

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

BEACON NAVIGATION GMBH,

Plaintiff,

v.

GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Beacon Navigation GmbH (“Beacon” or “Plaintiff”), for its Complaint against Defendant General Motors Company (“GM”) states and alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Beacon is a Swiss company with limited liability with a principal place of business in Switzerland.
2. Upon information and belief, Defendant General Motors Company is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48265.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, including 35 U.S.C. § 271. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
4. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c), 1391(d) and/or 1400(b) because (1) a substantial part of the events giving rise to Beacon’s claims occurred in the District of Delaware, (2) because each of the Defendants is either resident in or

otherwise subject to personal jurisdiction in the District of Delaware, or is an alien, or (3) each of the Defendants has committed acts of infringement in and has a regular and established place of business in the District of Delaware.

BACKGROUND

5. Beacon owns all right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,360,167 (the “’167 patent”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,878,368 (the “’368 patent”) (collectively, the “patents-in-suit”).

6. The ’167 patent, entitled “Vehicle Navigation System With Location-Based Multi-Media Annotation,” was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 19, 2002, after full and fair examination. A copy of the ’167 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. The ’368 patent, entitled “Navigation System with User Definable Cost Values,” was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 2, 1999, after full and fair examination. A copy of the ’368 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

8. GM manufactures, sells and distributes vehicles with navigation systems, including but not limited to the Chevrolet Equinox.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF THE ’167 PATENT

9. Beacon incorporates each of the preceding paragraphs 1-8 as if fully set forth herein.

10. GM has been and is infringing literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, directly, contributorily, or by inducement, at least claims 1 and 32 of the ’167 patent.

11. GM directly infringes, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), by making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing in or into the United States, without authority,

products that practice the '167 patent, including but not limited to the Chevrolet Equinox.

12. Upon information and belief, GM had knowledge of the '167 patent based on a letter sent to it on September 28, 2011.

13. Upon information and belief, GM has contributed to direct infringement of the '167 patent by others (e.g., consumers), in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), because the GPS navigation systems in its products, including but not limited to the Chevrolet Equinox, are specially adapted for an infringing use of the '167 patent, embody a material part of the inventions claimed in the '167 patent, and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.

14. Upon information and belief, GM actively induces others (e.g., consumers) to directly infringe the '167 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c), by providing products with GPS navigation systems, including but not limited to the Chevrolet Equinox, along with instructions, user manuals, or technical assistance actively directing, encouraging, or assisting infringement of the '167 patent, and/or by providing a system where one of the core and common features leads to third party infringement of the '167 patent.

15. Upon information and belief, GM had knowledge of the '167 patent based on a letter sent to it on September 28, 2011 but has engaged in infringing conduct nonetheless. GM's infringement is willful.

16. Beacon has no adequate remedy at law against these acts of patent infringement. Unless GM is permanently enjoined from further infringement of the '167 patent, Beacon will suffer irreparable harm.

17. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of patent infringement by GM, Beacon has been damaged in an amount not presently known.

18. Beacon has incurred and will incur attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the prosecution of this action. The circumstances of this dispute create an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, and Beacon is entitled to recover its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses.

COUNT II

INFRINGEMENT OF THE '368 PATENT

19. Beacon incorporates each of the preceding paragraphs 1-8 as if fully set forth herein.

20. GM has been and is infringing literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, directly, contributorily, or by inducement, at least claims 1 and 15 of the '368 patent.

21. GM directly infringes, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), by making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing in or into the United States, without authority, products that practice the '368 patent, including but not limited to the Chevrolet Equinox.

22. Upon information and belief, GM had knowledge of the '368 patent based on a letter sent to it on September 28, 2011.

23. Upon information and belief, GM has contributed to direct infringement of the '368 patent by others (e.g., consumers), in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), because the GPS navigation systems in its products, including but not limited to the Chevrolet Equinox, are specially adapted for an infringing use of the '368 patent, embody a material part of the inventions claimed in the '368 patent, and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.

24. Upon information and belief, GM actively induces others (e.g., consumers) to directly infringe the '368 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c), by providing products with

GPS navigation systems, including but not limited to the Chevrolet Equinox, along with instructions, user manuals, or technical assistance actively directing, encouraging, or assisting infringement of the '368 patent, and/or by providing a system where one of the core and common features leads to third party infringement of the '368 patent.

25. Upon information and belief, GM had knowledge of the '368 patent based on a letter sent to it on September 28, 2011 but has engaged in infringing conduct nonetheless. GM's infringement is willful.

26. Beacon has no adequate remedy at law against these acts of patent infringement. Unless GM is permanently enjoined from further infringement of the '368 patent, Beacon will suffer irreparable harm.

27. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of patent infringement by GM, Beacon has been damaged in an amount not presently known.

28. Beacon has incurred and will incur attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the prosecution of this action. The circumstances of this dispute create an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, and Beacon is entitled to recover its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Beacon requests that judgment be entered in its favor and against GM, and that the Court award the following relief to Beacon:

- (a) damages in an amount adequate to compensate Beacon for infringement of the patents-in-suit, and in no event less than a reasonable royalty;
- (b) increased damages in an amount three times the damages found by the jury or assessed by the Court for the willful infringement of the patents-in-suit pursuant

to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

- (c) expenses, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- (d) a preliminary and, thereafter, a permanent injunction against GM, its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice thereof;
- (e) prejudgment and post-judgment interest on all damages; and
- (f) such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

In accordance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 38 and 39, Beacon asserts its rights under the Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution and demands a trial by jury on all issues triable by a jury.

Dated: October 11, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT
& TAYLOR, LLP

/s/ Elena C. Norman

Elena C. Norman (No. 4780)
Monté T. Squire (No. 4764)
James L. Higgins (No. 5021)
1000 West Street, 17th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801
Telephone: (302) 571-6600
enorman@ycst.com

Of Counsel

Robert E. Freitas
Kevin C. Jones
Michael C. Ting
FREITAS TSENG BAIK & KAUFMAN LLP
100 Marine Parkway, Suite 200
Redwood Shores, CA 94065
Telephone: (650) 593-6300
Facsimile: (650) 593-6301

Attorneys for Plaintiff

BEACON NAVIGATION GMBH