

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA  
CENTRAL DIVISION

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH )  
FOUNDATION an Iowa Non-profit Corporation, )  
and METABOLIC TECHNOLOGIES )  
INCORPORATION, an Iowa Corporation, )  
 )  
Plaintiffs, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
PLATINUM PERFORMANCE, INC., a California )  
Corporation, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

Civil Action No. 4:01-CV-80235

COMPLAINT  
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiffs Iowa State University Research Foundation and Metabolic Technologies

Incorporation state, as their Complaint versus Kilo Sports, Inc., the following:

**DIVISION I - THE PARTIES, NATURE OF ACTION,  
JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. Plaintiff, Iowa State University Research Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "ISURF), is an Iowa non-profit corporation with its principal place of business at 315 Beardshear Hall, Ames, Iowa 50011.

2. Plaintiff, Metabolic Technologies Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as "MTI"), is an Iowa corporation with its principal place of business at 2625 North Loop Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010.

3. Defendant, Platinum Performance, Inc., is, upon information and belief, a California corporation with a business address of P.O. Box 387 Los Olivos, California 93441,

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which has advertised its products in Iowa via the internet, and presumably has sold products to residents of the State of Iowa.

4. This action is for patent infringement, based on 35 U.S.C. §271.

5. As such, subject matter jurisdiction is exclusive to this Court based upon 28 U.S.C. §1338(a).

6. Personal jurisdiction is based on Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(e), and on sufficient minimum contacts between the Defendant and this jurisdiction such that the exercise of personal jurisdiction by this Court comports with the applicable state, federal, and constitutional requirements. To that end, Defendant maintains contacts within this jurisdiction, does business in this jurisdiction, and committed in this jurisdiction certain acts alleged herein to constitute the violations of Plaintiffs' rights.

7. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 and 28 U.S.C. §1400.

#### **DIVISION II – PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

8. ISURF is the owner of the following United States Letters Patents:

4,992,470 entitled "Method of Enhancing Immune Response of Mammals," duly and legally issued on February 12, 1991;

5,348,979 entitled "Method of Promoting Nitrogen Retention in Humans," duly and legally issued on September 20, 1994;

5,360,613 entitled "Method of Reducing Blood Levels of Total Cholesterol and Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol," duly and legally issued on November 1, 1994; and

6,103,764 entitled "Method for Increasing the Aerobic Capacity of Muscle," duly and legally issued on August 15, 2000.

(Hereinafter collectively referred to as the "ISURF Patents"). Each of the ISURF Patents continues in full force and effect to this day, and ISURF has the right to enforce the ISURF Patents.

9. By and through a license agreement between ISURF and MTI entered into on May 16, 1990, MTI is the exclusive licensee of the ISURF PATENTS, and MTI has the right to enforce the ISURF Patents and to collect any damages resulting from any such enforcement.

10. To the best of the Plaintiffs' knowledge, the ISURF Patents cover all known uses of the substance  $\beta$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -methylbutyrate (hereinafter referred to as HMB), in both animals and humans, and in all forms of HMB including its free acid, salt, ester, and lactone forms. Accordingly, HMB is not a staple article of commerce as that term is used and understood in 35 U.S.C. §271(c).

11. Plaintiffs have taken reasonable steps to ensure that all authorized products incorporating the patented technology have been marked in accordance with the notice provisions of 35 U.S.C. §287.

12. Defendant actively sells HMB, and has sold HMB within this jurisdiction, and maintains a commercial interactive Internet Web site for the purpose of selling, *inter alia*, HMB. The Web site is accessible at the following address: <http://www.platinumperformance.net>. Defendant uses the following description/instructions with regard to the use, and uses of,

"Myo-Fuel is an amino acid and antioxidant formula, which prevents breakdown of muscle cells after exercise. Added to a balanced nutritional program, Myo-Fuel aids in

muscle cell protein production through a combination of all natural protein building blocks and muscle-aiding vitamins. It is a drug-free nutrient, which aids in muscle building.

Myo-Fuel contains: HMB (B-Hydroxy B-Methylbutyrate Monohydrate), Whey Concentrate, Vitamin E and Vitamin C.

Instructions for use: Take 2 capsules three times a day.”

“Myo-Vet is an equine muscle fuel, that enhances muscle Development, by preventing breakdown of muscle while Training. A drug free natural substance that is good for Muscle building and the immune system. “

Defendant has profited from its commercial activities related to HMB.

13. Defendant’s aforementioned commercial activities related to HMB constitute an infringement of one or all of the ISURF Patents under 35 U.S.C. §271(a), (b), and/or (c).

14. Defendant was notified in writing of the Plaintiffs’ rights in the ISURF Patents on, or about August 10, 2000, and thereby had actual notice of the ISURF Patents at least as early as said date. To the extent that the Defendant continued its infringing conduct after said date, such conduct constitutes willful infringement of the ISURF Patents.

15. As a result of Defendant’s infringing conduct, Plaintiffs have been irreparably damaged and denied the benefit of the protections afforded to Plaintiffs under the ISURF Patents.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand the following relief:

a) that this Court adjudge that MTI is the exclusive licensee, and that ISURF is the lawful owner, of the ISURF Patents and that both are entitled to the right of recovery thereunder;

b) that this Court adjudge that the ISURF Patents are good and valid in law and that Defendant has infringed one or all of the ISURF Patents;

c) that a temporary and permanent injunction be issued enjoining Defendant and its subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, and employees, and all other persons in active concert with them from further infringing conduct;


d) that an accounting be had for the damages arising out of Defendant's infringing conduct and that damages so ascertained be trebled and awarded to Plaintiffs together with interest thereon;

e) that Plaintiffs be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses encored in this action under 35 U.S.C. §285 due to the exceptional nature of this case; and

f) that this Court grant Plaintiffs such other and further relief as it may deem just and appropriate.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiffs, Iowa State University Research Foundation and Metabolic Technologies Corporation demand a jury to hear all issues so triable in this action.

  
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