## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

MASS ENGINEERED DESIGN, INC.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ §	
	§	C.A. No. 6:14-cv-00411-RWS-KNM
V.	§	
	§	
SPACECO BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC.	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
	§	
Defendant.	§	

#### AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff, Mass Engineered Design, Inc. (hereinafter, "MASS" or "Plaintiff"), by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Amended Complaint against Defendant, SpaceCo Business Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter, "SpaceCo" or "Defendant"), as follows:

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is a patent infringement action to stop Defendant's infringement of United States Patent Nos. RE36,978 (the "978 Patent") and 8,462,103 (the "103 Patent) (collectively, the "Patents-in-Suit").

#### **PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff Mass Engineered Design, Inc. is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of Ontario, Canada.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant SpaceCo Business Solutions, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, with its principal place of business located at 13100 East Albrook Drive, Suite 100, Denver, Colorado 80239.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This action arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.,

including 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283, 284, and 285. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case for patent infringement under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

5. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant, including because Defendant has minimum contacts within the State of Texas; Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of Texas; Defendant has sought protection and benefit from the laws of the State of Texas; Defendant regularly conducts business within the State of Texas; and Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of Texas.

6. More specifically, Defendant, directly and/or through intermediaries, makes, distributes, imports, offers for sale, sells, advertises, and/or uses, multi-monitor display stands and/or systems, including the accused products identified herein, that practice the claimed multi-display systems of the Patents-in-Suit in the State of Texas. Defendant has committed patent infringement in the State of Texas, and/or has induced others to commit and/or has contributed to patent infringement in the State of Texas. Defendant solicits customers in the State of Texas. Defendant has paying customers who are residents of the State of Texas and who purchase and/or use Defendant's infringing products and services in the State of Texas. Further, Defendant has an interactive website that is accessible from the State of Texas.

7. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b), including because Defendant has purposefully availed themselves of the privileges of conducting business in the Eastern District of Texas; Defendant regularly conducts business within the Eastern District of Texas; and Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the Eastern District of Texas.

8. More specifically, Defendant, directly and/or through intermediaries, makes, distributes,

imports, offers for sale, sells, advertises, and/or uses, multi-monitor display stands and/or systems, including the accused products identified herein, that practice the claimed multi-display systems of the Patents-in-Suit in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant has committed patent infringement in the Eastern District of Texas, has induced others to commit infringement in the Eastern District of Texas, and/or has contributed to patent infringement in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant solicits customers in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendant has paying customers who are residents of Eastern District of Texas and who purchase and/or use the Defendant's products and services in the Eastern District of Texas.

## COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. RE36,978

9. MASS refers to and incorporates herein the allegations of Paragraphs 1-8 above.

10. The '978 Patent, entitled "Dual Display System," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") on December 5, 2000 after full and fair reissue examination. Additionally, the '978 Patent was subject to reexamination on March 4, 2010. A Reexamination Certificate issued on May 10, 2011, confirming the patentability of claims 1-8, 13, 16 and 17 (the remaining claims were not the subject of reexamination) and also adding new claims 18-38. Plaintiff is the exclusive licensee of the '978 Patent and it has all substantial rights to the '978 Patent, including the right and standing to sue and recover damages for past, present and future infringement of the patent.

11. Defendant makes, distributes, imports, offers for sale, sells, advertises, and/or uses, without limitation, multi-monitor display stands and/or systems, namely products comprising, *inter alia*, a base member (including as this Court has previously construed that term), at least a pair of electronic displays (including as this Court has previously construed that term), an arm assembly, support means (including as this Court has previously construed that term), and mounting means

(including as this Court has previously construed that term). Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant infringes the '978 Patent by and through at least its manufacture, distribution, importation, offer to sell, sale, and/or use of the products comprising at least the following SpaceArm Model Nos. SA02, SA02XP, SA04, SA04XP, SA22, SA22, SA22XP, SA44, SA44XP, SMM02/SA01, SMM22/SA02, SMM23/SA02, SS02, SS02X4, SS02X8, SS04, SS22, SS44, SX02, SX02XP, SX04, SX04XP, SX22, SX22XP, SX44, SX44XP and/or any other models referenced in Plaintiff's P.R. 3-1 Infringement Contentions and/or expert reports.

12. Additionally, or in the alternative, Defendant has induced infringement of the '978 Patent in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, by actions comprising intentionally inducing infringement of the '978 Patent in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, including by aiding or abetting at least customers and other end users to use said products. Upon information and belief, such induced infringement has occurred at least since Defendant became aware of the '978 Patent, which was at least on or about November 2009, and Defendant's inducement of infringement involves Defendant's knowledge that the induced acts constitute patent infringement.

13. Additionally, or in the alternative, Defendant has contributed to infringement of the '978 Patent in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, by actions comprising contributing to at least the use of said products by customers and/or other end users in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, and such contributory infringement necessarily involves knowledge that such systems and apparatuses are especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '978 Patent, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.

14. Each of Defendant's aforesaid activities has been without authority and/or license from

Plaintiff.

15. Further, Defendant's infringement is willful. Defendant has had knowledge of its infringement of the '978 Patent since at least November 2009.

16. Defendant was further made aware of the specific way in which its products infringed the '978 Patent at least because it was served Preliminary Infringement Contentions pursuant to the Court's Local Rules in the case styled *Mass Engineered Design, Inc., et al. v. 9X Media, Inc., et al.*, C.A. No. 2:09-cv-0358 (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas).

17. Defendant has no good faith basis for asserting invalidity of the '978 patent, including as evidenced by the USPTO's denial of Defendant's IPR petition and by Defendant's lack of any invalidity expert report or testimony. Further, Defendant's only non-infringement position regarding the '978 patent lack legal or factual merit or any good faith basis.

18. Defendant's awareness of the '978 Patent and infringement of at least the '978 Accused Products constitutes an objectively high likelihood that its actions constitute infringement of a valid patent.

19. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

20. Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's exclusive rights under the '978 Patent will continue to damage Plaintiff, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

## COUNT II – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,462,103

21. MASS refers to and incorporates herein the allegations of Paragraphs 1-20 above.

22. The '103 Patent, entitled "Computer Display Screen System And Adjustable Screen Mount, And Swinging Screens Therefor," was duly and legally issued by the USPTO on June 11, 2013 after full and fair examination. Plaintiff is the exclusive licensee of the '103 Patent and it has all substantial rights to the '103 Patent, including the right and standing to sue and recover damages for past, present and future infringement of the patent.

23. Defendant makes, distributes, imports, offers for sale, sells, advertises, and/or uses, without limitation, a multi-display monitor system, namely products comprising, *inter alia*, a support member and an arm assembly as claimed in the '103 Patent. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant infringes the '103 Patent by and through at least its manufacture, distribution, importation, offer to sell, sale, and/or use of products comprising at least the following SpaceArm Model Nos. SpaceCo SA02, SpaceCo SA02XP, SpaceCo SX02, SpaceCo SX02XP, and SpaceCo SS02; SpaceCo SA22, SpaceCo SA22XP, SpaceCo SX22, SpaceCo SX22XP, and SpaceCo SS22; SpaceCo SA04, SpaceCo SA04XP, SpaceCo SX04, SpaceCo SX04XP, and SpaceCo SS04 and/or any other models referenced in Plaintiff's P.R. 3-1 Infringement Contentions and/or expert report.

24. Additionally, or in the alternative, upon information and belief, Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant has induced infringement of the '103 Patent in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, by actions comprising intentionally inducing infringement of the '103 Patent in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, including by aiding or abetting at least customers and other end users to use said products. Upon information and belief, such induced infringement has occurred at least since Defendant became aware of the '103 Patent, and Defendant's inducement of infringement involves

Defendant's knowledge that the induced acts constitute patent infringement.

25. Additionally, or in the alternative, upon information and belief, Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant has contributed to infringement of the '103 Patent in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, by actions comprising contributing to at least the use of said products by customers and/or other end users in this judicial district, the State of Texas, and elsewhere in the United States, and such contributory infringement necessarily involves knowledge that such systems and apparatuses are especially made or especially adapted for use in an infringement of the '103 Patent, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.

26. Each of Defendant's aforesaid activities has been without authority and/or license from Plaintiff.

27. Further, Defendant's infringement is willful. Defendant has had knowledge of its infringement of the '103 Patent since at least May 2014.

28. Defendant was further made aware of the specific way in which its products infringed the '103 Patent at least because it was served Preliminary Infringement Contentions pursuant to the Court's Local Rules in this case.

29. Defendant has no good faith basis for asserting invalidity of the '103 patent, including as evidenced by the USPTO's denial of Defendant's IPR petition and by Defendant's lack of any invalidity expert report or testimony. Further, Defendant's only non-infringement position regarding the '103 patent is dependent upon a claim construction position that lacks any merit or good faith basis.

30. Defendant's awareness of the '103 Patent and infringement of at least the '103 Accused Products constitutes an objectively high likelihood that its actions constitute infringement of a valid patent.

31. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of Defendant's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

32. Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's exclusive rights under the '103 Patent will continue to damage Plaintiff, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless enjoined by this Court.

# JURY DEMAND

33. Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

34. Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court find in its favor and against Defendant, and that the Court grant Plaintiff the following relief:

- A. An adjudication that one or more claims of the Patents-in-Suit has been directly and/or indirectly infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant;
- B. An award to Plaintiff of damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's acts of infringement, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;
- C. A grant of permanent injunction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283, enjoining Defendant and all persons acting in concert therewith from further acts of infringement with respect to the claims of the Patents-in-Suit;
- D. That this Court declare that Defendant's infringement has been, and continues to be, willful, including that Defendant acted to infringe the Patents-in-Suit despite an objectively

high likelihood that its actions constituted infringement of a valid patent and, accordingly,

award enhanced damages, including treble damages, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

- E. That this Court declare this to be an exceptional case and award Plaintiff reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
- F. Any further relief that this Court deem just and proper.

November 20, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3). Any other counsel of record will be served by electronic mail, facsimile transmission and/or first class mail on this same date.

November 20, 2015

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