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	4	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
	5	MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
	6	NASHVILLE DIVISION
	7	ETCETERA, LLC, a Tennessee limited liability) Case No.
	8	company,)) COMPLAINT FOR) DECLARATORY HIDOMENT
	9	Plaintiff,) DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
	10	V.)
	11	TGS INNOVATIONS, LP, a Texas domestic limited) partnership; and X-BLADE SYSTEMS, LP, a Texas) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED domestic limited partnership,)
	12	Defendants.
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	15	Plaintiff alleges:
	16	PARTIES
	17	1. Plaintiff Etcetera, LLC (hereinafter, "plaintiff") is a Tennessee limited liability company organized
	18	and operating under the laws of the State of Tennessee.
	19	2. Plaintiff is informed and believes that defendant TGS Innovations, LP (hereinafter, "TGS") is a
	20	Texas domestic limited partnership organized and operating under the laws of the State of Texas with a mailing
	21	address at 5032 Showdown Lane, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052.
	22	3. Plaintiff is informed and believes that defendant X-Blade Systems, LP (hereinafter, "X-Blade") is a
	23	Texas domestic limited partnership organized and operating under the laws of the State of Texas with a mailing
	24	address at 5032 Showdown Lane, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052.
	25	JURISDICTION AND VENUE
	26	4. This action is an action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331
	27	1338(a), 2201 and 2202 in that it is a declaratory judgment action for patent non-infringement arising under the
	28	patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code, Section 100 et seq.
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1 5. This action is an action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 in that it is a civil action between citizens of different states and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

6. Venue is appropriate in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 in that a substantial amount of the acts, events and omissions giving rise to this lawsuit occurred in this District; contracts referenced herein were executed in this District; and all defendants herein irrevocably agreed that any legal action or proceeding arising out of or concerning the matters herein may be brought only in the courts of the State of Tennessee or of the United States of America for the Middle District of Tennessee, expressly submitted to the personal jurisdiction and the venue of this Court for the purposes hereof, and expressly waived any claim of improper venue and any claim that this Court is an inconvenient forum. This lawsuit should be assigned to the Nashville Division of this Court because a substantial part of the events or omissions which give rise to this lawsuit occurred in Davidson County.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

7. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Stephen Else (hereinafter, "Else") is a dual citizen of both the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, commonly known as the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Else resides in the State of Texas.

8. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Thomas Stephens (hereinafter, "Stephens" and "Inventor")) is a citizen of and resides in the State of Texas and is a partner in TGS and X-Blade.

9. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Stephens is the inventor of the following technology and

20 intellectual property (hereinafter, "Patent 1" (see Exhibit 1 attached hereto)):

Swash plate internal combustion engine (US Patent No. 7,137,366) - A powergeneration device comprising at least one cylinder, at least one cylinder head, at least one piston and an output shaft, having a central axis having a fixed angular relationship to the central axis of the cylinder. A swash plate, having a first swash plate surface having a normal axis disposed at a first fixed angle to the central axis of the output shaft, is fixed to the output shaft. At least one connecting rod is connected to at least one piston. At least one follower is secured to the second end of a connecting rod. The first follower surface contacts, and conforms to, the orientation of the first swash plate surface.

intellectual property (hereinafter, "Patent 2" (see Exhibit 2 attached hereto)): 27

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Rotary wing aircraft (US Patent No. 7,370,828) – A rotary wing aircraft is provided with longitudinally oriented counter-rotating rotors circumferentially spaced variable pitch elongated rotor blades connected at their opposite ends to rotatable support rings mounted on the aircraft fuselage. Rotor downwash may be guided laterally and longitudinally by respective sets of moveable guide vanes. Propulsion may be obtained by an engine providing thrust and power take-off for driving the rotors. An auxiliary or second engine may be drivingly connected to the rotors. 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Stephens is the inventor of the following technology and intellectual property (hereinafter, "Patent 3" (see Exhibit 3 attached hereto)): Wind driven power generator (US Patent No. 7,365,448) - A wind driven generator includes a rotor disposed in a cylindrical duct and supported by a frame for rotation in response to wind flowing through the duct. The rotor includes plural circumferentially spaced paralleled rotor blades supported for rotation about a generally horizontal axis. Each blade is supported for pivotal movement to change blade pitch, angle of attack or camber as the rotor rotates. A pitch or camber control motor or self-governing wind vane mechanism is operable to move a circular cam to vary blade pitch or camber to control rotor speed. The duct is mounted on a mast having a base supported on a foundation for pivotal movement to face the wind for maximizing airflow through the duct. Electric power generators are connected to opposite ends of the rotor at respective power output or drive shafts. 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes that in or about September 2004 Stephens assigned in part to and retained in part from TGS his right, title and interest in and to Patent 1 (hereinafter, "Assignment 1"). Plaintiff is informed and believes that Assignment 1 was made without valuable consideration and that Assignment 1 was procured by Else from Stephens through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false pretenses. 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes that in or about May 2005 Stephens assigned in part to and

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retained in part from X-Blade his right, title and interest in and to Patent 2 (hereinafter, "Assignment 2").
Plaintiff is informed and believes that Assignment 2 was made without valuable consideration and that
Assignment 2 was procured by Else from Stephens through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false
pretenses.

14. Plaintiff is informed and believes that in or about August 2006 Stephens assigned in part to and
retained in part from X-Blade his right, title and interest in and to Patent 3 (hereinafter, "Assignment 3").
Plaintiff is informed and believes that Assignment 3 was made without valuable consideration and that
Assignment 3 was procured by Else from Stephens through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false
pretenses.

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1 15. Plaintiff is informed and believes that before the formation of TGS by Stephens and Else, Else 2 represented to Stephens that Else would make certain monetary capital contributions to the partnership upon its 3 formation (hereinafter, the "TGS Else Contributions"). Plaintiff is informed and believes that for Stephens' part 4 and in reasonable reliance on Else's promises and assurances to make the TGS Else Contributions, Stephens 5 agreed make certain property capital contributions to the partnership upon its formation, which included 6 Stephens' assignment of certain of the Inventor's Rights as hereinafter defined (hereinafter, the "TGS Stephens 7 Contributions").

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LAW OFFICES OF SCOTT D. JOHANNESSEN 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes that upon its formation, TGS was to be owned in perpetuity, 50% by Stephens and 50% by Else without dilution of their respective ownership interests. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the TGS Stephens Contributions were to be controlled by TGS subject to certain restrictions and in perpetuity, 50% by Stephens and 50% by Else. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the TGS Else Contributions were to be used by TGS, in part, to pay an agreed-upon salary to Stephens as part of the consideration for the TGS Stephens Contributions. Plaintiff is informed and believes that this agreed-upon salary was material to Stephens' decision to make the TGS Stephens Contributions in the first instance and that this agreed-upon salary was not paid to Stephens by Else or TGS. Plaintiff is informed and believes that TGS was formed by Else through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false pretenses and without sufficient and adequate consideration being given by Else.

17. Plaintiff is informed and believes that before the formation of X-Blade by Stephens and Else, Else
represented to Stephens that Else would make certain monetary capital contributions to the partnership upon its
formation (hereinafter, the "X-Blade Else Contributions"). Plaintiff is informed and believes that for Stephens'
part and in reasonable reliance on Else's promises and assurances to make the X-Blade Else Contributions,
Stephens agreed make certain property capital contributions to the partnership upon its formation, which
included Stephens' assignment of certain of the Inventor's Rights as hereinafter defined (hereinafter, the "XBlade Stephens Contributions").

18. Plaintiff is informed and believes that upon its formation, X-Blade was to be owned in perpetuity,
50% by Stephens and 50% by Else without dilution of their respective ownership interests. Plaintiff is
informed and believes that the X-Blade Stephens Contributions were to be controlled by X-Blade subject to
certain restrictions and in perpetuity, 50% by Stephens and 50% by Else. Plaintiff is informed and believes that

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the X-Blade Else Contributions were to be used by X-Blade, in part, to pay an agreed-upon salary to Stephens as part of the consideration for the X-Blade Stephens Contributions. Plaintiff is informed and believes that this agreed-upon salary was material to Stephens' decision to make the X-Blade Stephens Contributions in the first instance and that this agreed-upon salary was not paid to Stephens by Else or X-Blade. Plaintiff is informed and believes that X-Blade was formed by Else through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false pretenses and without sufficient and adequate consideration being given by Else.

19. Stephens assigned to plaintiff his and his affiliates' retained individual, TGS and X-Blade rights, titles and interests (choate or inchoate) in (i) Patent 1 (ii) all precursors, portions and work in progress with respect thereto and all inventions, works of authorship, mask works, technology, information, know-how, materials and tools relating thereto or to the development, support or maintenance thereof and (iii) all copyrights, patent rights, trade secret rights, trademark rights, mask works rights, and all other intellectual and industrial property rights of any sort and all business, contract rights, causes of action, and goodwill in, incorporated or embodied in, used to develop, or related to any of the foregoing.

20. Stephens assigned to plaintiff his and his affiliates' retained individual, TGS and X-Blade rights, titles and interests (choate or inchoate) in (i) Patent 2 (ii) all precursors, portions and work in progress with respect thereto and all inventions, works of authorship, mask works, technology, information, know-how, materials and tools relating thereto or to the development, support or maintenance thereof and (iii) all copyrights, patent rights, trade secret rights, trademark rights, mask works rights, and all other intellectual and industrial property rights of any sort and all business, contract rights, causes of action, and goodwill in, incorporated or embodied in, used to develop, or related to any of the foregoing.

21 21. Stephens assigned to plaintiff his and his affiliates' retained individual, TGS and X-Blade rights, 22 titles and interests (choate or inchoate) in (i) Patent 3 (ii) all precursors, portions and work in progress with 23 respect thereto and all inventions, works of authorship, mask works, technology, information, know-how, 24 materials and tools relating thereto or to the development, support or maintenance thereof and (iii) all 25 copyrights, patent rights, trade secret rights, trademark rights, mask works rights, and all other intellectual and 26 industrial property rights of any sort and all business, contract rights, causes of action, and goodwill in, 27 incorporated or embodied in, used to develop, or related to any of the foregoing.

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1 22. The retained and acquired rights, titles and interests referred to in paragraphs 19, 20 and 21 above are collectively referred to herein as the "Inventor's Rights."

23. Plaintiff is informed and believes that on or before January 31, 2010 Stephens discovered that beginning in or about 2007 or 2008 Else, among others, orchestrated a series of transactions and entity formations and attempted through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false pretenses to disproportionately decrease Stephens' 50% ownership interest in TGS, the Inventor's Rights and the TGS Stephens Contributions while, at the same time, disproportionately increase Stephens' 50% ownership interest in TGS, the Inventor's Rights, and the TGS Stephens Contribution. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the aforementioned series of transactions includes, but is not limited to, the deployment of defective and substandard product manufactured using certain of the Inventor's Rights and the fraudulent solicitation of investor funds and debt to dilute the agreed-upon 50/50 respective ownership interests of Stephens and Else in TGS and which acts place at risk Stephens' proprietary and property rights in and to TGS, the Inventor's Rights, and the TGS Stephens and/or Else Contributions.

14 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes that between on or before January 31, 2010 Stephens discovered that beginning in or about 2007 or 2008 Else, among others, orchestrated a series of transactions and entity 15 16 formations and attempted through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false pretenses to disproportionately 17 decrease Stephens' 50% ownership interest in X-Blade, the Inventor's Rights and the X-Blade Stephens 18 Contributions while, at the same time, disproportionately increase Stephens' 50% ownership interest in X-19 Blade, the Inventor's Rights, and the X-Blade Stephens Contribution. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the 20 aforementioned series of transactions includes, but is not limited to, the deployment of defective and 21 substandard product manufactured using certain of the Inventor's Rights and the fraudulent solicitation of 22 investor funds and debt to dilute the agreed-upon 50/50 respective ownership interests of Stephens and Else in 23 X-Blade and which acts place at risk Stephens' proprietary and property rights in and to X-Blade, the Inventor's 24 Rights, and the X-Blade Stephens and/or Else Contributions.

25. Plaintiff is informed and believes that one or more of the entities formed by Else after the formation 25 26 of TGS and X-Blade and through Else's aforementioned acts and fraudulent solicitation of outside investor 27 funds (hereinafter, "NewCo") wrongfully claims that Stephens' relative ownership percentages in TGS and X-Blade equity and certain of the Inventor's Rights, TGS Stephens and/or Else Contributions and X-Blade 28

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Stephens and/or Else Contributions was decreased to less than 10% and Else's relative ownership percentages 1 2 in TGS and X-Blade equity and certain of the Inventor's Rights, TGS Stephens and/or Else Contributions, and X-Blade Stephens and/or Else Contributions was increased to more than 40%. Rather than the agreed-upon 3 perpetual and static 50/50 percentage split in the equity and certain of the Inventor's Rights ownership (which 4 5 Stephens and Else agreed to upon the formation of TGS and X-Blade), Stephens discovered that Else attempted 6 to wrongfully, through concealment, misrepresentations and/or false pretenses, manipulate the aforementioned 7 static equity and ownership interests to an approximate and dilutable 80 (Else) and 20 (Stephens) percentage 8 split. Representatives of NewCo admitted after December 5, 2009 that the aforementioned Else/Stephens 9 equity percentage splits were incorrect and not properly calculated or represented by NewCo. True and correct 10 copies of relevant correspondence by and among Stephens, Else and their respective representatives and which correspondence inform in part Stephens' recent discovery of Else's improper schemes and activities are 11 12 attached hereto as Exhibit 4 and incorporated herein.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(DECLARATION OF NON-INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT 1 AND OWNERSHIP OF INVENOR'S RIGHTS)

26. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates herein by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-25, inclusive, of this complaint.

27. Plaintiff is informed and believes that TGS claims, now and in the past, to be the exclusive owner
of all right, title and interest in and to Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 1
and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers.

21 28. Plaintiff claims to be an owner of the right, title and interest in and to Patent 1 and the Inventor's
22 Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers.

29. An actual, substantial and continuing justiciable case and controversy exists between plaintiff, on the one hand, and TGS, on the other hand, based on competing claims to Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights.

30. Plaintiff has been injured and damaged by TGS's accusations concerning and claims to Patent 1
and the Inventor's Rights.

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1 31. Declaratory relief is appropriate and necessary to establish that plaintiff is an owner of the right, title and interest in and to Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers.

32. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, et seq., and the Declaratory Judgment Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 29-14-101, et seq., plaintiff requests a declaratory judgment that TGS is not and has not been, now or in the past, the exclusive owner of all right, title and interest in and to Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers, and that plaintiff is an owner of the right, title and interest in and to Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers.

33. Accordingly, plaintiff prays for judgment as hereinafter set forth.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(DECLARATION OF NON-INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT 2 AND OWNERSHIP OF INVENOR'S RIGHTS)

34. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates herein by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-25, inclusive, of this complaint.

35. Plaintiff is informed and believes that X-Blade claims, now and in the past, to be the exclusive owner of all right, title and interest in and to Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers.

19 36. Plaintiff claims to be an owner of the right, title and interest in and to Patent 2 and the Inventor's 20 Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers.

37. An actual, substantial and continuing justiciable case and controversy exists between plaintiff, on the one hand, and X-Blade, on the other hand, based on competing claims to Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights.

23 38. Plaintiff has been injured and damaged by X-Blade's accusations concerning and claims to Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights. 24

39. Declaratory relief is appropriate and necessary to establish that plaintiff is an owner of the right, 25 26 title and interest in and to Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 2 and the 27 Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers.

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1 40. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, et seq., and the Declaratory Judgment Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 29-2 14-101, et seq., plaintiff requests a declaratory judgment that X-Blade is not and has not been, now or in the past, the exclusive owner of all right, title and interest in and to Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights, including the 3 right to enforce Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers, and that plaintiff is an owner of 4 5 the right, title and interest in and to Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 2 6 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers. 7 41. Accordingly, plaintiff prays for judgment as hereinafter set forth. 8 THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF 9 (DECLARATION OF NON-INFRINGEMENT OF PATENT 3 AND OWNERSHIP OF INVENOR'S RIGHTS) 10 11 42. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates herein by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1-25, inclusive, 12 of this complaint. 13 43. Plaintiff is informed and believes that X-Blade claims, now and in the past, to be the exclusive 14 owner of all right, title and interest in and to Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers. 15 16 44. Plaintiff claims to be an owner of the right, title and interest in and to Patent 3 and the Inventor's 17 Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers. 18 45. An actual, substantial and continuing justiciable case and controversy exists between plaintiff, on 19 the one hand, and X-Blade, on the other hand, based on competing claims to Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights. 20 46. Plaintiff has been injured and damaged by X-Blade's accusations concerning and claims to Patent 3 21 and the Inventor's Rights. 22 47. Declaratory relief is appropriate and necessary to establish that plaintiff is an owner of the right, title and interest in and to Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 3 and the 23 24 Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers. 48. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, et seq., and the Declaratory Judgment Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 29-25 26 14-101, et seq., plaintiff requests a declaratory judgment that X-Blade is not and has not been, now or in the 27 past, the exclusive owner of all right, title and interest in and to Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights, including the

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28 right to enforce Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers, and that plaintiff is an owner of

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the right, title and interest in and to Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 3 1 2 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers. 49. Accordingly, plaintiff prays for judgment as hereinafter set forth. 3 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 4 Plaintiff hereby requests a jury trial for all issues triable by a jury including, but not limited to, those 5 issues and claims set forth in any complaint or amended complaint or counterclaim herein. 6 7 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF** 8 WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment as to each claim for relief as follows: 9 1. Render judgment declaring that plaintiff, and not TGS exclusively, is an owner of the right, title 10 and interest in and to Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 1 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers, and that by exercising its rights plaintiff is not infringing any valid 11 12 claim to Patent 1, either directly or indirectly, and either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents; CALI FORVIA OFFICE: 999 NINTH STREET, SUITE 1600 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 9581-2. Render judgment declaring that plaintiff, and not X-Blade exclusively, is an owner of the right, title 13 LAW OFFICES OF SCOTT D. JOHANNESSEN 14 and interest in and to Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 2 and the Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers, and that by exercising its rights plaintiff is not infringing any valid 15 claim to Patent 2, either directly or indirectly, and either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents; 16 17 3. Render judgment declaring that plaintiff, and not X-Blade exclusively, is an owner of the right, title 18 and interest in and to Patent 3 and the Inventor's Rights, including the right to enforce Patent 3 and the 19 Inventor's Rights against alleged infringers, and that by exercising its rights plaintiff is not infringing any valid 20 claim to Patent 3, either directly or indirectly, and either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents; 4. Award plaintiff its fees and costs, including attorney's fees, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and 21 22 5. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. 23 24 25 26 27 28 COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

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