# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

PRAGMATUS AV, LLC,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
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V,	) C.A. No
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PANASONIC CORPORATION	)
OF NORTH AMERICA and	) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
PANASONIC CORPORATION	)
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Defendants	)

## **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Pragmatus AV, LLC ("Pragmatus"), on personal knowledge as to its own acts, and on information and belief as to all others based on its investigation, alleges as follows against Defendants Panasonic Corporation of North America and Panasonic Corporation:

### INTRODUCTION

- 1.) This action is brought by Pragmatus against Panasonic Corporation of North America and Panasonic Corporation (jointly, "Panasonic" or "the Defendants") for Defendant's infringement of Pragmatus's patents. In particular, Pragmatus seeks remedies for Defendant's infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,237,025 ("the '025 Patent"), 5,896,500 ("the '500 Patent"), and 6,212,547 ("the '547 Patent") (collectively, "the patents-in-suit").
- 2.) Each of the patents-in-suit is directed towards collaboration and video conferencing technology, including contact lists, video calling, video chat, text-based chat and other types of communications.

- 3.) Each of the patents-in-suit is critical to collaboration and video conferencing and has previously been licensed to major collaboration and video conference providers.
- 4.) For example, Polycom was granted a license to the patents-in-suit for a Twenty Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$27,500,000.00) payment and a broad cross license agreement as described in the Avistar 10K report attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 5.) Further, Tandberg was granted a license to the patents-in-suit for a Twelve Million Dollar (\$12,000,000.00) payment and a broad cross license agreement as described in the Avistar 10K report attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 6.) Each of the patents-in-suit has been subject to an extensive reexamination request in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 7.) The '025 and '500 Patent reexamination requests were denied by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 8.) The '547 Patent reexamination request was accepted and argued up through the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, resulting in claims 11-19 and 29-36 being allowed.

### **PARTIES**

- 9.) Plaintiff Pragmatus is incorporated under the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia and has its principal place of business at 601 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.
- 10.) Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Panasonic Corporation is a limited liability company/corporation incorporated under the laws of Japan with a principle place of business at 1006 Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan. Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America is a subsidiary of Defendant Panasonic Corporation. Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America is a Delaware limited liability company/corporation. Defendant

Panasonic Corporation of North America has a principal place of business at One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094. Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America may be served with process by serving its registered agent, Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington DE, 19801.

- 11.) Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Panasonic offers videoconferencing services and software to customers including its videoconference systems (e.g., the KX-VC600, KX-VC500, KX-VC300 systems, among others).
- 12.) Pragmatus is informed and believes that Defendant Panasonic designed, made or had made on its behalf, and placed infringing products and/or services into the stream of commerce with the reasonable expectation and/or knowledge that actual or potential ultimate purchasers and users for such products and/or services were located within this judicial district. Pragmatus is informed and believes that Panasonic sold, advertised, solicited customers, marketed and distributed its infringing products and/or services in this judicial district.

## **JURSIDICTION**

13.) This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and § 1338(a).

#### **VENUE**

- 14.) Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400 because Panasonic has committed acts of infringement in this district and/or is deemed to reside and are incorporated in this district and have purposely availed themselves of the privileges and benefits of the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 15.) This Court has personal jurisdiction over Panasonic because, among other things, Panasonic has committed, aided, abetted, contributed, to and/or participated in the commission of

acts giving rise to this action within this judicial district and has established minimum contacts within the forum such that the exercise of jurisdiction over Panasonic would not offend traditional notions of fair play and justice. Panasonic designed, made or had made on its behalf, and placed infringing products and/or services into the stream of commerce with the reasonable expectation and/or knowledge that actual or potential ultimate purchasers and users for such products and/or services were located within this judicial district. Panasonic sold, advertised, solicited customers, marketed and distributed its infringing products and/or services in this judicial district.

### THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

- 16.) Paragraphs 1-15 are reincorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 17.) On May 22, 2001, the '025 Patent, titled "Multimedia Collaboration System" was duly and lawfully issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '025 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 18.) Pragmatus holds all right, title and interest in and to the '025 Patent including the right to sue for and recover all damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.
- 19.) On April 20, 1999 the '500 Patent, titled "System for Call Request which Results in First and Second Call Handle Defining Call State Consisting of Active or Hold for its Respective AV Device" was duly and lawfully issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '500 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 20.) Pragmatus holds all right, title and interest in and to the '500 Patent including the right to sue for and recover all damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.

- 21.) On April 3, 2001 the '547 Patent, titled "UTP Based Video and Data Conferencing" was duly and lawfully issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

  A true and correct copy of the '547 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 22.) Pragmatus holds all right, title and interest in and to the '547 Patent including the right to sue for and recover all damages for infringement thereof, including past infringement.

## COUNT I (Infringement of United States Patent No. 6,237,025)

- 23.) Paragraphs 1-22 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 24.) Panasonic has and continues to infringe directly one or more claims of the '025 Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or practicing the inventions covered by at least claim 33 of the '025 Patent, including at least by providing video conference services and products.
- Patent by inducing others to infringe and/or contributing to the infringement by others of at least claim 33 of the '025 Patent, including at least users of Panasonic video conference services and products. Panasonic has notice and knowledge of its infringement at least via a notice letter sent by Pragmatus, dated October 31, 2011. Panasonic's infringement is continuing. See, e.g., http://panasonic.com/
- 26.) As a result of Panasonic's acts of infringement, Pragmatus has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in an amount to be proved at trial.

# COUNT II (Infringement of United States Patent No. 5,896,500)

- 27.) Paragraphs 1-22 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 28.) Panasonic has and continues to infringe directly one or more claims of the '500

Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or practicing the inventions covered by at least claim 11 of the '500 Patent, including at least by providing video conference services and products.

- 29.) Panasonic has and continues to infringe indirectly one or more claims of the '500 Patent by inducing others to infringe and/or contributing to the infringement by others of at least claim 11 of the '500 Patent, including at least users of Panasonic video conference services and products. Panasonic has notice and knowledge of its infringement at least via a notice letter sent by Pragmatus, dated October 31, 2011. Panasonic's infringement is continuing. See, e.g., <a href="http://panasonic.com/">http://panasonic.com/</a>
- 30.) As a result of Panasonic's acts of infringement, Pragmatus has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in an amount to be proved at trial.

# COUNT III (Infringement of United States Patent No. 6,212,547)

- 31.) Paragraphs 1-22 are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.
- 32.) Panasonic has and continues to infringe directly one or more claims of the '547 Patent by making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or practicing the inventions covered by at least claim 29 of the '547 Patent, including at least by providing video conference services and products.
- Patent by inducing others to infringe and/or contributing to the infringement by others of at least claim 29 of the '547 Patent, including at least users of Panasonic video conference services and products. Panasonic has notice and knowledge of its infringement at least via a notice letter sent by Pragmatus, dated October 31, 2011. Panasonic's infringement is continuing. See, e.g., http://panasonic.com/

34.) As a result of Panasonic's acts of infringement, Pragmatus has suffered and will continue to suffer damages in an amount to be proved at trial.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pragmatus hereby demands trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 38(b).

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Pragmatus respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendant Panasonic as follows:

- a. for judgment that Panasonic has infringed one or more claims of United States Patent Nos. 6,237,025; 5,896,500; and 6,212,547;
- b. that United States Patent Nos. 6,237,025, 5,896,500, and 6,212,547 are valid and enforceable;
- c. for damages to be paid by Panasonic adequate to compensate Pragmatus for their past infringement and any continuing or future infringement up until the date such judgment is entered, including interest, costs and disbursements as justified under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- d. that this is an exceptional case and awarding Pragmatus its reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
  - e. for such further relief at law or equity as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: November 3, 2011

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