

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

IRON OAK TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION,
and SHARP CORPORATION

Defendants.

CASE NO. _____

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

For its complaint against Defendants Sharp Electronics Corporation and Sharp Corporation (collectively “Defendants”) Plaintiff Iron Oak Technologies, LLC (“Iron Oak”) alleges:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Iron Oak is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Texas and has its principal place of business at 3605 Scranton Drive, Richland Hills, Texas, 76118. Iron Oak is a technology development company wholly owned by prolific inventors William (Bill) C. Kennedy III of Dallas and Kenneth R. Westerlage of Ft. Worth. Mr. Kennedy and/or Mr. Westerlage are named inventors on each of the 22 patents owned by Iron Oak.

2. Sharp Electronics Corporation is a corporation organized under the laws of New York with a principal place of business at 1 Sharp Plaza, Suite 1, Mahwah, New Jersey 07945. Sharp USA’s registered agent for service of process is CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan St., Suite 900, Dallas TX 75201. The contentions in this paragraph will likely have additional evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

3. Sharp Corporation is a corporation organized under the laws of Japan with a principal place of business at 1 Takumi-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai, 590-8522, Japan, and can be served at that address. The contentions in this paragraph will likely have additional evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

NATURE OF ACTION, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This is an action for patent infringement under the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (Federal Question) and § 1338 (Patent, Trademark and Unfair Competition).

6. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c), & (d) and § 1400(b). Upon information and belief, Sharp USA has committed acts of infringement in this District, and has a physical presence in this District at least at 4113 Lindberg Drive, Addison, Texas 75001, which is a regular and established place of business for Defendant Sharp USA. The contentions in this paragraph will likely have additional evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

7. Iron Oak is the owner through assignment of U.S. Patent No. 5,699,275 issued December 16, 1997 (“the ‘275 Patent”), which is valid and enforceable. The ‘275 Patent is directed to a system and method for remote patching of operating code located in a mobile unit. A true and correct copy of the ‘275 patent is attached as Exhibit A.

8. Iron Oak is the owner through assignment of U.S. Patent No. 5,966,658 issued October 12, 1999 (the ‘658 Patent”), which is valid and enforceable. The ‘658 Patent is directed

to the automated selection of a communication path. A true and correct copy of the '658 patent is attached as Exhibit B.

9. Iron Oak is the owner through assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,148,202 issued November 14, 2000 ("the '202 Patent"), which is valid and enforceable. The '202 Patent is directed to a vehicle locating and communicating method and apparatus. A true and correct copy of the '202 patent is attached as Exhibit C.

10. Iron Oak is the owner through assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,240,295 issued May 29, 2001 ("the '295 Patent"), which is valid and enforceable. The '295 Patent is directed to a system and method for remote patching of operating code located in a mobile unit. A true and correct copy of the '295 patent is attached as Exhibit D.

11. Iron Oak is the owner through assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,295,449 issued September 25, 2001 ("the '449 Patent"), which is valid and enforceable. The '449 Patent is directed to a vehicle locating and communicating method and apparatus. A true and correct copy of the '449 patent is attached as Exhibit E.

COUNT I

Infringement of the '275 Patent

12. The allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby restated and incorporated by reference.

13. Defendants have committed acts of direct and indirect patent infringement of the '275 Patent by making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing products, including but not limited to the products described in Exhibits F and G ("accused products"), for at least the reasons described therein.

14. In addition to directly infringing the '275 Patent through making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing the accused products, the use of Defendants' accused products by others, as intended by Defendants and in accordance with instructions provided by Defendants, directly infringes the '275 Patent. Specifically, Defendants sell the accused products to customers in the United States with the expectation and intent that such customers will use and/or resell the accused products thereby directly infringing the '275 Patent. As such, Defendants have induced infringement of the '275 Patent.

15. Defendants' accused products are not staple articles of commerce and have no substantial uses that do not infringe the '275 Patent. Specifically, because Defendants' accused products themselves infringe the '275 Patent, any use or sale thereof infringes the '275 Patent. As such, Defendants' sale, offering for sale and importation into the United States of Defendants' accused products also constitutes contributory infringement of the '275 Patent.

16. Defendants had knowledge of the '275 patent prior to the filing of the Original Complaint in this action, as shown at least by Exhibit G.

17. At all relevant times, Plaintiff has complied with any applicable obligations required by 35 U.S.C. § 287.

18. Defendants' infringement of the '275 patent was and is willful. Despite knowing of the '275 Patent, Defendants engaged in, and continues to engage in, acts that infringe the '275 Patent.

19. Iron Oak has been damaged as a result of Defendants' infringing conduct. Defendants are, thus, liable to Iron Oak in an amount that adequately compensates it for which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs, including lost profits, as affixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

COUNT II

Infringement of the '658 Patent

20. The allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby restated and incorporated by reference.

21. Defendants have committed acts of direct and indirect patent infringement of the '658 Patent by making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing products, including but not limited to the products described in Exhibits F and G ("accused products"), for at least the reasons described therein.

22. In addition to directly infringing the '658 Patent through making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing the accused products, the use of Defendants' accused products by others, as intended by Defendants and in accordance with instructions provided by Defendants, directly infringes the '658 Patent. Specifically, Defendants' sell its accused products to customers in the United States with the expectation and intent that such customers will use and/or resell the accused products thereby directly infringing the '658 Patent. As such, Defendants have induced infringement of the '658 Patent.

23. Defendants' accused products are not staple articles of commerce and have no substantial uses that do not infringe the '658 Patent. Specifically, because Defendants' accused products themselves infringe the '658 Patent, any use or sale thereof infringes the '658 Patent. As such, Defendants' sale, offering for sale and importation into the United States of Defendants' accused products also constitutes contributory infringement of the '658 Patent.

24. Defendants had knowledge of the '658 patent prior to the filing of the Original Complaint in this action, as shown at least by Exhibit G.

25. At all relevant times, Plaintiff has complied with any applicable obligations required by 35 U.S.C. § 287.

26. Defendants' infringement of the '658 patent was and is willful. Despite knowing of the '658 Patent, Defendants engaged in, and continues to engage in, acts that infringe the '658 Patent.

27. Iron Oak has been damaged as a result of Defendants' infringing conduct. Defendants are, thus, liable to Iron Oak in an amount that adequately compensates it for, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs, including lost profits, as affixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

COUNT III

Infringement of the '202 Patent

28. The allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby restated and incorporated by reference.

29. Defendants have committed acts of direct and indirect patent infringement of the '202 Patent by making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing products, including but not limited to the products described in Exhibits F and G ("accused products"), for at least the reasons described therein.

30. In addition to directly infringing the '202 Patent through making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing the accused products, the use of Defendants' accused products by others, as intended by Defendants and in accordance with instructions provided by Defendants, directly infringes the '202 Patent. Specifically, Defendants sell its accused products to customers in the United States with the expectation and intent that such customers will use and/or resell the accused products thereby directly infringing the '202 Patent. As such, Defendants have induced infringement of the '202 Patent.

31. Defendants' accused products are not staple articles of commerce and have no substantial uses that do not infringe the '202 Patent. Specifically, because Defendants' accused products themselves infringe the '202 Patent, any use or sale thereof infringes the '202 Patent. As such, Defendants' sale, offering for sale and importation into the United States of Defendants' accused products also constitutes contributory infringement of the '202 Patent.

32. Defendants had knowledge of the '202 patent prior to the filing of the Original Complaint in this action, as shown at least by Exhibit G.

33. At all relevant times, Plaintiff has complied with any applicable obligations required by 35 U.S.C. § 287.

34. Defendants' infringement of the '202 patent was and is willful. Despite knowing of the '202 Patent, Defendants engaged in, and continues to engage in, acts that infringe the '202 Patent.

35. Iron Oak has been damaged as a result of Defendants' infringing conduct. Defendants are, thus, liable to Iron Oak in an amount that adequately compensates it for, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs, including lost profits, as affixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

COUNT IV

Infringement of the '295 Patent

36. The allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby restated and incorporated by reference.

37. Defendants have committed acts of direct and indirect patent infringement of the '295 Patent by making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing products, including but not limited to the products described in Exhibits F and G ("accused products"), for at least the reasons described therein.

38. In addition to directly infringing the '295 Patent through making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing the accused products, the use of Defendants' accused products by others, as intended by Defendants and in accordance with instructions provided by Defendants, directly infringes the '295 Patent. Specifically, Defendants sell its accused products to customers in the United States with the expectation and intent that such customers will use and/or resell the accused products thereby directly infringing the '295 Patent. As such, Defendants have induced infringement of the '295 Patent.

39. Defendants' accused products are not staple articles of commerce and have no substantial uses that do not infringe the '295 Patent. Specifically, because Defendants' accused products themselves infringe the '295 Patent, any use or sale thereof infringes the '295 Patent. As such, Defendants' sale, offering for sale and importation into the United States of Defendants' accused products also constitutes contributory infringement of the '295 Patent.

40. Defendants had knowledge of the '295 patent prior to the filing of the Original Complaint in this action, as shown at least by Exhibit G.

41. At all relevant times, Plaintiff has complied with any applicable obligations required by 35 U.S.C. § 287.

42. Defendants' infringement of the '295 patent was and is willful. Despite knowing of the '295 Patent, Defendants engaged in, and continues to engage in, acts that infringe the '295 Patent.

43. Iron Oak has been damaged as a result of Defendants' infringing conduct. Defendants are, thus, liable to Iron Oak in an amount that adequately compensates it for, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs, including lost profits, as affixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

COUNT V

Infringement of the '449 Patent

44. The allegations in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby restated and incorporated by reference.

45. Defendants have committed acts of direct and indirect patent infringement of the '449 Patent by making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing products, including but not limited to the products described in Exhibits F and G ("accused products"), for at least the reasons described therein.

46. In addition to directly infringing the '449 Patent through making, using, selling, offering to sell, and importing the accused products, the use of Defendants' accused products by others, as intended by Defendants and in accordance with instructions provided by Defendants, directly infringes the '449 Patent. Specifically, Defendants sell its accused products to customers in the United States with the expectation and intent that such customers will use and/or resell the accused products thereby directly infringing the '449 Patent. As such, Defendants have induced infringement of the '449 Patent.

47. Defendants' accused products are not staple articles of commerce and have no substantial uses that do not infringe the '449 Patent. Specifically, because Defendants' accused products themselves infringe the '449 Patent, any use or sale thereof infringes the '449 Patent. As such, Defendants' sale, offering for sale and importation into the United States of Defendants' accused products also constitutes contributory infringement of the '449 Patent.

48. Defendants had knowledge of the '449 patent prior to the filing of the Original Complaint in this action, as shown at least by Exhibit G.

49. At all relevant times, Plaintiff has complied with any applicable obligations required by 35 U.S.C. § 287.

50. Defendants' infringement of the '449 patent was and is willful. Despite knowing of the '449 Patent, Defendants engaged in, and continue to engage in, acts that infringe the '449 Patent.

51. Iron Oak has been damaged as a result of Defendants' infringing conduct. Defendants are, thus, liable to Iron Oak in an amount that adequately compensates it for, which, by law, cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs, including lost profits, as affixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Iron Oak requests judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. An award of damages, increased as deemed appropriate by the court, under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
2. An award of attorneys' fees under 35 U.S.C. § 285;
3. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of the action; and
4. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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