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**RUCKUS WIRELESS, INC.**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

RUCKUS WIRELESS, INC., a Delaware corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

HARRIS CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,

Defendant.

CASE NO. CV-11-1944-LHK

**AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR  
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF  
PATENT INVALIDITY, NON-  
INFRINGEMENT, AND  
UNENFORCEABILITY**

**REQUEST FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

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2 1. Plaintiff Ruckus Wireless, Inc. (“Ruckus”) brings this Complaint against Harris  
3 Corporation (“Harris”) seeking declaratory and injunctive relief for Defendant’s anticompetitive,  
4 predatory, and exclusionary conduct.

5 2. Harris is engaged in a consciously-developed scheme to illicitly monopolize the Smart  
6 Wi-Fi Technology marketplace through the attempted enforcement of expired and unenforceable  
7 patents.

8 3. Notwithstanding said unenforceability, Harris is asserting said patents against third-  
9 parties such as Ruckus. Harris is asserting these patents notwithstanding their knowledge that said  
10 patents are expired and unenforceable.

11 4. These illegal, anticompetitive, predatory, and exclusionary acts threaten to eliminate  
12 competition in Smart Wi-Fi Technology marketplace whereby Harris would ultimately obtain a  
13 monopoly market share through elimination of competitors, including Ruckus.

14 5. Said litigation threatens to cause Ruckus to lose existing and prospective customers. Said  
15 illicit litigation will, further, cause Ruckus to expend significant resources in an attempt to correct the  
16 pervasive misconceptions caused by Harris’ illicit behavior. Said litigation also gives possible rise to  
17 violations of the antitrust laws of the United States.

18 6. Ruckus brings this action for relief from the harm that Defendant’s illegal scheme has  
19 and continues to cause. Ruckus brings this action for a declaratory judgment that the patent-in-suit is  
20 unenforceable.

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22 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

23 7. This is a complaint for declaratory relief under the declaratory judgment laws of the  
24 United States, Title 28 of the United States Code §§ 2201 and 2202.

25 8. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C.  
26 §§ 1331, 1338(a), 2201, and 2202.



**FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

**Harris Approaches Ruckus Concerning the ‘515 Patent**

17. At some point after February 7, 2011, Ruckus and Harris began discussions concerning Harris’ belief that Ruckus was infringing one or more claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,504,515 (the ‘515 Patent). Harris first identified the ‘515 Patent as purportedly being violated by Ruckus at some point after February 7, 2011. A true and correct copy of the ‘515 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

18. Prior to February 7, 2011 and its discussions with Harris, Ruckus was not aware of the ‘515 Patent.

19. Ruckus is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Harris, prior to February 7, 2011, did not mark any product with the ‘515 Patent in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 287(a).

20. Ruckus was not on notice as to the ‘515 Patent until after February 7, 2011.

**Harris Intentionally Allows the ‘515 Patent to Expire**

21. The ‘515 Patent issued on January 7, 2003.

22. Under the United States patent laws, specifically 35 U.S.C. § 41(b)(1), a maintenance fee is due 7 years and six months after the grant of a patent.

23. This maintenance fee for the ‘515 Patent came due on July 7, 2010.

24. Harris did not pay this maintenance fee on or before July 7, 2010.

25. Section 41(b) of Title 35 also provides that “[u]nless payment of the applicable maintenance fee is received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on or before the date the fee is due or within a grace period of 6 months thereafter, the patent will expire as of the end of such grace period.”

26. The aforementioned maintenance fee, with a six month grace period, would have come due on January 7, 2011.

27. The aforementioned maintenance fee was not received by the Patent Office within the six month grace period that expired on January 7, 2011.

28. The ‘515 Patent expired on January 7, 2011.

1           29. Harris was aware of the expiration of the ‘515 Patent no later than February 7, 2011, as a  
2 result of the United States Patent and Trademark Office issuing a *Notice of Patent Expiration* to Harris’  
3 attorney of record for the ‘515 Patent. A true and correct copy of the *Notice of Patent Expiration* for the  
4 ‘515 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B. At the time the present action was filed, the ‘515 Patent was  
5 still expired.

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7           **Harris Commences The Florida Action *After* Expiration of the ‘515 Patent and Notice**

8           30. On April 15, 2011, Harris filed suit against Ruckus in the United States District Court for  
9 the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division (the “Florida Action”). The Florida Action is captioned  
10 *Harris Corporation v. Ruckus Wireless, Inc.* (6:11-cv-618-ORL-18-KRS). The Florida Action alleges  
11 that Ruckus “has infringed and is still infringing” the ‘515 Patent.

12           31. Notwithstanding being affirmatively on notice as to the expiration of the ‘515 Patent on  
13 February 7, 2011, Harris first informed Ruckus of its alleged infringement of the ‘515 Patent on a date  
14 after February 7, 2011.

15           32. Notwithstanding being affirmatively on notice as to the expiration of the ‘515 Patent on  
16 February 7, 2011, Harris filed the Florida Action on April 15, 2011, a full three months after the ‘515  
17 Patent expired and a full two months after being placed on actual notice that the ‘515 Patent had expired.

18           33. 35 U.S.C. § 287 provides that “no damages shall be recovered by the patentee in any  
19 action for infringement, except on proof that the infringer was notified of the infringement and  
20 continued to infringe thereafter, in which event damages may be recovered only for infringement  
21 occurring after such notice.”

22           34. Ruckus was not constructively aware of the ‘515 Patent prior to the Florida Action  
23 because Harris does not mark any product in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 287(a).

24           35. Ruckus was not actually aware of the ‘515 Patent. Ruckus cannot be liable for damages  
25 on the ‘515 Patent until having been placed on notice.

26           36. Ruckus was placed on notice after the ‘515 Patent expired. Ruckus cannot be liable for  
27 damages.

1           37.     Notwithstanding the fact that Ruckus is not and cannot be liable for damages, Harris filed  
2 the Florida Action.

3           38.     Notwithstanding the fact that Harris lacked standing to enforce the '515 Patent at the time  
4 it filed the Florida Action, Harris later filed an Amended Complaint in that action on May 23, 2011. The  
5 Amended Complaint still seeks enforcement of the '515 Patent notwithstanding the lack of standing at  
6 the time the Florida Action was originally filed.

7           39.     In the Amended Complaint filed in the Florida Action, Harris now asserts claims against  
8 Ruckus for infringement of a second patent -- United States Patent No. 7,916,684 ("the '684 Patent") --  
9 in addition to the '515 Patent. A true and correct copy of the '684 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

10          40.     Because Harris lacked standing to enforce the '515 Patent at the time it filed the Florida  
11 Action, Harris's Amended Complaint in the Florida Action is a nullity and cannot cure the defect in  
12 Harris's standing in the Florida Action. Ruckus, therefore, cannot be liable for damages for alleged  
13 infringement of either the '515 or '684 Patents in the Florida Action. Ruckus has moved to dismiss the  
14 Florida Action due to Harris's lack of standing.

15          41.     In the Florida Action, Harris failed to allege in its Amended Complaint that it marked any  
16 product with the '515 Patent, or that it provided actual notice of alleged infringement to Ruckus prior to  
17 the '515 Patent's expiration. Thus, Harris failed to allege compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287, despite  
18 having actual knowledge of its failure to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 287 by virtue of Ruckus's original  
19 Complaint filed in this Action on April 21, 2011.

20          42.     Harris' actions in seeking to enforce the '515 and '684 Patents, specifically the filing of  
21 the original and amended complaints in the Florida Action, are objectively baseless as there can be no  
22 success on the merits.

23          43.     Ruckus has been specifically injured by Harris' anticompetitive conduct and enforcement  
24 strategy through at least the need to defend against illicit claims asserted in the Florida Action.

**COUNT I**

**DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF UNENFORCEABILITY OF THE ‘515 PATENT**

44. Ruckus incorporates the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs as if specifically set forth herein.

45. Harris’ action concerning allegations of infringement of the ‘515 Patent and the filing of the Florida Action give rise to a substantial controversy between Ruckus and Harris.

46. The ‘515 Patent is unenforceable against Ruckus with respect to current and future conduct, including but not limited to activity after February 7, 2011, because the ‘515 Patent is expired.

47. The ‘515 Patent is unenforceable against Ruckus with respect to conduct by Ruckus prior to February 7, 2011, because Ruckus was not on notice as to the ‘515 Patent—either actually or constructively—prior to that date.

48. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Harris brought the Florida Action.

49. An actual and justiciable controversy therefore exists between Harris and Ruckus with respect to Harris’ anticompetitive, predatory, and exclusionary conduct in enforcing the expired and unenforceable ‘515 Patent.

**COUNT II**

**DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THE ‘684 PATENT**

50. Ruckus incorporates the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs as if specifically set forth herein.

51. Harris has expressly charged Ruckus with infringement of the ‘684 Patent.

52. Ruckus has not infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, nor jointly infringed, nor contributed to infringement by others, nor actively induced others to infringe, any claim of the ‘684 patent.

53. An actual controversy, within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 1338, 2201, and 2202, exists between Ruckus on the one hand, and Harris, on the other hand, regarding the non-infringement of the asserted claims of the ‘684 Patent.

1 54. Ruckus is entitled to judgment declaring that it has not infringed, nor contributed to  
2 infringement by others, nor actively induced others to infringe, any claim of the '684 Patent.

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4 **COUNT III**

5 **DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF INVALIDITY OF THE '684 PATENT**

6 55. Ruckus incorporates the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs as if specifically set forth  
7 herein.

8 56. Harris has expressly charged Ruckus with infringement of the '684 Patent.

9 57. The claims of the '684 Patent are invalid for one or more of the following reasons: the  
10 alleged invention(s) of the '684 Patent are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and/or 103; the  
11 specification of the '684 Patent, including the claims, fails to meet one or more requirements of 35  
12 U.S.C. § 112; and/or the '684 Patent does not otherwise meet one or more requirements of Part II of  
13 Title 35 of the United States Code. The claims of the '684 Patent are, for example, anticipates and/or  
14 obvious in light of at least U.S. patent number 7,164,667.

15 58. An actual controversy, within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 1338, 2201, and 2202, exists  
16 between Ruckus on the one hand, and Harris, on the other hand, regarding the invalidity of the asserted  
17 claims of the '684 Patent.

18 59. Ruckus is entitled to judgment declaring that the claims of the '684 Patent are invalid.  
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**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE Ruckus requests the following relief:.

A. That Judgment be entered in favor of Ruckus and against Harris on Count I, specifically that the ‘515 Patent be found unenforceable;

B. That Judgment be entered in favor of Ruckus and against Harris on Count II, specifically Ruckus has not infringed the ‘684 Patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, nor jointly/contributorily, nor actively induced others to infringe any claim of the ‘684 Patent.

C. That Judgment be entered in favor of Ruckus and against Harris on Count III, declaring that the asserted claims of the ‘684 Patent are invalid;

D. Preliminary and permanent relief enjoining Harris, its officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice by personal service or otherwise, from asserting or threatening to assert against Ruckus or any parent subsidiary, affiliate, supplier, distributor, customer or potential customer of Ruckus, or any users of Ruckus’s products or services, any charge of infringement of the ‘515 or ‘684 Patents;

E. That Harris account for damages sustained by Ruckus as a result of defending against the attempted enforcement of patents that are either unenforceable, invalid and/or not infringed, specifically the ‘515 and ‘684 Patents.;

F. That Ruckus be awarded its costs and reasonable attorneys’ fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

G. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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