

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
MIAMI DIVISION**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVALSTAR S.A. and MELVINO  
TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

SOCIETE AIR FRANCE,

Defendant.

\_\_\_\_\_ /

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiffs, ArrivalStar S.A. and Melvino Technologies Limited (collectively “Plaintiffs”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby sue SOCIETE AIR FRANCE (“AF”), for patent infringement, and in support, allege as follows:

**NATURE OF THE LAWSUIT**

1. This is an action for patent infringement of United States Patent Numbers: 6,714,859; 6,952,645; 7,030,781; 7,400,970; 6,904,359; and, 6,486,801 arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331; 28 U.S.C. § 1338; and 35 U.S.C. § 271.

3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over AF pursuant to, *inter alia*, Florida’s long-arm statute, § 48.193, in that AF: (a) operates, conducts, engages in, and/or carries on a business or business adventure(s) in Florida and/or has an office or agency in Florida; (b) has

committed one or more tortious acts within Florida; (c) was and/or is engaged in substantial and not isolated activity within Florida; and/or (d) has purposely availed itself of Florida's laws, services and/or other benefits and therefore should reasonably anticipate being hailed into one or more of the courts within the State of Florida.

4. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 and 28 U.S.C. § 1400.

#### **THE PLAINTIFFS**

5. ArrivalStar S.A. is a corporation organized under the laws of Luxembourg, having offices located at 67 Rue Michel, Welter L-2730, Luxembourg. ArrivalStar is the authorized licensee of the patents alleged as being infringed in this lawsuit, with the right to sub-license the patents at issue.

6. Melvino Technologies Limited is a corporation organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands of Tortola, having offices located at P.O. Box 3174, Palm Chambers, 197 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Melvino owns all rights, title and interests in the patents alleged as being infringed in this lawsuit.

#### **THE DEFENDANT**

7. Defendant AF is a French corporation, having its headquarters in Roissy, France and its principal place of business in Paris, France. AF transacts business and has, at a minimum, offered to provide and/or has provided to customers within this Judicial District and throughout the State of Florida services and/or products that infringe claims of the '359, '801, '859, '645, '781 and '970 patents. AF flies flights in and out of Florida daily, including, but not limited to, going to and from Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Miami. AF also has operations in various cities in the U.S.A. including Miami, Florida. AF has in the past and continues to engage in substantial, continuous, systematic and not isolated business activity on a continuous and

systematic basis in the State of Florida and within this Judicial District, including operating daily flights into and out of Miami and Fort Lauderdale International Airports. For all of these reasons, this Court has personal jurisdiction over AF.

**THE PLAINTIFFS' PATENTS**

8. Plaintiffs own all right, title and interest in, and/or have standing to sue for infringement of United States Patent Number 6,714,859 (“the ‘859 patent”), entitled “System and Method for an Advance Notification System for Monitoring and Reporting Proximity of a Vehicle”, issued March 30, 2004. A copy of the ‘859 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

9. Plaintiffs own all right, title and interest in, and/or have standing to sue for infringement of United States Patent Number 6,952,645 (“the ‘645 patent”), entitled “System and Method for Activation of an Advance Notification System for Monitoring and Reporting Status of Vehicle Travel”, issued October 4, 2005. A copy of the ‘645 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

10. Plaintiffs own all right, title and interest in, and/or have standing to sue for infringement of United States Patent Number 7,030,781 (“the ‘781 patent”), entitled “Notification System and Method that Informs a Party of Vehicle Delay”, issued April 18, 2006. A copy of the ‘781 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

11. Plaintiffs own all right, title and interest in, and/or have standing to sue for infringement of United States Patent Number 7,400,970 (“the ‘970 patent”), entitled “System and Method for an Advance Notification System for Monitoring and Reporting Proximity of a Vehicle”, issued July 15, 2008. A copy of the ‘970 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

12. Plaintiffs own all right, title and interest in, and/or have standing to sue for infringement of United States Patent Number 6,904,359 (“the ‘359 patent”), entitled

“Notification System and Methods with User-Defineable Notifications Based Upon Occurrence of Events”, issued June 7, 2005. A copy of the ‘359 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

13. Plaintiffs own all right, title and interest in, and/or have standing to sue for infringement of United States Patent Number 6,486,801 (“the ‘801 patent”), entitled “Base Station Apparatus and Method for Monitoring Travel of a Mobile Vehicle”, issued November 26, 2002. A copy of the ‘801 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit 6.

14. The ‘359 patent referenced in Paragraph 12 above was the subject of an Inter Partes reexamination at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A Reexamination Certificate was issued on May 25, 2010 and is attached hereto as Exhibit 7.

**COUNT I**  
**DIRECT PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

15. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate Paragraphs 1 through 14 set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

16. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), AF has directly infringed claims of the ‘359, ‘801, ‘859, ‘645, ‘781 and ‘970 patents through, among other activities, the commercial manufacture, sale, offer for sale, and/or use of its “Flight Status” and “Air France Connect” (which provide real-time information on Air France flights, including arrival and departure times, through SMS text messages, emails and automated telephone calls ) functions, applications, solutions, devices, programs, products, services, methods and/or systems which utilize tracking and messaging technologies that are protected within the ‘359, ‘801, ‘859, ‘645, ‘781 and ‘970 patents, as every claim limitation, or its equivalent, is found in these functions, applications, solutions, devices, programs, products, services, methods and/or systems.

17. AF’s direct infringement has injured and will continue to injure Plaintiffs unless and until a monetary judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiffs and/or the Court enters an

injunction prohibiting further infringement and, specifically, enjoining further use of methods and systems that come within the scope of the '359, '801, '859, '645, '781 and '970 patents.

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully ask this Court to enter judgment against AF and its subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees and all persons in active concert or participation with AF, granting the following relief:

A. An award of damages against AF adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for the infringement that has occurred with respect to AF, together with prejudgment interest from the date that AF's infringement of the patents at issue began;

B. Increased damages as permitted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

C. A finding that this case is exceptional and award to Plaintiffs their attorneys' fees and costs as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 285;

D. A permanent injunction against AF prohibiting further infringement of the patents at issue; and,

E. All other relief as the Court or a jury may deem proper and just in this instance.

**COUNT II**  
**INDIRECT PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

18. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate Paragraphs 1 through 17 set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

19. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(b) and (c), AF has indirectly infringed claims of the '359, '801, '859, '645, '781 and '970 patents through, among other activities, the commercial manufacture, sale, offer for sale and/or use of its "Flight Status" and "Air France Connect" (which provide real-time information on Air France flights, including arrival and departure times, through SMS text messages, emails and automated telephone calls) functions,

applications, solutions, devices, programs, products, services, methods and/or systems which utilize tracking and messaging technologies that are protected within the '359, '801, '859, '645, '781 and '970 patents, as AF actively and intentionally induced infringement with knowledge that the induced acts constituted infringement, or acted with willful blindness; and/or contributed to infringement by one or more third parties as AF had knowledge, rather than intent, that its activity caused such infringement.

20. AF's contributory infringement and/or inducement to infringe has injured and will continue to injure Plaintiffs unless and until a monetary judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiffs and/or the Court enters an injunction prohibiting further infringement and, specifically, enjoining further use of methods and systems that come within the scope of the '359, '801, '859, '645, '781 and '970 patents.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully ask this Court to enter judgment against AF and its subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees and all persons in active concert or participation with AF granting the following relief:

- A. An award of damages against AF adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for the infringement that has occurred with respect to AF, together with prejudgment interest from the date that AF's infringement of the patents at issue began;
- B. Increased damages as permitted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- C. A finding that this case is exceptional and award to Plaintiffs their attorneys' fees and costs as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- D. A permanent injunction against AF prohibiting further infringement of the patents at issue; and,

E. All other relief as the Court or a jury may deem proper and just in this instance.

**JURY DEMAND**

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: February 29, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William R. McMahon  
William R. McMahon, Esquire  
Florida Bar Number: 39044  
McMahon Law Firm, LLC  
11435 West Palmetto Park Road  
Suite E  
Boca Raton, Florida 33428  
Telephone: 561-218-4300  
Facsimile: 561-807-5900  
Email: bill@mlflc.com

**Counsel for Plaintiffs**