Case 2:12-cv-00523-SJO-MRW Document 1 Filed 01/19/12 Page 1 of 11 Page ID #:4 FILED ALEXANDER G. CALFO (SBN 152891) ACalfo@yukelaw.com 2012 JAN 19 PM 4: 15 KELLEY'S. OLAH (SBN 245180) KOlah@yukelaw.com CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DIST. OF CALIF. LOS ANGELES SARAH E. JOHNSTON (SBN 259504) SJohnston@yukelaw.com YUKEVICH ČALFO & CAVANAUGH 355 S. Grand Avenue, 15th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071-1560 Telephone: (213) 362-7777 Facsimile: (213) 362-7788 CRAIG L. WEINSTOCK (Pro hac vice forthcoming) CWeinstock@lockelord.com NATHAN DUNN (*Pro hac vice forthcoming*) NDunn@lockelord.com LOCKE LORD LLP 2800 JPMorgan Chase Tower 600 Travis Houston, TX 77002 Telephone: (713) 226-1200 11 12 Attorneys for Plaintiffs COOPER LIGHTING, LLC 13 14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 15 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION 16 17 COOPER LIGHTING, LLC, 18 Plaintiffs, COOPER LIGHTING, LLC'S COMPLAINT FOR PÁTÉNT 19 INFRINGEMENT VS. 20 ELITE LIGHTING, JURY TRIAL DEMANDED 21 Defendant. 22 23 24 25 COOPER LIGHTING'S COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT 26 Plaintiffs Cooper Lighting, LLC (hereinafter "Cooper Lighting"), for its 27

Complaint against defendant Elite Lighting (hereinafter "Elite Lighting") alleges as follows:

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#### THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Cooper Lighting is a Delaware limited liability corporation with a principal place of business at 1121 Highway 74 South, Peachtree City, Georgia. Cooper Lighting is a leading provider of innovative, high-quality lighting fixtures and related products to worldwide commercial, industrial, residential and utility markets.
- 2. Defendant Elite Lighting is a California corporation having a principal place of business at 1530 Church Rd, Montebello, CA 90640. Elite Lighting's agent for service of process is Babak Rashididoust, 139 N Clark Dr, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332 and 1338.
- 4. Defendant Elite Lighting is conducting business on a systematic and continuous basis within the United States, including within the state of California and in this judicial district.
- 5. Defendant Elite Lighting makes, imports, uses, offers to sell, and/or sells within the United States products including products which infringe the patent at issue in this action. Elite Lighting's products are targeted to customers into the state of California and this judicial district.
- 6. Defendant Elite Lighting is subject to personal jurisdiction in this judicial district because it has established minimum contacts with the forum, such that the exercise of jurisdiction would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice and has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district.
- 7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 1400(b).

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#### **COUNT ONE**

#### Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,735,795

- 8. Each of the foregoing paragraphs is incorporated by reference.
- 9. Cooper Lighting is the assignee and owner of all right, title, and interest in United States Patent No. 7,735,795 entitled "Hangar Bar for Recessed Luminaries with Integral Nail" ("the '795 Patent"). The '795 Patent was duly and legally issued on June 15, 2010, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '795 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 10. Defendant Elite Lighting has been and is now infringing, actively inducing infringement, and/or is liable for contributory infringement of the '795 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.
- 11. The infringing products, include, for example, Elite Lighting's EZ6IC-AT 6 inch Universal IC Housing, LD6IC-AT 6 inch Universal IC Housing, the B6PLIC-26-E-AT-W housing as well as other lighting housings that incorporate an integrated nail to facilitate installation, which are used to practice the claims of the '795 Patent. The products are known by defendant Elite Lighting to be especially made or adapted for use in an infringement of the '795 Patent, and are not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses.
- 12. Defendant Elite Lighting's past and continued acts of infringement of the '795 Patent have injured Cooper Lighting and thus Cooper Lighting is entitled to recover compensatory damages for the infringement in an amount subject to proof at trial.
- 13. Defendant Elite Lighting's infringement of Cooper Lighting's exclusive rights under the '795 Patent will continue to damage Cooper Lighting's business, causing irreparable injury to Cooper Lighting, for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless Elite Lighting is enjoined by this Court from further infringement.
  - 14. At all times relevant to this action, Cooper Lighting has complied with

35 U.S.C. § 287 with respect to the '795 Patent.

15. Elite Lighting has had actual knowledge of the '795 Patent and its infringement is willful and deliberate, entitling Cooper Lighting to enhanced damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorney's fees and costs incurred prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285. The factual allegations in this paragraph will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

#### **COUNT TWO**

#### Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 7,959,332

- 16. Each of the foregoing paragraphs is incorporated by reference.
- 17. Cooper Lighting is the assignee and owner of all right, title, and interest in United States Patent No. 7,959,332 entitled "Lighting Emitting Diode Recessed Light Fixture" ("the '332 Patent"). The '332 Patent was duly and legally issued on June 14, 2011, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '332 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 18. Defendant Elite Lighting has been and is now infringing, actively inducing infringement, and/or is liable for contributory infringement of the '332 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.
- 19. The infringing products, include, for example, Elite Lighting's RL-6-16W-12V-DIM-FL-30K, RL430-10W-120V-DIM-FL-27K-W-WH, RL530-12W-120V-DIM-FL-30K-W-WH, RL630-14W-120V-DIM-FL-30K-W-WH, and other products that incorporate the similar green circular plate above the heat sink, which are used to practice the claims of the '332 Patent. These products are known by defendant Elite Lighting to be especially made or adapted for use in an infringement of the '332 Patent, and are not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses.
- 20. Defendant Elite Lighting's past and continued acts of infringement of the '332 Patent have injured Cooper Lighting and thus Cooper Lighting is entitled to

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- 21. Defendant Elite Lighting's infringement of Cooper Lighting's exclusive rights under the '332 Patent will continue to damage Cooper Lighting's business, causing irreparable injury to Cooper Lighting, for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless Elite Lighting is enjoined by this Court from further infringement.
- 22. At all times relevant to this action, Cooper Lighting has complied with 35 U.S.C. § 287 with respect to the '332 Patent.
- 23. Elite Lighting has had actual knowledge of the '332 Patent and its infringement is willful and deliberate, entitling Cooper Lighting to enhanced damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorney's fees and costs incurred prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285. The factual allegations in this paragraph will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

#### **COUNT THREE**

# Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,082,878

- 24. Each of the foregoing paragraphs is incorporated by reference.
- 25. Cooper Lighting is the assignee and owner of all right, title, and interest in United States Patent No. 6,082,878 entitled "Fully Rotatable Recessed Light Fixture with Movable Stop and Adjustable Length Bar Hanger" ("the '878 Patent"). The '878 Patent was duly and legally issued on July 4, 2000, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '878 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- 26. Defendant Elite Lighting has been and is now infringing, actively inducing infringement, and/or is liable for contributory infringement of the '878 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.
  - 27. The infringing products, included, for example, Elite Lighting's

EZ6IC-AT 6 inch Universal IC Housing, LD6IC-AT 6 inch Universal IC Housing,
the B6PLIC-26-E-AT-W housing, which are used to practice the claims of the '878
Patent. The products are known by defendant Elite Lighting to be especially made
or adapted for use in an infringement of the '878 Patent, and are not staple articles
or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing uses.

- 28. Defendant Elite Lighting's past and continued acts of infringement of the '878 Patent have injured Cooper Lighting and thus Cooper Lighting is entitled to recover compensatory damages for the infringement in an amount subject to proof at trial.
- 29. Defendant Elite Lighting's infringement of Cooper Lighting's exclusive rights under the '878 Patent will continue to damage Cooper Lighting's business, causing irreparable injury to Cooper Lighting, for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless Elite Lighting is enjoined by this Court from further infringement.
- 30. At all times relevant to this action, Cooper Lighting has complied with 35 U.S.C. § 287 with respect to the '878 Patent.
- 31. Elite Lighting has had actual knowledge of the '878 Patent and its infringement is willful and deliberate, entitling Cooper Lighting to enhanced damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and to attorney's fees and costs incurred prosecuting this action under 35 U.S.C. § 285. The factual allegations in this paragraph will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court:

- A. render judgment finding that Elite Lighting has infringed the '795 Patent;
- B. render judgment finding that Elite Lighting has infringed the '332 Patent;

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render judgment finding that Elite Lighting has infringed the '878

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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Cooper Lighting demands a jury on all issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: January 18 2012

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

#### NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Mariana P. Pfaelzer and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Michael Wilner.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

The United States District Judge assigned to this case will review all filed discovery motions and thereafter, on a case-by-case or motion-by-motion basis, may refer discovery related motions to the Magistrate Judge for hearing and determination

# NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

[X]	Western Division 312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8 Los Angeles, CA 90012	L	Southern Division 411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053 Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516	Ц	Eastern Division 3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134 Riverside, CA 92501

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863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))						
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