**COMPLAINT** 

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For their complaint against Mindspeed Technologies, Inc. ("Mindspeed" or "Defendant"), Plaintiffs Microprocessor Enhancement Corporation and Michael H. Branigin (collectively "Plaintiffs") allege as follows:

### THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Microprocessor Enhancement Corporation ("MEC") is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 500 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660. MEC holds an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,471,593 ("the '593 patent" or "Patent-in-Suit"). MEC's exclusive license includes the rights to sublicense the '593 patent and to enforce the '593 patent against alleged infringers.
- 2. Plaintiff Michael H. Branigin is an individual residing at 151 Ivy Hills Rd., Southbury, Connecticut 06488. Mr. Branigin is the inventor, owner, and licensor of the '593 Patent.
- 3. Defendant Mindspeed is a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business located at 4000 MacArthur Blvd MS 10-006, Newport Beach, CA 92660-2558.

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

4. In this civil action, Plaintiffs seek damages and injunctive relief against Defendants for acts of patent infringement in violation of the Patent Act of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of such federal question claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 6. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b), in that the acts and transactions complained of herein were conceived, carried out, made effective, or had effect within the State of California and within this district, among other places. On information and belief, Defendant resides in this judicial district by virtue of its business activities in this district. Defendant is licensed to do business in California

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by the California Secretary of State. Defendant maintains a registered agent for service of process within this judicial district – namely, CT Corporation System, 818 West Seventh Street Los Angeles, California 90017.

7. On information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 8. On November 28, 1995, the United States Patent & Trademark Office duly and legally issued United States Letters Patent No. 5,471,593 ("the '593 Patent"), entitled "COMPUTER PROCESSOR WITH AN EFFICIENT MEANS OF EXECUTING MANY INSTRUCTIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY." A true and correct copy of the '593 Patent is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference.
- 9. The '593 Patent claims a pipelined processor as well as a method for executing instructions in a pipelined processor.
- 10. Defendant Mindspeed makes, uses, sells, and/or offers for sale in the United States certain IP processing devices, including Comcerto 100 Broadband Gateway Processors and Comcerto 300 Series Access Voice Processors ("Comcerto Processors"). Defendant Mindspeed is not licensed to practice the '593 Patent.

# FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,471,593

- 11. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-10 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 12. Plaintiff MEC is the owner by exclusive license of the entire right, title, and interest, including the right to enforce, in and to the '593 Patent.
- 13. Plaintiff Branigin is the inventor and exclusive licensor of the '593 Patent.
- 14. Mindspeed has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the '593 Patent by making, using, selling, or offering for sale in or importing into the United States Comcerto Processors, which embody or otherwise practice one or more

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of the claims of the '593 Patent.

- On information and belief, Mindspeed has indirectly infringed and 15. continues to indirectly infringe the '593 Patent by actively inducing direct infringement by other persons who operate and/or use the Comcerto Processors, or otherwise practice one or more of the claims of the '593 Patent with respect to the Comcerto Processors, when Mindspeed had knowledge of the '593 Patent and knew or should have known that its actions would induce direct infringement by others and intended that its actions would induce direct infringement by others.
- On information and belief, Mindspeed has indirectly infringed and 16. continues to indirectly infringe the '593 Patent by contributory infringement by providing non-staple articles of commerce to others for use in an infringing system or method with respect to the Comcerto Processors with knowledge of the '593 Patent and knowledge that these non-staple articles of commerce are used as a material part of the claimed inventions of the '593 Patent.
- 17. On information and belief, Mindspeed will continue to infringe the '593 Patent as alleged in this Complaint unless enjoined by this Court.
- As a direct and proximate result of Mindspeed's infringement of the '593 18. Patent, Plaintiffs have been and continue to be damaged in an amount yet to be determined.
- 19. Unless a preliminary and permanent injunction are issued enjoining Mindspeed and its respective officers, agents, servants, and employees, and all persons acting in concert with Mindspeed, from infringing the '593 Patent, Plaintiffs will be greatly and irreparably harmed.
- By reason of the above acts, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief 20. enjoining and restraining Mindspeed, and its respective officers, agents, servants, and employees, and all persons acting in concert with Mindspeed, from further infringement of the '593 Patent with respect to the Comcerto Processors.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

- 1. For a judicial determination and declaration that Defendant directly infringes United States Letters Patent No. 5,471,593 by making, using, offering to sell and/or selling the Comcerto Processors;
- 2. For a judicial determination and declaration that Defendant induces direct infringement of United States Letters Patent No. 5,471,593 with respect to the Comcerto Processors;
- 3. For a judicial determination and declaration that Defendant commits contributory infringement of United States Letters Patent No. 5,471,593 with respect to the Comcerto Processors;
- 4. For damages resulting from Defendant's past and present infringement of United States Letters Patent No. 5,471,593;
- 5. For injunctive relief preliminarily and permanently enjoining against further infringement of United States Letters Patent No. 5,471,593 by Defendant, its respective officers, directors, shareholders, agents, servants, employees, and all other entities and individuals acting in concert with the enjoined entities or on their behalf;
- 6. For a declaration that this is an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and for an award of attorneys' fees and costs in this action;
  - 7. For an assessment of prejudgment interest; and

For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper 8. under the circumstances. DATED: January 26, 2009 HENNIGAN BENNETT & DORMAN LLP Attorneys for Plaintiffs, MICROPROCESSOR ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION and MICHAEL H. **BRANIGIN** 

Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman llp Lawyers 

# **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as to all issues in this lawsuit.

DATED: January 26, 2009

HENNIGAN BENNETT & DORMAN LLP

Lawrence M. Hadley

Attorneys for Plaintiffs and Counterdefendants, MICROPROCESSOR ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION and MICHAEL H. BRANIGIN

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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865 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 2900 Los Angeles, CA 90017 Telephone: 213-694-1200 Attorneys for Plaintiffs and Counterdefendants Microprocessor Enhancement Corporation and Michael H. Branigan UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA MICROPROCESSOR ENHANCEMENT CASE NUMBER CORPORATION and MICHAEL H. BRANIGAN CV09-00603 PLAINTIFF(S) V. MINDSPEED TECHNOLOGIES, INC. **SUMMONS** DEFENDANT(S). TO:DEFENDANT(S): Mindspeed Technologies, Inc. A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 20 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached omplaint amended complaint counterclaim cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Lawrence M. Hadley, whose address is 865 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 2900 Los Angeles, CA 90017. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court. Clerk, U.S. District Court LA'REE.HORN Dated: JAN 27 2009 [Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

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