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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CV-N-03-0508-HDM-VPC

A Minnesota Corporation

Plaintiff,

v.

CARD AUSTRIA FORSCHUNGS UND ENTWICKLUNGS GmbH, d/b/a CARD CASINO AUSTRIA RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, GmbH; d/b/a CARD; and d/b/a CARD AUSTRIA, An Austrian Corporation JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Complaint for Patent Infringement

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Defendants.

For its complaint against Casinos Austria Forschungs and Entwicklungs GmbH, d/b/a Casinos Austria Research & Development,

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GmbH; d/b/a CARD; and also d/b/a CARD Austria ("CARD Austria"),
Shuffle Master, Inc. ("Shuffle Master") states as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This is an action for patent infringement pursuant to 1. 35 U.S.C. § 271 over which this Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). CARD Austria is liable for direct infringement; contributory infringement directly by and through its wholly owned affiliate CARD, LLC and inducing infringement directly and by and through its wholly-owned affiliate CARD, LLC of the following United States Patents: (a) U S. Patent No. 6,149,154, issued on Nov. 21, 2000, to Attila Grauzer, et al., (b) U.S. Patent 6,267,248, issued on July 31, 2001 to Rodney George Johnson and Mark William Piacun; c) U.S.Patent No. 6,139,014, issued on October 31, 2000 to John Breeding, et al., d) U.S. Patent No. 6,588,750 B1, issued on July 8, 2003 to Attila Grauzer, et al., and e) U.S. Patent No. 6,588,751 B1, also issued on July 8, 2003 to Attila Grauzer, et al. All five patents (collectively, the "Patents in Suit") have been assigned to Shuffle Master.
 - 2. CARD Austria is an Austrian company that manufactures, imports, uses, markets, sells and offers to sell both the infringing One2Six™ shuffler and "Pre-Shuffler" devices and methods in this judicial district through its own activities and through its exercise of control over CARD LLC, which it claims

is its exclusive distributor of these infringing products in the United States, CARD LLC. CARD LLC has filed a related declaratory judgment action against Shuffle Master in this judicial district, case no.CV-N-03-0244-ECR-(RAM), seeking, inter alia, a declaratory judgment that the One2SixTM shuffler does not infringe U.S. Patents Nos. 6,149,154 and 6,267,248, which are two of the Patents in Suit in this action.

- 3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over CARD Austria because CARD Austria directly and through its wholly owned and controlled affiliate CARD LLC has transacted business and committed acts of patent infringement within the State of Nevada that have injured and will continue to cause injury in Nevada to Shuffle Master. More particularly, CARD Austria is currently doing business in Nevada, importing into, using, marketing and offering to sell the infringing One2SixTM and "Pre-Shuffler" products in concert with its wholly owned and controlled affiliate CARD, LLC during the 2003 Global Gaming Expo, where CARD Austria and CARD, LLC jointly are displaying the One2SixTM shuffler and "Pre-Shuffler" and offering these infringing products and methods for sale and use in the United States.
- 4. Venue lies in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), both because acts giving rise to the claims outlined herein have occurred in this district and because CARD Austria may be found and served in this district.

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PARTIES AND FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- Shuffle Master is the owner of the entire right, title 5. and interest in United States Patent Nos. 6,149,154; 6,267,248; 6,139,014; 6,588,750 B1; and 6,588,751 B1.
- Shuffle Master is a corporation organized and existing 6. under the laws of the State of Minnesota, having a place of business at 1106 Palms Airport Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119-Shuffle Master markets and sells products that are 3731. covered by U.S. Patent Nos. 6,149,154; 6,267,248; 6,139,014; 6,588,750 B1; and 6,588,751 B1, including its ACE^{TM} and $KING^{TM}$ card shufflers.
- On information and belief, CARD Austria is an Austrian 7. company that designs and manufactures, offers to sell and sells gaming equipment, including the infringing $One2Six^{TM}$ and "Pre-Shuffler shufflers. In January, 2003, CARD Austria formed CARD, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company whose principal place of business is Reno, Nevada. On information and belief, CARD Austria owns or controls all of the membership interests in CARD, LLC and the managing director of CARD, LLC, Ernst Blaha, an Austrian citizen, is also an officer, director or managing director and/or agent of CARD Austria.
- On information and belief, CARD, LLC was formed 8. primarily for the purpose of appearing to act as CARD Austria's exclusive distributor for the $One2Six^{TM}$ shuffler and related

products, such as the "Pre-Shuffler," which CARD Austria describes as a product that incorporates the technology used in the One2SixTM device. On information and belief, CARD Austria and CARD, LLC together have arranged for importing One2SixTM and "Pre-Shuffler" products to the United States for submittal to various gaming industry regulatory authorities, testing laboratories and for use in trade shows such as the Global Gaming Expo in Nevada, at which these products and the methods employed by such products have been displayed, used and offered for sale, and will be displaying, using and offering such infringing products in the United States.

- 9. Prior to 2001, Shuffle Master and CARD Austria discussed the possibility of jointly developing shuffler products. In the context of those discussions, Shuffle Master showed its ACETM and other shuffler products and design information, including features and functions that are protected by one or more claims in the Patents in Suit, which features and functions are present in the One2SixTM and "Pre-Shuffler" devices subsequently developed by CARD Austria.
- 10. On information and belief, the first time the One2Six™ and "Pre-Shuffler" devices and methods were displayed and offered for sale in the United States was at the September 2003 Global Gaming Expo in Nevada.

Count I

Infringement Of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,154

- 11. Shuffle Master repeats and incorporates by reference all of its allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10 above.
- 12. CARD Austria has infringed and will continue to infringe, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), or (c), one or more of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,154, by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale One2Six™ shufflers and the "Pre-Shuffler" or related devices or methods.
- 13. Unless enjoined, CARD Austria will continue to infringe U.S. Patent No. 6,149,154 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale gaming devices using the invention claimed by U.S. Patent No. 6,149,154.
- 14. CARD Austria is infringing with knowledge (actual or constructive) of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,154.
- 15. CARD Austria's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,154 is and has been willful.
- 16. CARD Austria's infringement has injured Shuffle Master and, thus, Shuffle Master is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for CARD Austria's infringement.
- 17. Shuffle Master is entitled to injunctive and compensatory relief, including attorney's fees, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283-285.

COUNT II INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,267,248

- 18. Shuffle Master repeats and incorporates by reference all of its allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10 above.
- 19. CARD Austria has infringed, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), or (c), one or more claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,267,248 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale One2Six shufflers and "Pre-Shuffler" devices or related methods.
- 20. Unless enjoined, CARD Austria will continue to infringe U.S. Patent No. 6,267,248 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale gaming devices using the invention claimed by U.S. Patent No. 6,267,248.
- 21. CARD Austria is infringing with knowledge (actual or constructive) of U.S. Patent No. 6,267,248.
- 22. CARD Austria's infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,267,248 is and has been willful.
- 23. CARD Austria's infringement has injured Shuffle Master and, thus, Shuffle Master is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for CARD Austria's infringement.
- 24. Shuffle Master is entitled to injunctive and compensatory relief, including attorneys' fees, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283-285.

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COUNT III INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,138,014

- 25. Shuffle Master repeats and incorporates by reference all of its allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10 above.
- 26. CARD Austria has infringed, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), or (c), one or more claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,138,014 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale One2SixTM shufflers and "Pre-Shuffler" devices or related methods.
- 27. Unless enjoined, CARD Austria will continue to infringe the U.S. Patent No. 6,138,014 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale gaming devices using the invention claimed by U.S. Patent No. 6,138,014.
- 28. On information and belief, CARD Austria is infringing with knowledge (actual or constructive) of U.S. Patent No. 6,138,014.
- 29. On information and belief, CARD Austria's infringement of the U.S. Patent No. 6,138,014 is and has been willful.
- 30. CARD Austria's infringement has injured Shuffle Master and, thus, Shuffle Master is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate them for CARD Austria's infringement.

Attorneys at Law Suite 300 350 South Center Street Reno, Nevada 89501 (775) 329-0958 31. Shuffle Master is entitled to injunctive and compensatory relief, including attorneys' fees, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283-285.

COUNT IV INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,588,750 B1

- 32. Shuffle Master repeats and incorporates by reference all of its allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10 above.
- 33. CARD Austria has infringed, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), or (c), one or more claims of the U.S. Patent No. 6,255,750 B1 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale One2Six shufflers™ and "Pre-Shuffler" devices or related methods.
- 34. Unless enjoined, CARD Austria will continue to infringe the U.S. Patent No. 6,255,750 B1 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale gaming devices using the invention claimed by U.S. Patent No. 6,255,750 B1.
- 35. On information and belief, CARD Austria is infringing with knowledge (actual or constructive) of U.S. Patent No. 6,255,750 B1.
- 36. On information and belief, CARD Austria's infringement of the U.S. Patent No. 6,255,750 Bl is and has been willful.

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37. CARD Austria's infringement has injured Shuffle Master and, thus, Shuffle Master is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate them for CARD Austria's infringement.

38. Shuffle Master is entitled to injunctive and compensatory relief, including attorneys' fees, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283-285.

<u>COUNT V</u> <u>INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,588,751 B1</u>

- 39. Shuffle Master repeats and incorporates by reference all of its allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 10 above.
- 40. CARD Austria has infringed, under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), (b), or (c), one or more claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,588,751 B1 by making, importing, using, selling and/or offering for sale One2Six shufflers, CARD Pre-Shuffler or related methods.
- 41. On information and belief, CARD Austria is infringing with knowledge (actual or constructive) of U.S. Patent No. 6,588,751 B1.
- 42. On information and belief, CARD Austria's infringement of the U.S. Patent No. 6,588,751 Bl is and has been willful.
- 43. Unless enjoined, CARD Austria will continue to infringe U.S. Patent No. 6,588,751 B1 by making, using, selling and/or offering for sale gaming devices using the invention claimed by U.S. Patent No. 6,588,751 B1.

	44.	CARD	Austria'	s in	fring	gement	has	injur	ed	Shuffle	Master
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45. Shuffle Master is entitled to injunctive and compensatory relief, including attorneys' fees, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283-285.

JURY DEMAND

46. Trial by jury for all matters raised in the complaint is hereby demanded.

WHEREFORE

Shuffle Master prays for the entry of judgment as follows:

- a. declaring that CARD Austria has infringed the claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,149,154, 6,267,248, 6,138,014, 6,588,750 B1, and 6,588,751 B1;
- b. finding that CARD Austria's infringement has been willful;
- c. preliminarily and permanently enjoining CARD Austria from infringing U.S. Patent Nos. 6,149,154, 6,267,248, 6,138,014, 6,588,750 Bl, and 6,588,751 Bl, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 (a), (b) or (c);
 - d. awarding Shuffle Master its damages;
 - e. awarding Shuffle Master its costs and attorneys' fees; and

f. granting Shuffle Master such other and further relief as justice may require.

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