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THE PARTIES

- 1. Spagnolo is a company organized under the laws of Australia, with a place of business at 133 Lime Avenue, Mildura, Victoria 3500, Australia.
- 2. On information and belief, The Wine Group, Inc. ("TWG") is a corporation organized under the laws California, with a place of business at 240 Stockton Street #800, San Francisco, California, 94108-5325.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35, United States Code. Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 4. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) & (c) & 1400(b).

INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT

5. Intradistrict assignment under Civil L.R. 3-2(c) is not applicable as this matter is an intellectual property action.

CAUSE OF ACTION

- 6. Spagnolo is the sole owner of U.S. Patent 6,523,337 (the "337 Patent") which issued on February 25, 2003.
 - 7. The 337 Patent is directed to a pruning machine for pruning vegetation.
- 8. On information and belief, TWG has infringed and is continuing to infringe the 337 Patent by making, using, offering to sell, selling and/or importing into the United States pruning machines that are encompassed by claims of the 337 Patent. On information and belief, TWG will continue to infringe the 337 Patent unless enjoined by this Court.
 - 9. TWG had knowledge of the 337 Patent, and has therefore infringed the 337

JURY DEMAND -Spagnolo hereby demands, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38, a trial by jury of all issues so 2 3 triable. DATED this 26th day of February 2007. 4 5 Respectfully submitted, 6 F&T SPAGNOLO PTY LTD 7 8 Keuler 9 James A. Oliff 10 William J. Utermohlen Ariana E. Guss 11 OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC 277 South Washington Street 12 Suite 500 Alexandria, VA 22314 13 Telephone: 703-836-6400 Facsimile: 703-836-2787 14 Susan van Keulen, CA Bar No. 136060 15 Christopher L. Ogden, CA Bar No. 235517 THELEN REID BROWN RAYSMAN & STEINER, LLP 16 225 West Santa Clara Street **Suite 1200** 17 San Jose, CA 95113 18 Attorneys for Plaintiff F&T Spagnolo Pty Ltd 19 20 21

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