and '537 Patents;

- b. A judgment and order requiring Belkin to pay Plaintiff its damages (past, present, and future), costs, expenses, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest for Belkin's infringement of the '652, '392, and '537 Patents;
- c. A judgment and order requiring Belkin to pay Plaintiff compulsory ongoing licensing fees, as determined by the Court in equity.
- d. A judgment and order requiring Belkin to provide an accounting and to pay supplemental damages to Plaintiff, including without limitation, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and compensation for infringing products released after the filing of this case that are not colorably different from the accused products;
- e. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' fees against Belkin; and
- f. Any and all other relief as the Court may deem appropriate and just under the circumstances.

# **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

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

DATED: January 10, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was electronically filed with the CM/ECF system per LR 5(a), and that all interested parties are being served with a true and correct copy of these documents via the CM/ECF system.

DATED: January 10, 2022

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