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## **THE PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff SecureNova is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Texas with its principal place of business at 2500 Dallas Parkway, Suite 260, Plano, Texas 75093.

3. On information and belief, Sony Corporation is a Japanese corporation with its principal place of business at 7-1, Konan, 1-Chome, Minato-Ku, Tokyo, MO 108-0075.

4. On information and belief, Sony Mobile Communications AB is incorporated under the laws of Sweden with its principal place of business at Nya Vattentorget SE-221, 88 Lund, Sweden.

5. On information and belief, Sony Mobile Communications (USA), Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 7001 Development Drive, Research Triangle, North Carolina 27709. It can be served with process through its agent Capitol Services, Inc., 1675 S State St., Suite B, Dover, Delaware 19901.

6. On information and belief, Sony Electronics, Inc. is a company organized under the laws of Delaware with a principal place of business at 16530 Via Esprillo, San Diego, CA 92127. It can be served with process through its agent Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19808.

7. Defendants are in the business of making, using, selling, offering to sell and/or importing devices which enable secondary communication devices to receive communication services.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1338(a) because the action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 *et seq.*

9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants by virtue of their systematic and continuous contacts with this jurisdiction, as well as because of the injury to SecureNova and the cause of action SecureNova has raised, as alleged herein.

10. Defendants are subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Texas Long-Arm Statute, due to at least their substantial business in this forum, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringement alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in this District.

11. Defendants have conducted and do conduct business within this District, directly or through intermediaries, resellers, agents, or offer to sell, sell, and/or advertise (including the use of interactive web pages with promotional material) devices in this District that infringe U.S. Patent No. 7,792,482 (the "482 Patent" or the "Asserted Patent").

12. In addition to Defendants' continuously and systematically conducting business in this District, the causes of action against Defendants are connected (but not limited) to Defendants' purposeful acts committed in this District, including Defendants' making, using, importing, offering to sell, or selling devices which include features that fall within the scope of at least one claim of the Asserted Patent.

13. Venue lies in this District under 28 U.S.C. §§1391 and 1400(b) because, among other reasons, Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, and have committed and continue to commit acts of patent infringement in this District. For example, Defendants have used, sold, offered to sell, and/or imported infringing devices in this District.

### **JOINDER**

14. Defendants are properly joined under 35 U.S.C. §299(a)(1) because a right to relief is asserted against the parties jointly, severally, and in the alternative with respect to the same transactions, occurrences, or series of transactions or occurrences relating to the making, using, importing into the United States, offering to sell, and/or selling the same accused products. Specifically, as alleged in detail below, Defendants are alleged to infringe the Asserted Patent with respect to the same devices which enable secondary communication devices to receive communication services including, but not limited to, the Sony Xperia TL.

15. Defendants are properly joined under 35 U.S.C. §299(a)(2). Questions of fact will arise that are common to all defendants, including for example, whether Defendants' products have features that meet the features of one or more claims of the Asserted Patent, and what reasonable royalty will be adequate to compensate the owner of the Asserted Patent for their infringement.

16. Defendants use, make, sell, offer to sell and/or import devices that, when used, infringe on the Asserted Patent.

17. At least one right to relief is asserted against these parties jointly, severally, or in the alternative with respect to or arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences relating to the making, using, importing into the United States, offering to sell, or selling of the same accused product and/or process.

## **THE PATENT-IN-SUIT**

### ***The '482 Patent***

18. On September 7, 2010 the USPTO duly and legally issued the '482 Patent, entitled "Communication Service Subscription Management" after a full and fair examination to inventors Glenn A. Walker, Joseph R. Dockemeyer, Jr., Michael L. Hiatt, Jr., Harry Diamond, and Linda L. Miner. SecureNova is presently the owner by assignment of the '482 Patent, having received all rights, title, and interest in and to the '482 Patent. SecureNova possesses all rights of recovery under the '482 Patent, including the exclusive right to recover for past infringement. A true and correct copy of the '482 Patent is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit A.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCUSED INFRINGEMENT**

19. Defendants make, use, sell, offer to sell and/or import into the United States devices which perform a computer implemented method that enables secondary communication devices to receive communication services (the "Accused Products"). These Accused Products also include a processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions for enabling secondary communication device to receive communication services. For example, the Sony Xperia TL serves as a portable hotspot device allowing sharing of its cellular internet connection with other devices in the process of performing a method to enable a secondary communication device to receive communication services.

## **COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '482 PATENT**

20. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-19.

21. In violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, Sony is now, and has been directly infringing and/or inducing infringement of the '482 Patent.

22. Defendants have had knowledge of infringement of the '482 Patent at least as of the service of the present complaint.

23. Sony has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe at least one claim of the '482 Patent by making, using, importing, offering to sell, and/or selling devices, such as the Sony Xperia TL, without authority in the United States, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. As a direct and proximate result of Sony's direct infringement of the '482 Patent, Plaintiff has been and continues to be damaged.

24. Sony has indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly infringe at least one claim of the '482 Patent by actively inducing their respective customers, users, and/or licensees to directly infringe by using, selling, offering to sell and/or import devices, such as the Sony Xperia TL. Sony engaged or will have engaged in such inducement having knowledge of the '482 Patent. Furthermore, Sony knew or should have known that its action would induce direct infringement by others and intended that its actions would induce direct infringement by others. For example, Sony sells, offers to sell and advertises devices, such as the Sony Xperia TL, in Texas specifically intending that its customers buy and use said devices. Furthermore, the Sony Xperia TL includes a User Manual that instructs, among others, its customers, users, and licensees to perform the computer implemented method disclosed in the '482 Patent. Defendants' customers, users, and/or licensees perform said method when they use the Sony Xperia TL.

25. Sony has contributorily infringed and continues to contributorily infringe at least one claim of the '482 Patent by selling and/or offering to sell devices, such as the Sony Xperia

TL, whose mobile hotspot feature is not a staple article of commerce and has no substantial non-infringing uses. Sony has done this with knowledge of the '482 Patent and knowledge that this component constitutes a material part of the invention claimed in the '482 Patent. Sony engaged or will have engaged in such contributory infringement having knowledge of the '482 Patent. As a direct and proximate result of Sony's contributory infringement of the '482 Patent, Plaintiff has been and continues to be damaged.

26. To the extent that facts learned in discovery show that Defendants' infringement of the '482 Patent is or has been willful, SecureNova reserves the right to request such a finding at the time of trial.

27. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the '482 Patent, SecureNova has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendants' past infringement, together with interests and costs.

28. SecureNova will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this Court. As such, SecureNova is entitled to compensation for any continuing or future infringement up until the date that Defendants are finally and permanently enjoined from further infringement.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

29. SecureNova demands a trial by jury as to all issues that are triable by a jury in this action.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, SecureNova prays for the following relief:

- A. That Defendants be adjudged to have infringed the Asserted Patent, directly and/or indirectly, by way of inducement and/or contributory infringement, literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents;
- B. That Defendants, their officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, affiliates, divisions, branches, parents, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them, be permanently enjoined from infringing the Asserted Patent;
- C. An award of damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §284 sufficient to compensate SecureNova for the Defendants' past infringement and any continuing or future infringement up until the date that Defendants are finally and permanently enjoined from further infringement, including compensatory damages;
- D. An assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs against Defendants, together with an award of such interest and costs, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §284;
- E. That Defendants be directed to pay enhanced damages, including SecureNova's attorneys' fees incurred in connection with this lawsuit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §285; and
- F. That SecureNova have such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.



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