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BLUESTONE INNOVATIONS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

VIZIO, INC.

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3-12cv665

**JURY DEMANDED**

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Bluestone Innovations, LLC ("Bluestone") complains of defendant Vizio, Inc. ("Vizio") as follows:

**THE PARTIES**

1. Bluestone is a Virginia limited liability company located at 1984 Isaac Newton Square, Suite 203, Reston Virginia 20190.
2. Vizio is a California corporation having a principal place of business located at 39 Tesla, Irvine, California 92618.

**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). The Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
4. Vizio has done business in this District and has committed acts of infringement in this District. Such acts include soliciting, advertising (including through websites), offering to sell, selling and/or distributing infringing products, either directly or through intermediaries and agents, within this District.

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b). Vizio is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District and has committed acts of infringement in this District.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **A. The Patent-in-Suit**

6. United States Patent No. 6,163,557 ("the '557 patent"), entitled "Fabrication of Group III-V Nitrides on Mesas," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2000.

7. Bluestone is the owner of the '557 patent by virtue of an assignment and owns all rights, title, and interest in the '557 patent subject to an exclusive field of use license held by a third party for the field of Optical Media Storage Devices and Components. Bluestone is not asserting claims of infringement of the '557 patent for any Optical Media Storage Device or Component made, used, sold, offered for sale, and/or imported into the United States by Vizio.

#### **B. Infringement of the Patent-in-Suit**

8. Vizio has been and is engaged in the manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale, and/or importation into the United States of light emitting diode ("LED") backlit televisions. The specific model numbers of such products change frequently. Upon information and belief, Vizio has made, used, offered for sale, sold, and/or imported into the United States at least the LED backlit televisions that are identified by model number in Exhibit A attached hereto.

9. Vizio's M550SV LED backlit television contains LED semiconductor components that infringe at least one claim of the '557 patent. Upon information and belief, one or more of Vizio's LED backlit televisions identified in Exhibit A hereto contain the same or substantially similar LED semiconductor components as those contained within Vizio's M550SV LED backlit television, and to that extent, likewise infringe at least one claim of the '557 patent.

10. Upon information and belief, Vizio, through its confidential documents such as bills of materials and the like, can readily identify which of its LED backlit televisions, including without limitation those identified in Exhibit A hereto, contain LED semiconductor components that are the same or substantially similar to the infringing LED semiconductor components contained in Vizio's M550SV LED backlit television.

**COUNT I**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF THE '557 PATENT**

11. Bluestone realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in the proceeding paragraphs 1-10 as if fully set forth here.

12. Vizio has infringed at least claim 1 of the '557 patent through, among other activities, manufacturing, using, selling, offering to sell, and/or importing into the United States, products that employ the inventions of the '557 patent within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a). An example of such infringing products is the Vizio M550SV LED backlit television. Other Vizio LED backlit televisions, including without limitation those identified in Exhibit A attached hereto, are also believed to infringe at least claim 1 of the '557 patent.

13. Vizio has infringed at least claim 23 of the '557 patent through its importation into the United States, or its offering to sell, selling and/or using within the United States, products having components which were made by a process patented in the United States within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 271(g). An example of such infringing products is the Vizio M550SV LED backlit television. Other Vizio LED backlit televisions, including without limitation those identified in Exhibit A attached hereto, are also believed to infringe at least claim 23 of the '557 patent.

14. As a direct and proximate result of Vizio's infringement, Bluestone has suffered, and will continue to suffer, serious irreparable injury for which Bluestone is entitled to recover

damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement, but, in no event, less than a reasonable royalty.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Bluestone respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment in its favor and against Vizio and its respective subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, employees and all persons in active concert or participation with Vizio and grant the following relief:

A. That this Court adjudge and decree that Vizio has been and is currently infringing the '557 patent;

B. That this Court award damages to Bluestone to compensate for each of the unlawful actions set forth in Bluestone's complaint;

C. That this Court award prejudgment interest on such damages to Bluestone from the date infringement of the '557 patent began;

D. That this Court determine that this patent infringement case is exceptional and award Bluestone its costs and attorneys' fees incurred in this action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

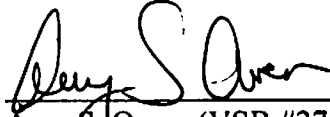
E. That this Court award such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Bluestone respectfully requests a trial by jury on all the issues triable thereby.

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Respectfully submitted,



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