## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

1ST TECHNOLOGY, LLC,	
Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT
v. )	Case No
Midasplayer.com Limited, d/b/a King.com,	JURY DEMANDED
Defendant.	

Plaintiff 1st Technology, LLC complains of defendant Midasplayer.com as follows:

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. Title 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) confers jurisdiction in this case because defendant has infringed plaintiff's patent. Federal law, namely the Patent Act of 1952, as amended, 35 U.S.C. § 271, makes patent infringement illegal and actionable through a private cause of action.
- 2. Defendant has transacted business in this judicial district by making, using, selling, or offering to sell and distributing software products that violate 1st Technology's patent either in this judicial district or in the United States.
- 3. Title 28 U.S.C. § 1391(d), the general federal venue statute and Title 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b), the specific venue statute related to patent cases, make venue proper in this case in this district.

### **PARTIES**

- 4. 1st Technology is a Nevada limited liability company with offices in Las Vegas, Nevada. 1st Technology is the assignee and owns all right, title and interest in and has standing to sue for infringement of United States Patent No. 5,564,001 (the '001 Patent), which is entitled "Method and System for Interactively Transmitting Multimedia Information Over a Network Which Requires A Reduced Bandwidth."
- 5. Midasplayer.com Limited does business as "King.com" and is an entertainment media company and creator of, among many other games, the popular "Bubble Witch Saga" game. It has offices in London, Hamburg, Stockholm, Malmo, Barcelona, Malta, Bucharest, Poland and San Francisco. Its headquarters are in London, England. Midasplayer.com has previously and is

presently making, using, selling, offering for sale, and/or importing into the United States software products that infringe one or more claims of the '001 Patent. Midasplayer.com has infringed the '001 Patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 6. Dr. Scott Lewis is an individual residing in Los Gatos, California. Dr. Lewis is the controlling manager of 1<sup>st</sup> Technology LLC. Dr. Lewis is the inventor of the '001 Patent.
- 7. Dr. Lewis received B.S. and M.S. degrees with honors in mechanical and electrical engineering from M.I.T. Dr. Lewis has a Ph.D. from Oxford University in adaptive digital signal processing as a Marshall Scholar and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Dr. Lewis led the development of single-chip video and audio compression solutions, as well as the first automotive video cellular telephone. Dr. Lewis is the inventor of a number of patents in multimedia communication technology.

#### PATENT INFRINGEMENT BY MIDASPLAYER.COM

- 8. Midasplayer.com has infringed and continues to infringe the '001 Patent either directly or indirectly through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271 through its online video games including at least its "Bubble Witch Saga" games in various formats and variations.
- 9. Midasplayer.com's infringement, contributory infringement and/or inducement to infringe has injured 1<sup>st</sup> Technology and it, therefore, is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty.
- 10. Midasplayer.com's infringement, contributory infringement and/or inducement to infringe has been willful and deliberate because it has been given notice of or knew of the '001 Patent and has nonetheless injured and will continue to injure 1st Technology, unless and until this Court enters an injunction, which prohibits further infringement and specifically enjoins further manufacture, use, sale and/or offer for sale of products or services that come within the scope of the '001 Patent.

**JURY DEMAND** 

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 1st Technology requests a trial

by jury on all issues presented that can properly be tried to a jury.

**DEMAND FOR RELIEF** 

THEREFORE, 1st Technology asks this Court to enter judgment against defendant Rovio

and against its respective joint venture partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants,

employees and any and all persons in active concert or participation with them, granting the

following relief:

An award of damages adequate to compensate 1st Technology for the A.

infringement that has occurred, together with prejudgment interest from the date

infringement began;

В. All other damages permitted by 35 U.S.C. § 284;

C. A finding that Midasplayer.com has willfully infringed the '001 Patent.

D. A finding that this case is exceptional and an award to 1st Technology of its

attorneys' fees and costs as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 285;

Ε. An injunction prohibiting further infringement, inducement and contributory

infringement of the '001 Patent; and

F. Such other and further relief as this Court or a jury may deem proper and just.

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Respectfully submitted,

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