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21 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
22 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
23 **WESTERN DIVISION**

24 Daedalus Blue LLC

25 Plaintiff,

26 v.

27 DJI Technology, Inc., DJI Research LLC,
28 iFlight Technology Company Ltd. and Does 1-10,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:22-cv-00265

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT**

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2 TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

3 Plaintiff Daedalus Blue, LLC (“Daedalus Blue”), files this Complaint for
4 Patent Infringement and Damages against Defendants DJI Technology, Inc., DJI
5 Research LLC, iFlight Technology Ltd. and Does 1-10 (collectively, “DJI” or
6 “Defendants”), and would respectfully show the Court as follows:
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9 **PARTIES**

10 1. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue is a Delaware limited liability company with its
11 principal place of business located at 51 Pondfield Rd., Suite 3, Bronxville, NY
12 10708.

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14 2. Defendant DJI Technology, Inc. (“DJI Technology”) is a California
15 corporation with its principal place of business at 201 S. Victory Blvd., Burbank, CA
16 91502. On information and belief, Defendant DJI Technology imports, offers for sale,
17 and sells DJI branded products sold in the United States.
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19 3. Defendant DJI Research LLC (“DJI Research”) is a California limited
20 liability company with its principal place of business at 435 Portage Avenue, Palo
21 Alto, CA 94306. On information and belief, Defendant DJI Research imports, offers
22 for sale, and sells DJI branded products sold in the United States.
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24 4. Defendant iFlight Technology Company Limited (“iFlight”) is a foreign
25 company with its principal place of business at Rm 915-916 9/F Building 16W PH
26 Three, Hong Kong Science Park, Science Park West Ave, Pak Shek Kok Sha Tin,
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1 Hong Kong, China. On information and belief, iFlight imports, offers for sale, and
2 sells DJI branded products in the United States.

3 5. Defendants Does 1-10 are unidentified corporations, companies, or
4 organizations within the organizational structure of iFlight Technology Company
5 Limited and its affiliates who are involved in importing, offering for sale, and selling
6 DJI branded products in the United States. At present the family of DJI companies
7 under the iFlight umbrella includes more than fifty U.S. and foreign-based companies.
8 Daedalus Blue anticipates substituting the identity of specific DJI/iFlight entities upon
9 discovering their precise identities.
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13 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

14 6. This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the Patent
15 Laws of the United States as set forth in 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

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17 7. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction over this action
18 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

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20 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants DJI Technology
21 and DJI Research because they are California companies based in California, and do
22 business in California.

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24 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants iFlight and Does 1-
25 10 because Defendants have minimum contacts with this forum as a result of business
26 regularly conducted within the State of California and within this district, and,
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1 because Defendants iFlight and Does 1-10 have, at least, committed the tort of patent
2 infringement within California and this district.

3 10. As to all Defendants, personal jurisdiction also exists because
4 Defendants have: (1) operated the Internet website, <<https://www.dji.com/>>, which is
5 available to and accessed by users, customers, and potential customers of the
6 Defendants within this judicial district; (2) sold Defendants' drone and drone-related
7 products within this judicial district; (3) transacted business within the State of
8 California; (4) actively infringed and/or induced infringement in California; (5)
9 established regular and systematic business contacts within the State of California;
10 and (6) continue to conduct such business in California through the sale of
11 Defendants' drone and drone-related products. Accordingly, this Court's jurisdiction
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13 substantial justice and arises directly from the Defendants' purposeful minimum
14 contacts with the State of California.
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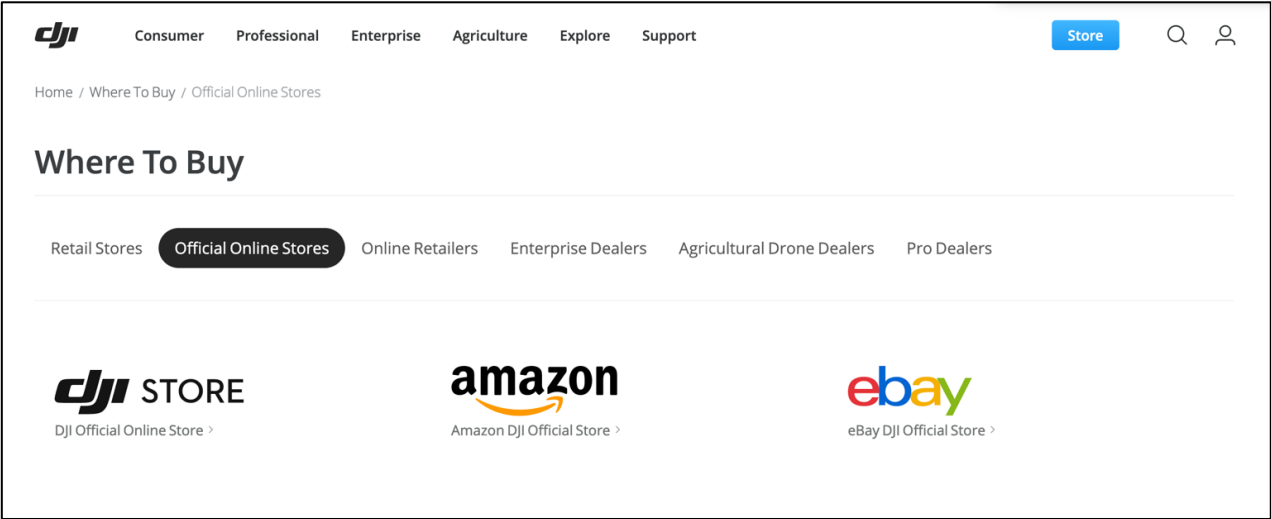
19 11. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because DJI
20 (*i.e.*, DJI Technology, DJI Research, iFlight, and Does 1-10) and its authorized
21 resellers (or those acting on their behalf) and DJI's customers committed and continue
22 to commit acts of patent infringement in this judicial district. Defendants transact
23 business within the State of California and in this judicial district and have committed
24 acts of patent infringement within the State of California and this judicial district as
25 set forth hereinafter. Such business includes, without limitation, Defendants'
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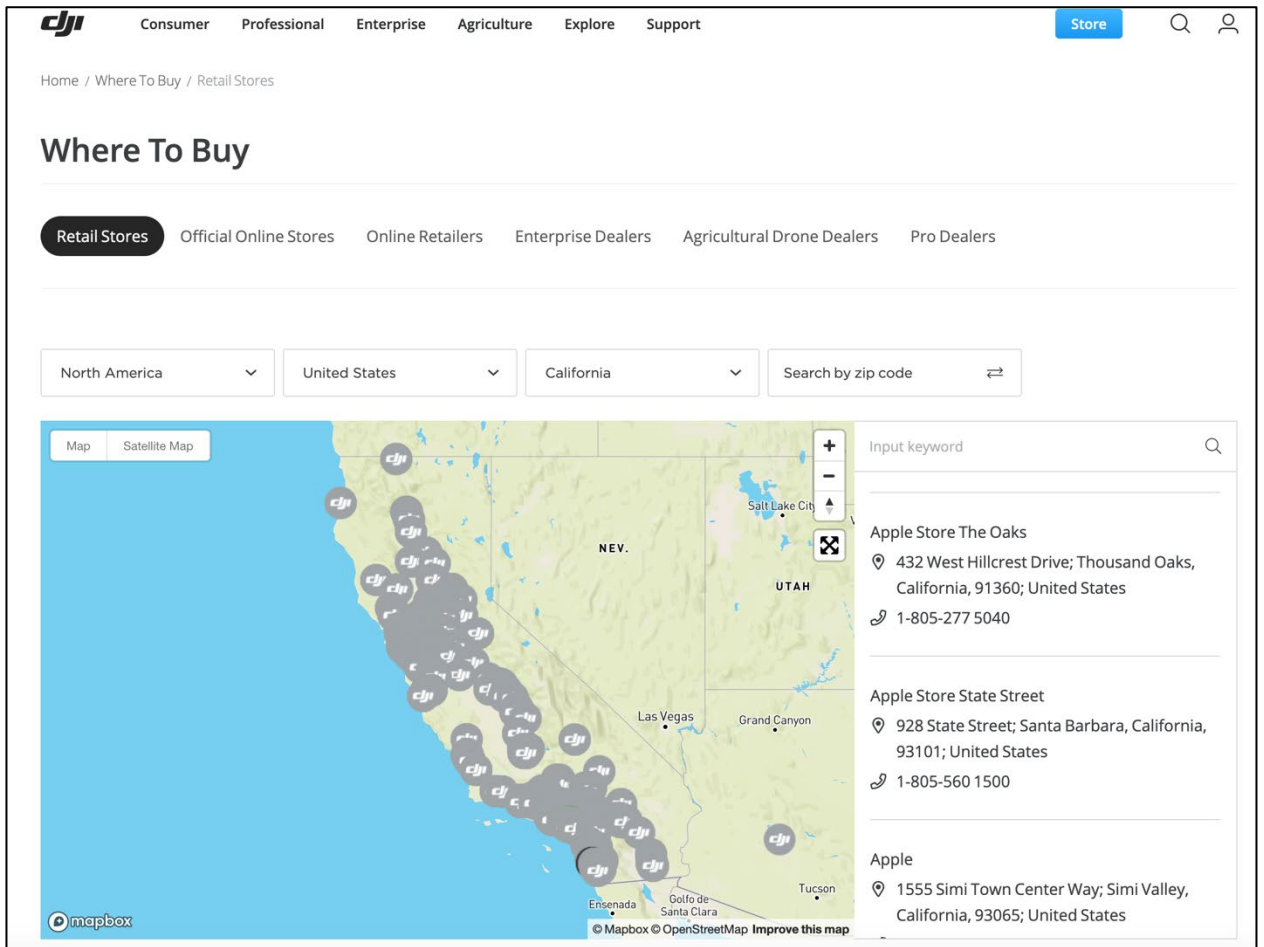
operation of the Internet website, <<https://www.dji.com/>>, which is available to and accessed by users, customers, and potential customers of the Defendants within this judicial district, and the sale of Defendants’ drone and drone-related products within this judicial district, both online at <<http://store.dji.com>> and through other official online stores, resellers/retail stores, and varied dealers within this jurisdiction, as provided at <<https://www.dji.com/where-to-buy/>>.

12. In addition to Defendants’ own online store at <<http://store.dji.com>>, Defendants have also sold their drone and drone-related products within this judicial district via the following means:

a. Defendants have official online stores with Amazon and eBay, all of which are available to and accessed by users, customers, and potential customers of the Defendants within this judicial district.

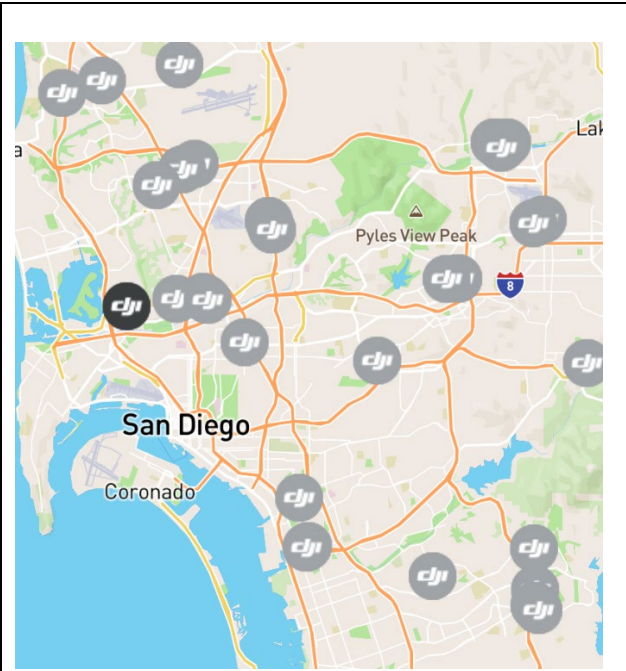


1 b. In addition to official online stores, Defendants have a wide variety of resellers
2 selling Defendants' drones and drone-related products within this judicial
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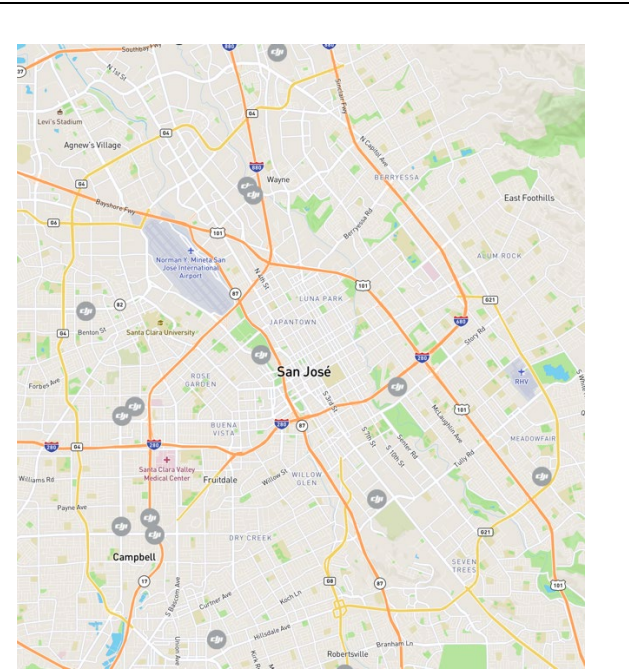


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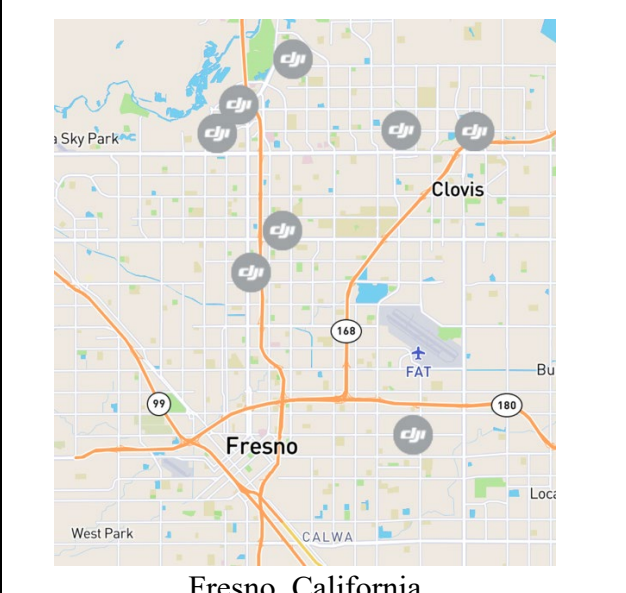
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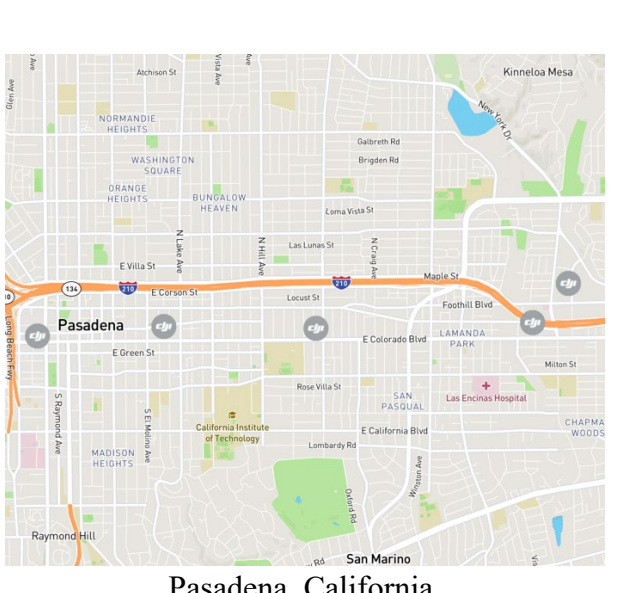
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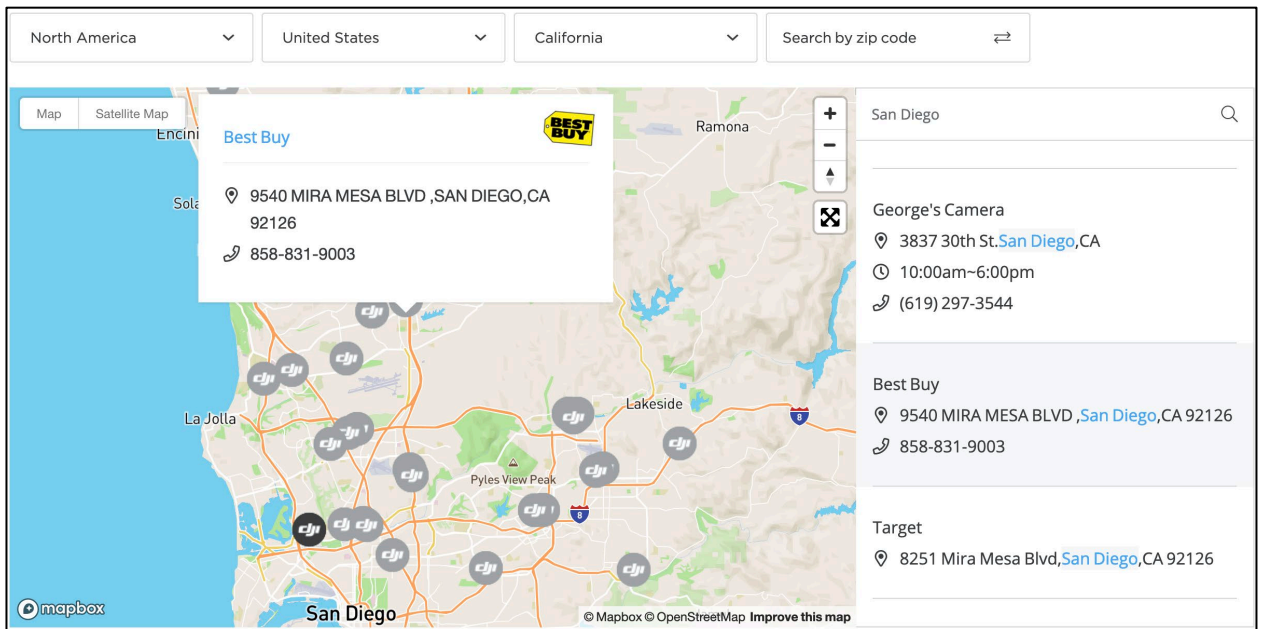
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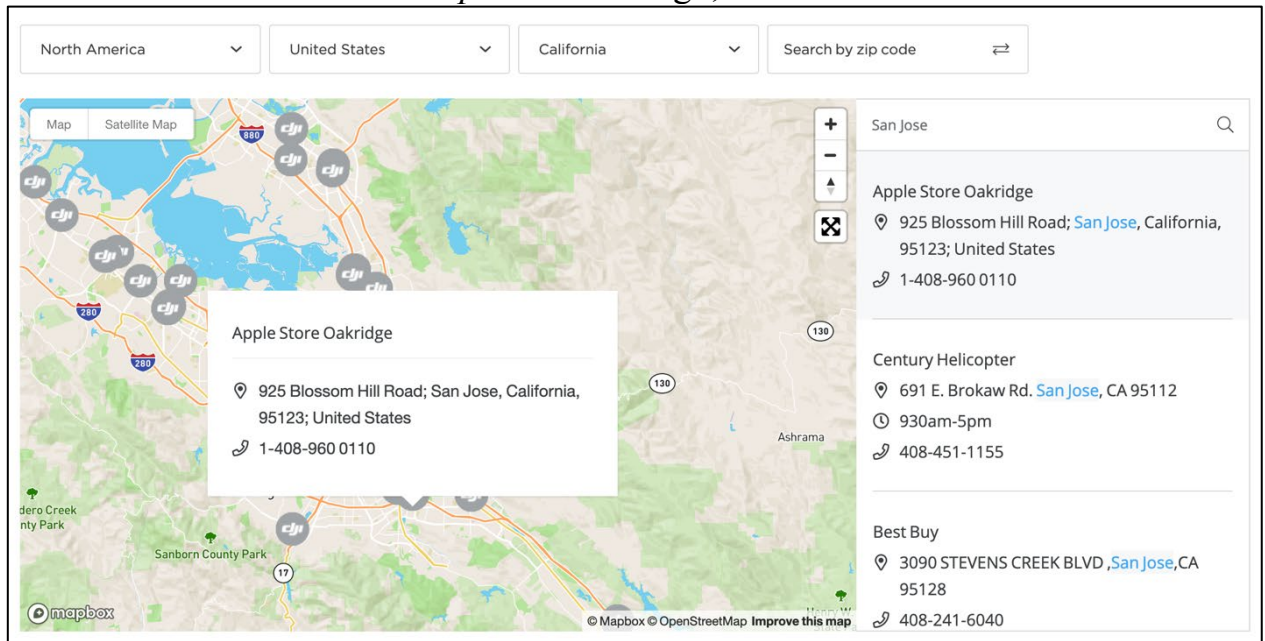
Pasadena, California

Such resellers/retail stores include companies such as Walmart, Best Buy, Sam's Club, Target, and Apple Store.

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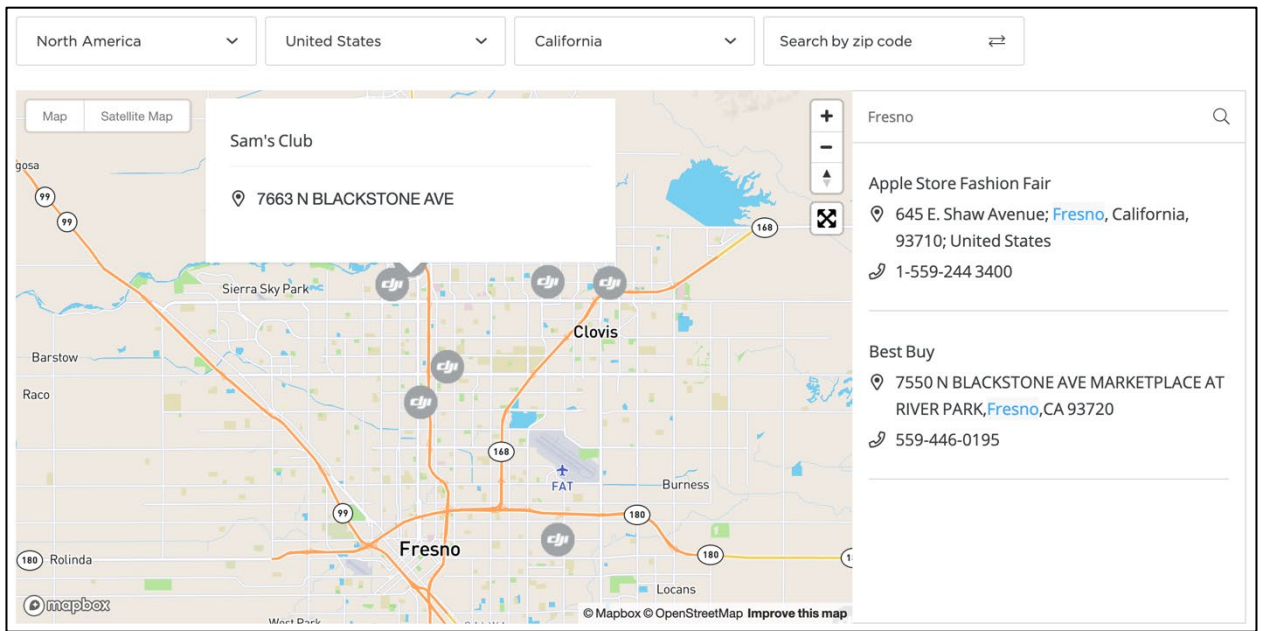


Example 1: San Diego, California

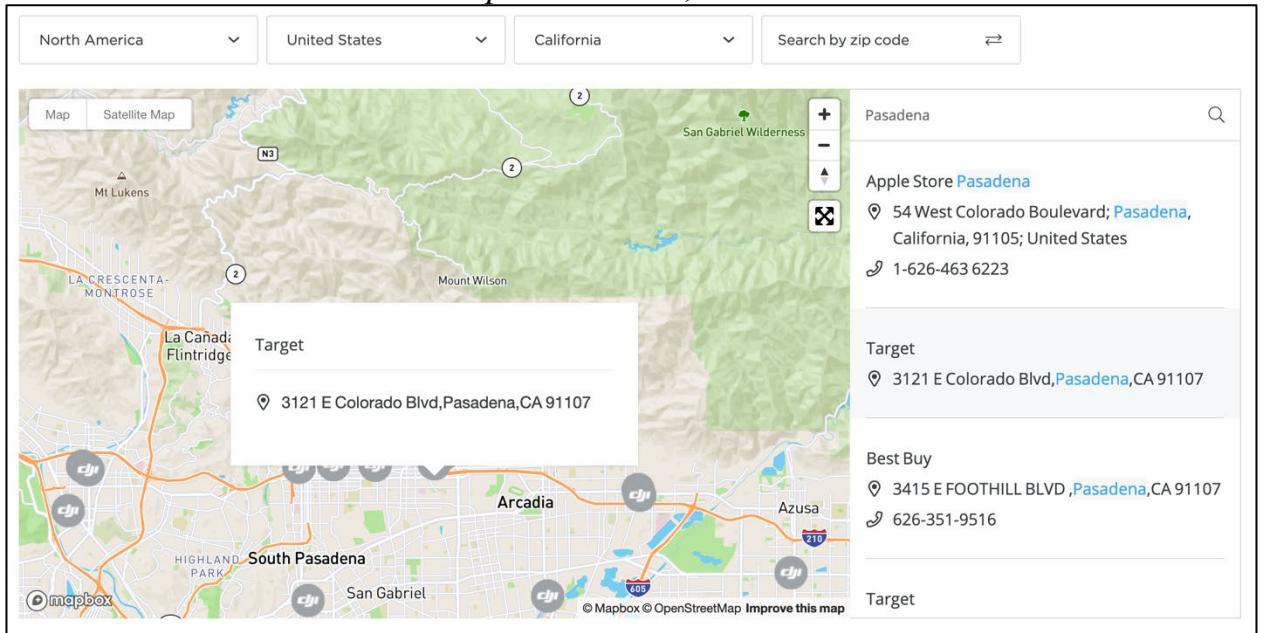


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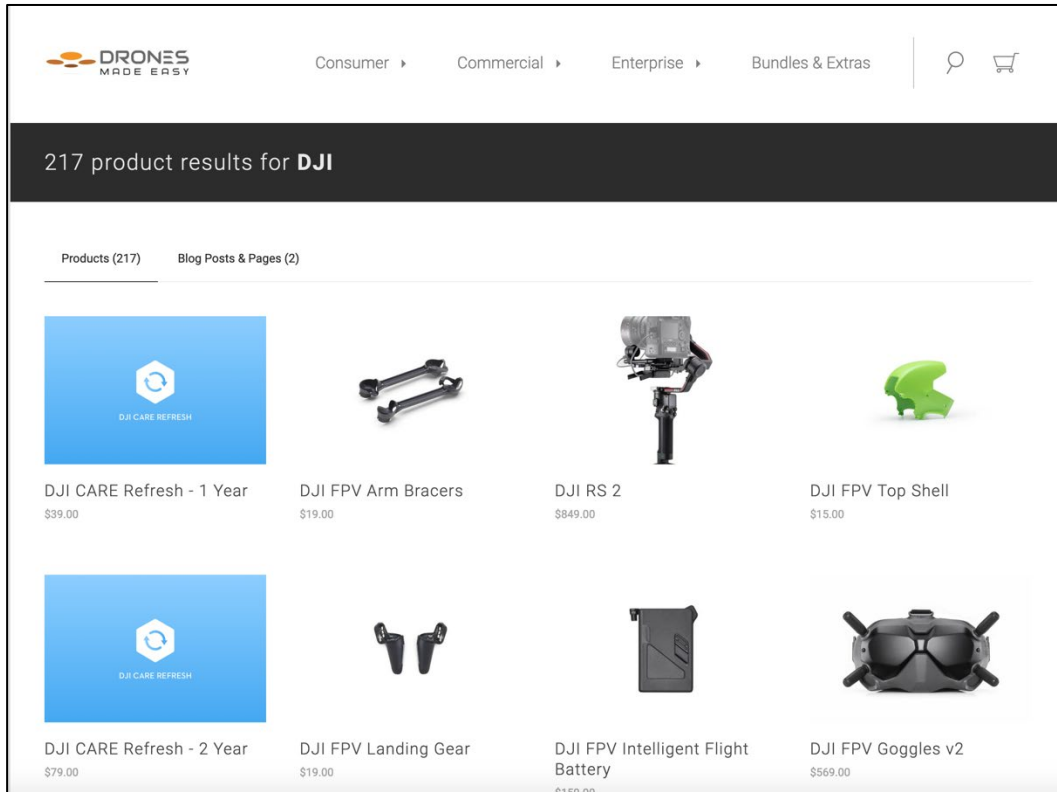


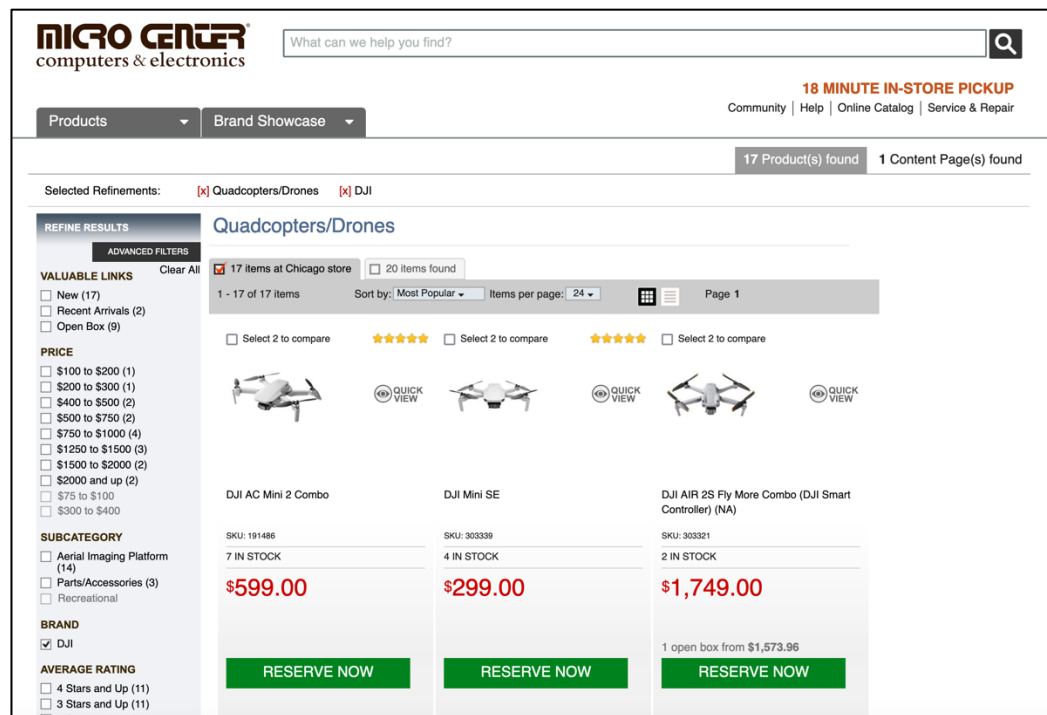
Example 4: Pasadena, California

c. Defendants have also authorized over 50 online retailers, as listed at <https://www.dji.com/where-to-buy/online-retails>, and have extended warranties to products purchased from the authorized DJI Dealers. Such authorized dealers include those companies listed above (e.g., Walmart and Sam’s Club) and many more (e.g.,

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Microsoft, BJ’s, Gamestop, Verizon Wireless, etc.). Most, if not all, of these online retailers are available to and accessed by users, customers, and potential customers of the defendants within this judicial district. For example, Dronesmadeeasy and Micro Center, as shown below.





d. Defendants also have 25 designated professional dealers operating in the United States, all of which have online stores through which to sell Defendants' drones and drone-related products, which are available to and accessed by users, customers, and potential customers of the Defendants within this judicial district. A complete list of professional dealers can be found at: <<https://www.dji.com/where-to-buy/professional-dealers>>.

e. On information and belief, relying in part on evidence presented in ¶ 12(b), DJI maintains a regular and established place of business with a significant physical presence in this judicial district, with a substantial amount of authorized resellers located within the district, as represented above. This information presented is not wholly representative of all authorized resellers located within the Central District of California, but merely demonstrative.

1 13. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 28
2 U.S.C. § 1400(b) based on the information and belief that the Defendants reside in
3 this district, have regular and established places of business in this district, and have
4 committed or induced acts of infringement, and/or advertise, market, sell, and/or offer
5 to sell products, including infringing products, in this judicial district, as discussed
6 above in ¶¶ 8-12, which are incorporated by reference herein, or do not reside in any
7 judicial district and thus may be sued in any judicial district.
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10 **THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

11 14. On June 5, 2007, United States Patent No. 7,228,232 (“the ’232 patent”),
12 entitled “Navigating a UAV with Obstacle Avoidance Algorithms,” was duly and
13 legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) to
14 William Kress Bodin, Jesse Redman, and Derral Charles Thorson, with the
15 International Business Machines Corporation (“IBM”) as assignee. A copy of the ’232
16 patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
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19 15. On October 23, 2007, United States Patent No. 7,286,913 (“the ’913
20 patent”), entitled “Navigating a UAV with Telemetry Through a Socket,” was duly
21 and legally issued by the USPTO to William Kress Bodin, Jesse J. W. Redman, and
22 Derral C. Thorson, with IBM as assignee. A copy of the ’913 patent is attached hereto
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26 16. The ’232 and ’913 patents are referred to hereinafter as “the Daedalus
27 Blue Patents.”
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17. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue LLC is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Daedalus Blue Patents, with the right to sue in its own name. The Daedalus Blue Patents were initially assigned by IBM to Daedalus Group LLC on or about September 30, 2019. The respective assignments were recorded on November 14, 2019, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Daedalus Group LLC then assigned the patents to Daedalus Blue LLC, on or about January 24, 2020. The respective assignments were recorded on or about January 29, 2020, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

18. Each of the Daedalus Blue Patents are presumed valid under 35 U.S.C. § 282.

19. All patents-in-suit relate to innovative technology for piloting, controlling, navigating, and optimizing flight missions for unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV” or “drone”).

United States Patent No. 7,228,232

20. The '232 patent claims UAV obstacle avoidance technologies that anticipate the future position of the UAV through GPS sequencing, and avoid obstacles in dependence of that anticipated future position. Such obstacles may be physical three-dimensional objects such as buildings, mountains, and others that will occur to those of skill in the art; or two-dimensional geographic areas such as a no-fly zone. In the present complaint, Defendants' suite of drones and drone-related products infringe on this inventive aspect of the '232 patent. Representative of this

1 infringement is Defendants’ Phantom Series drones, including, but not limited to, the
2 Phantom 4 Pro. The Phantom 4 Pro houses a GPS module on-board, which transmits
3 UAV location and flight control instructions back and forth from the UAV’s remote-
4 control device, and vice versa. In so doing, and on information and belief, the GPS
5 module tracks the UAV location and ensures that the UAV is not entering a restricted
6 zone and/or no fly zones. The Phantom 4 Pro, and other infringing UAVs described
7 in later paragraphs, is designed to avoid these zones by, inter alia, notifying via remote
8 control device that the UAV is entering a zone, completely prohibiting the UAV from
9 entering a zone, and/or disallowing take-off within a zone. Such functionality is
10 within Defendants’ “Fly Safe” technology, as described at:
11 <<https://www.dji.com/flysafe>>. All intelligent flight features are affected when DJI
12 aircraft fly nearby or into GEO Zones. Such interference includes, but is not limited
13 to, decreased speed, decreased altitude, takeoff failure, and flight termination.

18 21. The ’232 patent overcomes shortcomings in the prior art, which required
19 conventional UAV operators to manually control the flight using the camera images
20 from the UAV that were provided to the operator through downlink telemetry (col. 1,
21 lines 18-23). Certain of the inventive aspects of the ’232 patent addressed the need
22 for improvements in the area of UAV navigation, by automating certain aspects of the
23 UAV mission (col. 1, lines 26-30). More specifically, the inventive aspects of
24 automatically identifying and avoiding obstacles that would otherwise disrupt the
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1 flight of the UAV (col. 17, lines 66-67), were not well-understood, routine, or
2 conventional at the time of the invention.

3 **United States Patent No. 7,286,913**

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5 22. The '913 patent claims UAV navigation technologies for downlink
6 telemetry of the UAV to the UAV's remote-control device, which then uplinks
7 telemetry and flight control instructions to the UAV through a socket. Here, a socket
8 is an end-point of a two-way communication link between two application programs
9 running on a network. This communication link pairs the UAV's remote-control
10 device, or controller, with the drone or UAV to enable the operation of the UAV. In
11 some instances, a socket on a UAV would be considered a server-side socket, and a
12 socket on a remote-control device may be considered a client socket. In the present
13 complaint, Defendants' suite of drones and drone-related products infringe on this
14 inventive aspect of the '913 patent. Representative of this infringement is Defendants'
15 Phantom Series drones, including, but not limited to the Phantom 4 Pro. The Phantom
16 4 Pro houses a receiver/transmitter on-board, which serves as the server-side socket
17 transmitting downlink telemetry to the UAV's remote-control device through one or
18 more application programs, including, but not limited to the DJI GO 4 application or
19 the DJI GS Pro application. Then using the selected remote-control device
20 application, which may serve as the client socket, uplink telemetry and flight control
21 instructions are transmitted back to the UAV.
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23. The '913 patent overcomes shortcomings in the prior art, which required conventional UAV operators to manually control the flight using the camera images from the UAV that were provided to the operator through downlink telemetry (col. 1, lines 18-21). Certain of the inventive aspects of the '913 patent addressed the need for improvements in the area of UAV navigation, by automating certain aspects of the UAV mission (col. 1, lines 25-28). More specifically, the inventive aspects of automatically selecting waypoints using a mouse click or joystick button click, to control the flight path of the UAV (col. 1, lines 33-35), were not well-understood, routine, or conventional at the time of the invention. Moreover, the ability to upload multiple waypoints enabled more complex missions to be performed with just a few keystrokes or mouse clicks on the remote control device (col. 1, lines 64-67 and col. 2, lines 1-2, 10-11), and the use of a socket to facilitate communications between the UAV and the remote control device (col. 2, lines 34-37), were also not well-understood, routine, or conventional at the time of the invention.

COUNT I
INFRINGEMENT OF THE '232 PATENT

24. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue repeats and realleges the above paragraphs, which are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.

25. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and interest in the '232 patent, including all right to recover for any and all infringement thereof.

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26. Defendants are not licensed or otherwise authorized to practice the '232 patent.

27. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue has not licensed nor otherwise authorized Defendants under the '232 patent. Non-party Daedalus Group, a prior assignee of the '232 patent, has not licensed nor otherwise authorized Defendants under the '232 patent. On information and belief, non-party IBM, the original assignee of the '232 patent, has not licensed nor otherwise authorized Defendants under the '232 patent.

28. The '232 patent is valid and enforceable. In this regard, the '232 patent is presumed valid under 35 U.S.C. §282.

29. The '232 patent relates to, among other things, methods, systems, and products for navigating a UAV with obstacle avoidance algorithms.

30. On information and belief, Defendants manufacture and market DJI branded products. Exhibit C.

31. On information and belief, Defendants distribute, sell, and market such DJI branded products, as well as remote controls, flight planning and control applications, parts, and accessories for such DJI branded products. Exhibit D (providing representative products).

32. The '232 patent is well-known in the UAV industry. It has been cited in at least one hundred and six (106) patents and patent applications, including patents and patent applications filed by industry leaders, such as Boeing and Honeywell.

1 33. Defendants engaged in licensing discussions regarding the '232 patent
2 with IBM, the original owner of the '232 patent. On information and belief, such
3 discussions occurred no later than October 16, 2017, and likely occurred earlier.
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5 34. Therefore, Defendants had actual and constructive knowledge of
6 the '232 patent, as well as actual and constructive knowledge of the relevance and
7 significance of the '232 patent to their research and development, as well as their
8 product offerings, no later than October 16, 2017.
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10 **Defendants' Direct Infringement of the '232 Patent:**

11 35. On information and belief, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendants
12 have directly infringed, continue to directly infringe, and will continue to directly
13 infringe absent the Court's intervention one or more claims of the '232 patent,
14 including for example (but not limited to) at least method claims 1-2 and system
15 claims 7-8 of the '232 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by
16 making, using, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States, or importing
17 into the United States, without license or authority, Defendants' suite of infringing
18 drone and drone-related products, including, but not limited to, at least DJI products
19 that correspond to DJI branded model lines including, *inter alia*:
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23 **DJI Drones**

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- The Inspire Series: Inspire 1, Inspire 1 Pro/Raw, Inspire 2, Inspire 2 Professional, Inspire 2 Premium, Inspire 2 Cinema Premium;
- The Mavic Series: Mavic Pro, Mavic Pro Platinum, Mavic 2, Mavic 2 Pro, Mavic 2 Zoom, Mavic Air, Mavic Air 2, Mavic Mini, Mavic 2 Enterprise, Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual;
- The Phantom Series: Phantom 4, Phantom 4 Pro/Pro+, Phantom 4 Advanced, Phantom 4 Pro/Pro+ V2.0, Phantom 4 RTK, Phantom 3, Phantom 3 4K, Phantom 3 Advanced, Phantom 3 Professional; and
- The P4 Multispectral.

DJI Flight Control Components

- DJI GO application, with compatible controllers;
- DJI GO 4 application, with compatible controllers;
- DJI GS Pro application, with compatible controllers; and
- DJI FlightHub application, with compatible controllers.

See **Exhibit E** (depicting representative specifications, instruction manuals, and downloads of products for all Defendants’ UAVs and Defendants’ Flight Control Components).

Direct Infringement Claim Chart:

36. On information and belief, the DJI Mavic Series, Matrice Series, Phantom Series, Spark, P4 Multispectral, and Inspire Series contain substantially similar componentry and functionality at least insofar as the claimed inventions are

1 concerned. **Exhibit 1** illustrates how these DJI drone and drone-related products
2 perform the claimed methods and systems. Such infringement of the '232 patent by
3 these DJI drones and drone-related products is exemplified in **Exhibit 1** using the
4 Phantom 4 Series UAV (including the Phantom 4 Pro). However, a person of ordinary
5 skill in the art would readily recognize the broader implications of these representative
6 materials.
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9 **Defendants' Direct Infringement of the Method Claims:**

10 37. Defendants perform the methods recited in claims 1-2 of the '232 patent.
11 Infringement of a method claim requires performing every step of the claimed
12 method. Defendants perform every step of the methods recited in claims 1-2. As set
13 forth in **Exhibit 1**, Defendants perform, for example, the method recited in claim 1,
14 *i.e.*, a method of navigating a UAV comprising piloting the UAV, under control of a
15 navigation computer, in accordance with a navigation algorithm; while piloting the
16 UAV: reading from a GPS receiver a sequence of GPS data; anticipating a future
17 position of the UAV in dependence upon the sequence of GPS data; identifying an
18 obstacle in dependence upon the future position; selecting an obstacle avoidance
19 algorithm; and piloting the UAV in accordance with the selected obstacle avoidance
20 algorithm. *See Exhibit 1.*
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25 38. Even if one or more steps recited in method claims 1-2 of the '232 patent
26 are performed on a UAV not in the physical possession of the Defendants (*e.g.*, in the
27 possession of resellers, end-users, etc.), the claimed methods are performed using the
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1 Defendants' devices and software. Defendants directly infringe as their devices and
2 software dictate the performance of the claimed steps, such as the "piloting,"
3 "reading," "anticipating," "identifying," "selecting," and "piloting" steps recited in
4 claim 1 of the '232 patent. Defendants' devices and software are designed and built
5 by Defendants to perform the claimed steps automatically. Such devices and software
6 pilot the UAV. On information and belief, only Defendants can modify the
7 functionality relating to these activities; no one else can modify such functionality.
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9 For example, Defendants perform GPS-related method steps because they designed
10 and provided GPS functionality in the accused products that performs such steps
11 automatically, under Defendants' control and without interference from others. Only
12 Defendants' actions are involved in performing these activities. Defendants therefore
13 perform all of the claimed steps and directly infringe the asserted method claims of
14 the '232 patent.
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18 39. *Additionally or alternatively*, to the extent third parties or end-users
19 perform one or more steps of the methods recited in claims 1-2 of the '232 patent, any
20 such action by third parties or end-users is attributable to Defendants, such that
21 Defendants are liable for directly infringing such claims in a "joint infringement"
22 situation. In this regard, Defendants condition participation in activities, as well as the
23 receipt of benefits, upon performance of any such step by any such third party or end-
24 user. Defendants also establish the manner and timing of that performance. All third-
25 party and end-user involvement, if any, is incidental, ancillary, or contractual.
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1 40. Defendants contractually condition others' use of accused products and
2 related goods and services on performing the claimed methods in compliance with at
3 least Defendants' technical instructions, guidelines, and requirements. Defendants
4 exercise control over the methods performed by their UAV products, and exercise
5 control over others' use of their UAV products. In return, Defendants receive benefits
6 from others' use of their UAV products, including without limitation creating and
7 receiving ongoing revenue streams from accused products and related goods and
8 services. By way of further example, Defendants obtain valuable user data that is used
9 for product improvement purposes and for data aggregation purposes. End-users
10 receive a benefit from putting the invention into service and operating a drone for
11 recreational and/or professional purposes. Serious enthusiasts and professionals alike
12 obtain access to complex UAV technologies and services, which often form the basis
13 for entire businesses.

14 41. Thus, to the extent that any step of the asserted method claims is
15 performed by someone other than Defendants (*e.g.*, an end-user), Defendants
16 nonetheless directly infringe the '232 patent at least by one or more of: (1) providing
17 devices and software built and designed to perform methods covered by the asserted
18 method claims; (2) dictating via software and associated directions and instructions
19 (*e.g.*, to end-users) the use of the accused products such that, when used as built and
20 designed by Defendants, such products perform the claimed methods; (3) having the
21 ability to terminate others' access to and use of the accused products and related goods
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and services if the accused products are not used in accordance with Defendants’ required terms; (4) marketing and advertising the accused products, and otherwise instructing and directing, the use of the accused products in ways covered by the asserted method claims; and (5) updating and providing ongoing support and maintenance for the accused products if terms are met.

42. Defendants’ terms of service, dictated by Defendants, demonstrates Defendants’ direction and control over the claimed methods and over those who perform the claimed methods. For example, end-users (*e.g.*, DJI customers) cannot use DJI drones or related products or services (see discussion above) without accepting and following several sets of terms, conditions, policies, and guidelines dictated by DJI. The following excerpts are illustrative, but by no means exhaustive, of the contractual terms DJI requires of users in order to use the accused products:

- “You acknowledge and agree that, as provided in further detail in these terms: **The DJI GO App is licensed, not sold to you, and that you may use the Service only as set forth in these Terms.** . . . You consent to the **collection and use of your personal data and information about your location.**” DJI GO App Terms of Use, <https://content.djiservice.org/agreement/dji-go-tos.html> (emphasis added).

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- “DJI GO App and Service Overview. **You may use the DJI GO App to control DJI Hardware—including certain models of DJI aircraft and gimbal product lines—in flight.**” *Id.* (emphasis added).
- “Eligibility. **You must be at least 18 years of age to use the Service, including the DJI GO App.**” *Id.* (emphasis added).
- “Accounts and Registration. To access certain features of the Service available through the DJI GO App, **you must register for and sign in with a DJI account.**” *Id.* (emphasis added).
- “**Using the DJI GO App to Operate DJI Hardware**
 - 1. Your Obligations. You are responsible for obtaining and maintaining all hardware and other communications equipment (including DJI Hardware) needed to access or use the Services. **You agree that : (a) you will use each DJI Hardware only in conformity with the applicable DJI Hardware terms of use, user manual, and safety guidelines . . . You further agree to operate your DJI Hardware in conformity with the user’s manual and Safety Guidelines provided by DJI and to not remove, deface, or otherwise obstruct any regulatory or certification marks affixed to a DJI Hardware. ”** *Id.* (emphasis added)

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○ “2. Flight Environment Data. **The DJI GO App may include features** that provide you with certain airspace and geographical data, including but not limited to the location of airports, restricted airspace, prohibited airspace, temporary flight restriction areas, power plants, stadiums and prisons, which are **sometimes referred to by DJI as geofencing information, No Fly Zones or the Geospatial Environment Online (GEO) system** (collectively, “Flight Environment Data”). . . DJI is under no obligation to restrict you from flying your DJI Hardware in areas that pose safety or security concerns. In some instances, however, **DJI may limit or disable the operation of the DJI Hardware in locations that raise safety or security concerns and these locations may change with or without notice when DJI determines that a location raises a safety or security concern.”**
Id. (emphasis added).

○ “6. Termination of Use; Discontinuation and Modification of the Service. **If you violate any provision of these Terms, your permission from us to use the Service, including the DJI GO App, will terminate automatically.** In addition, **DJI may in its sole discretion terminate your DJI account or suspend or terminate your access to the Service at any time for any reason**

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or no reason, with or without notice. We also reserve the right to modify or discontinue the Service or features of the Service at any time, temporarily or permanently, without notice to you.” *Id.* (emphasis added).

- “9. Ownership; Proprietary Rights. **The Service is owned and operated by DJI.** The visual interfaces, graphics, design, compilation, information, data, computer code (including source code or object code), products, software, services, and all other elements of the Service (“Materials”) provided by DJI are protected by intellectual property and other laws. **All Materials contained in the Service are the property of DJI or our third-party licensors.**” *Id.* emphasis added).

43. On information and belief, Defendants enforce these terms.

44. Although the precise terms dictated by Defendants at times vary from product to product, they all provide Defendants with control over the end-users and, in particular, control over end-users’ use of the accused products. Put simply, and for example, an end-user of Defendants’ drones has no say in whether his or her drone avoids two-dimensional obstacles (*e.g.*, no-fly zones). Rather, Defendants are in complete control of this feature, which is covered by the ’232 patent.

Defendants’ Direct Infringement of the System Claims:

45. Defendants make, use, sell, offer to sell, and/or import the systems

1 recited in claims 7-8. Such claims are infringed when an accused system, having
2 every element of the claimed system, is made, used, sold, offered for sale, or
3 imported within the United States. Defendants make, use, sell, offer to sell, and/or
4 import the accused products (or cause such acts to be performed on its behalf),
5 which possess every element recited in claims 7-8, as set forth in more detail in the
6 attached claim chart. *See Exhibit 1.* Defendants therefore directly infringe the
7 system claims of the '232 patent.
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10 46. *Additionally or alternatively*, regarding any “use” of the accused
11 products “by customers,” which is a subset of the direct infringement of system claims
12 set forth herein, Defendants directly infringe in such situations, as they put the accused
13 products and services into service and, at the same time, control the system as a whole
14 and obtain benefit from it. Defendants provide all components in the system and
15 control all aspects of its functionality. Although customers may have physical control
16 over certain aspects of the accused products (*e.g.*, an end-user who purchased a
17 drone), Defendants retain control over how the accused product operates (*e.g.*, by
18 having built and designed their UAVs to navigate in a particular, non-modifiable
19 manner). The nature and extent of Defendants’ control over the system, and the
20 benefits realized, was discussed above in connection with the asserted method claims.
21 Such discussion is incorporated herein by reference. Defendants collect valuable
22 personal data, including navigational data, through its control of this system.
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1 knowledge of the '232 patent and its relevance to their product offerings—actively
2 encourage others (*e.g.*, end-users such as recreational and professional end-users)—
3 to use the accused products as claimed. Such active encouragement by Defendants
4 takes many forms, and includes promotional and instructional materials, as well as
5 technical specifications and requirements enforced upon users. Defendants encourage
6 others (*e.g.*, end-users) to navigate UAVs as claimed, *e.g.*, obstacle avoidance. Indeed,
7 as explained throughout this Complaint, Defendants require others (*e.g.*, end-users)
8 to navigate UAVs to avoid obstacles using the obstacle avoidance techniques set forth
9 in the asserted method and systems claims. Defendants dictate the manner of
10 operation for DJI drone systems and products such that, when an end-user uses DJI-
11 supplied software (*e.g.*, the DJI GO 4 App or DJI GS Pro App, etc.), whether installed
12 on the end-user's personal device or DJI-supplied controller, in order to use the DJI
13 drone as designed and required, each component and step of the asserted methods,
14 systems, and products is included or performed as encouraged, if not dictated, by DJI.

19 51. Defendants also provide mission planning and control applications for
20 mobile computing devices, such as smartphones, laptops, and tablets, which allow
21 end-users to use the infringing features of the products. Such applications include, but
22 are not limited to the DJI GO App, DJI GO 4 App, and DJI GS Pro App, which allow
23 users to control the gimbal, camera, navigation, and other aircraft functions of the
24 infringing UAV products, thereby inducing infringement of at least claims 1-2 and 7-
25 8 of the '232 patent.
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1 significance of the '232 patent to their research and development, as well as their
2 product offerings, no later than October 16, 2017.

3 55. To the extent Defendants do not specify and control the navigation of the
4 accused products in the claimed manner (which they do), Defendants supply accused
5 products to others (*e.g.*, end-users) that perform the claimed navigational methods
6 and/or that, when combined with other components, constitute the claimed
7 navigational systems. The accused products constitute drone devices and services,
8 constitute a material part of the claimed inventions, if not the claimed inventions
9 themselves. Defendants dictate and control the navigational componentry and
10 techniques in the accused products, with full knowledge of the '232 patent and its
11 relevance to their research development, as well as their product offerings, and know
12 the same to be especially made and especially adapted for the infringement of the '232
13 patent.
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15 56. On information and belief, Defendants knew that the accused products
16 contained or utilized control programs implementing “Obstacle Avoidance
17 Algorithms” that aid users of Defendants’ products, as the products autonomously
18 avoid obstacles through GPS-based avoidance techniques of two-dimensional
19 geographic areas (*e.g.*, no fly zones or restricted zones) or three-dimensional physical
20 objects. Such obstacle avoidance algorithms, stored both on-board Defendants’ UAVs
21 and within Defendants’ applications, such as the DJI GO 4 Application and the DJI
22 GS Pro Application, are especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement
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1 of at least claims 1-2 and 7-8 of the '232 patent and have no substantially non-
2 infringing uses in these drone and drone-related products.

3 57. On information and belief, the portions of Defendants' products that
4 allows navigation of the Defendants' products in accordance with a selected obstacle
5 avoidance algorithm, including DJI branded products made, marketed, used, sold,
6 offered to sell, or imported by Defendants, are not staple articles or commodities of
7 commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.
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10 **Willful Infringement:**

11 58. As set forth above, Defendants had actual and constructive knowledge
12 of the '232 patent, as well as actual and constructive knowledge of the relevance and
13 significance of the '232 patent to their research and development, as well as their
14 product offerings, no later than October 16, 2017. Defendants' infringement, as
15 demonstrated in the attached claim chart(s), is egregious, and combined with
16 Defendants' clear knowledge, has been willful. Defendants respectfully request that
17 the Court award enhanced damages based on Defendants' conduct.
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21 **Damage to Daedalus Blue:**

22 59. On information and belief, Defendants' actions have and will continue to
23 constitute direct and indirect (induced and contributory) infringement of at least
24 claims 1-2 and 7-8 of the '232 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. §271.
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26 60. As a result of Defendants' infringement of at least claims 1-2 and 7-8 of
27 the '232 patent, Daedalus Blue has suffered monetary damages in an amount yet to
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1 be determined, in no event less than a reasonable royalty, and will continue to suffer
2 damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this
3 Court.

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5 **COUNT II**
6 **INFRINGEMENT OF THE '913 PATENT**

7 61. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue repeats and realleges the above paragraphs,
8 which are incorporated by reference as if fully restated herein.

9 62. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue is the owner by assignment of all right, title, and
10 interest in the '913 patent, including all right to recover for any and all infringement
11 thereof.

12 63. Defendants are not licensed or otherwise authorized to practice the '913
13 patent.

14 64. Plaintiff Daedalus Blue has not licensed nor otherwise authorized
15 Defendants under the '913 patent. Non-party Daedalus Group, a prior assignee of
16 the '913 patent, has not licensed nor otherwise authorized Defendants under the '913
17 patent. On information and belief, non-party IBM, the original assignee of the '913
18 patent, has not licensed nor otherwise authorized Defendants under the '913
19 patent. On information and belief, non-party IBM, the original assignee of the '913
20 patent, has not licensed nor otherwise authorized Defendants under the '913
21 patent.

22 65. The '913 patent is valid and enforceable. In this regard, the '913 patent
23 is presumed valid under 35 U.S.C. §282.

24 66. The '913 patent relates to, among other things, methods, systems, and
25 products for navigating a UAV using a socket for downlink and uplink data exchange.
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67. On information and belief, Defendants manufacture and market DJI branded products. **Exhibit C.**

68. On information and belief, Defendants distribute, sell, and market such DJI branded products, as well as remote controls, flight planning and control applications, parts, and accessories for such DJI branded products. **Exhibit D** (providing representative products).

69. The '913 patent is well-known in the UAV industry. It has been cited in at least sixty-two (62) patents and patent applications, including patents and patent applications filed by industry leaders, such as Boeing and Honeywell.

70. On information and belief, Defendants engaged in licensing discussions regarding the '913 patent with IBM, the original owner of the '913 patent. On further information and belief, such discussions occurred no later than October 16, 2017, and likely occurred earlier.

71. Therefore, Defendants had actual and constructive knowledge of the '913 patent, as well as actual and constructive knowledge of the relevance and significance of the '913 patent to their research and development, as well as their product offerings, no later than October 16, 2017.

Defendants' Direct Infringement of the '913 Patent:

72. On information and belief, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a), Defendants have directly infringed, continue to directly infringe, and will continue to directly infringe absent the Court's intervention one or more claims of the '913 patent,

1 including for example (but not limited to) least method claims 8 and 10, and system
2 claims 23 and 25, of the '913 patent, either literally or under the doctrine of
3 equivalents, by making, using, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States,
4 or importing into the United States, without license or authority, Defendants' suite of
5 infringing drone and drone-related products, including, but not limited to, at least DJI
6 products that correspond to DJI branded model lines including, *inter alia*:

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9 **DJI Drones**

10 • The Matrice Series: Matrice 100, Matrice 200, Matrice 200 V2, Matrice
11 210, Matrice 210 V2, Matrice 210 RTK, Matrice 210 RTK V2, Matrice 600, Matrice
12 600 Pro;

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14 • The Inspire Series: Inspire 1, Inspire 1 Pro/Raw, Inspire 2, Inspire 2
15 Professional, Inspire 2 Premium, Inspire 2 Cinema Premium;

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17 • The Mavic Series: Mavic Pro, Mavic Pro Platinum, Mavic 2, Mavic 2
18 Pro, Mavic 2 Zoom, Mavic Air, Mavic Air 2, Mavic Mini, Mavic 2 Enterprise, Mavic
19 2 Enterprise Dual;

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21 • The Phantom Series: Phantom 4, Phantom 4 Pro/Pro+, Phantom 4
22 Advanced, Phantom 4 Pro/Pro+ V2.0, Phantom 4 RTK, Phantom 3, Phantom 3 4K,
23 Phantom 3 Advanced, Phantom 3 Professional; and

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25 • The P4 Multispectral.

26 **DJI Flight Control Components**

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28 • DJI GO application, with compatible controllers;

- 1 • DJI GO 4 application, with compatible controllers;
- 2 • DJI GS Pro application, with compatible controllers; and
- 3 • DJI FlightHub application, with compatible controllers.

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5 See **Exhibit E** (depicting representative specifications, instruction manuals,
6 and downloads of products for all Defendants' UAVs and Defendants' Flight Control
7 Components).

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9 **Direct Infringement Claim Chart:**

10 73. On information and belief, the DJI Mavic Series, Matrice Series,
11 Phantom Series, Spark, P4 Multispectral, and Inspire Series contain substantially
12 similar componentry and functionality at least insofar as the claimed inventions are
13 concerned. **Exhibit 2** illustrates how these DJI drone and drone-related products
14 perform the claimed methods, and also how they constitute the claimed systems. Such
15 infringement of the '913 patent by these DJI drones and drone-related products is
16 exemplified in **Exhibit 2** using the Phantom 4 Series UAV (including the Phantom 4
17 Pro). However, a person of ordinary skill in the art would readily recognize the
18 broader implications of these representative materials.

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21 **Defendants' Direct Infringement of the Method Claims:**

22 74. Defendants perform the method claims 8 and 10 of the '913 patent.
23 Infringement of a method claim requires performing every step of the claimed
24 method. Defendants perform every step of the methods recited in claims 8 and 10. As
25 set forth in **Exhibit 2**, Defendants perform, for example, the method recited in claim
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1 8, *i.e.*, a method of navigating an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), the method
2 comprising receiving in a remote control device a user's selection of a GUI map pixel
3 that represents a waypoint for UAV navigation, the pixel having a location on the
4 GUI; mapping the pixel's location on the GUI to Earth coordinates of the waypoint;
5 transmitting uplink telemetry, including the coordinates of the waypoint, to the UAV
6 through a socket on the remote control device; receiving downlink telemetry, include
7 a starting position from a GPS receiver, from the UAV through the socket; and
8 piloting the UAV, under control of a navigation computer on the UAV, from the
9 starting position to the waypoint in accordance with a navigation algorithm. *See*

10 **Exhibit 2.**

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14 75. Even if one or more steps recited in method claims 8 and 10 of the '913
15 patent are performed on a UAV not in the physical possession of the Defendants (*e.g.*,
16 in the possession of resellers, end-users, etc.), the claimed methods are performed
17 using the Defendants' devices and software. Defendants directly infringe as their
18 devices and software dictate the performance of the claimed steps, such as the
19 "receiving," "mapping," "transmitting," "receiving," and "piloting" steps recited in
20 claim 8 of the '913 patent. Defendants' devices and software are designed and built
21 by Defendants to perform the claimed steps automatically. Such devices and software
22 pilot the UAV. On information and belief, only Defendants can modify the
23 functionality relating to these activities; no one else can modify such functionality.
24 For example, Defendants perform GPS-related method steps because they designed
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1 and provided GPS functionality in the accused products that performs such steps
2 automatically, under Defendants’ control and without interference from others. Only
3 Defendants’ actions are involved in performing these activities. Defendants therefore
4 perform all of the claimed steps and directly infringe the asserted method claims of
5 the ‘913 patent.
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7 76. *Additionally or alternatively*, to the extent third parties or end-users
8 perform one or more steps of the methods recited in claims 8 and 10 of the ‘913 patent,
9 any such action by third parties or end-users is attributable to Defendants, such that
10 Defendants are liable for directly infringing such claims in a “joint infringement”
11 situation. In this regard, Defendants condition participation in activities, as well as the
12 receipt of benefits, upon performance of any such step by any such third party or end-
13 user. Defendants also establish the manner and timing of that performance. All third-
14 party and end-user involvement, if any, is incidental, ancillary, or contractual.
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18 77. Defendants contractually condition others’ use of accused products and
19 related goods and services on performing the claimed methods in compliance with at
20 least Defendants’ technical instructions, guidelines, and requirements. Defendants
21 exercise control over the methods performed by their UAV products, and exercise
22 control over others’ use of their UAV products. In return, Defendants receive benefits
23 from others’ use of their UAV products, including without limitation creating and
24 receiving ongoing revenue streams from accused products and related goods and
25 services. By way of further example, Defendants obtain valuable user data that is used
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1 for product improvement purposes and for data aggregation purposes. End-users
2 receive a benefit from putting the invention into service and operating a drone for
3 recreational and/or professional purposes. Serious enthusiasts and professionals alike
4 obtain access to complex UAV technologies and services, which often form the basis
5 for entire businesses.
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7 78. Thus, to the extent that any step of the asserted method claims is
8 performed by someone other than Defendants (*e.g.*, an end-user), Defendants
9 nonetheless directly infringe the '913 patent at least by one or more of: (1) providing
10 devices and software built and designed to perform methods covered by the asserted
11 method claims; (2) dictating via software and associated directions and instructions
12 (*e.g.*, to end-users) the use of the accused products such that, when used as built and
13 designed by Defendants, such products perform the claimed methods; (3) having the
14 ability to terminate others' access to and use of the accused products and related goods
15 and services if the accused products are not used in accordance with Defendants'
16 required terms; (4) marketing and advertising the accused products, and otherwise
17 instructing and directing, the use of the accused products in ways covered by the
18 asserted method claims; and (5) updating and providing ongoing support and
19 maintenance for the accused products if terms are met.
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25 79. Defendants' terms of service, dictated by Defendants, demonstrates
26 Defendants' direction and control over the claimed methods and over those who
27 perform the claimed methods. For example, end-users (*e.g.*, DJI customers) cannot
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1 use DJI drones or related products or services (see discussion above) without
2 accepting and following several sets of terms, conditions, policies, and guidelines
3 dictated by DJI. The following excerpts are illustrative, but by no means exhaustive,
4 of the contractual terms DJI requires of users in order to use the accused products:
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6 • “You acknowledge and agree that, as provided in further detail in these
7 terms: **The DJI GO App is licensed, not sold to you, and that you may**
8 **use the Service only as set forth in these Terms.** . . . You consent to the
9 **collection and use of your personal data and information about your**
10 **location.”** DJI GO App Terms of Use,
11 <https://content.djiservice.org/agreement/dji-go-tos.html> (emphasis
12 added).
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14 • “DJI GO App and Service Overview. **You may use the DJI GO App to**
15 **control DJI Hardware—including certain models of DJI aircraft**
16 **and gimbal product lines—in flight.”** *Id.* (emphasis added).
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18 • “Eligibility. **You must be at least 18 years of age to use the Service,**
19 **including the DJI GO App.”** *Id.* (emphasis added).
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21 • “Accounts and Registration. To access certain features of the Service
22 available through the DJI GO App, **you must register for and sign in**
23 **with a DJI account.”** *Id.* (emphasis added).
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- 1. Your Obligations. You are responsible for obtaining and maintaining all hardware and other communications equipment (including DJI Hardware) needed to access or use the Services. **You agree that : (a) you will use each DJI Hardware only in conformity with the applicable DJI Hardware terms of use, user manual, and safety guidelines . . . You further agree to operate your DJI Hardware in conformity with the user’s manual and Safety Guidelines provided by DJI and to not remove, deface, or otherwise obstruct any regulatory or certification marks affixed to a DJI Hardware. ” *Id.* (emphasis added)**
- “6. Termination of Use; Discontinuation and Modification of the Service. **If you violate any provision of these Terms, your permission from us to use the Service, including the DJI GO App, will terminate automatically.** In addition, **DJI may in its sole discretion terminate your DJI account or suspend or terminate your access to the Service at any time for any reason or no reason, with or without notice.** We also reserve the right to modify or discontinue the Service or features of the Service at any time, temporarily or permanently, without notice to you.” *Id.* (emphasis added).

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○ “9. Ownership; Proprietary Rights. **The Service is owned and operated by DJI.** The visual interfaces, graphics, design, compilation, information, data, computer code (including source code or object code), products, software, services, and all other elements of the Service (“Materials”) provided by DJI are protected by intellectual property and other laws. **All Materials contained in the Service are the property of DJI or our third-party licensors.**” (emphasis added).

80. On information and belief, Defendants enforce these terms.

81. Although the precise terms dictated by Defendants at times vary from product to product, they all provide Defendants with control over the end-users and, in particular, control over end-users’ use of the accused products. Put simply, and for example, an end-user of Defendants’ drones has no say in whether his or her drone navigates using a socket for downlink and uplink data exchange. Rather, Defendants are in complete control of this feature, which is covered by the ‘913 patent.

Defendants’ Direct Infringement of the System Claims:

82. Defendants make, use, sell, offer to sell, and/or import the systems recited in claims 23 and 25. Such claims are infringed when an accused system, having every element of the claimed system, is made, used, sold, offered for sale, or imported within the United States. Defendants make, use, sell, offer to sell, and/or import the accused products (or cause such acts to be performed on its behalf), which

1 possess every element recited in claims 23 and 25, as set forth in more detail in the
2 attached claim chart. *See Exhibit 2.* Defendants therefore directly infringe the system
3 claims of the ‘913 patent.

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5 83. *Additionally or alternatively*, regarding any “use” of the accused
6 products “by customers,” which is a subset of the direct infringement of system claims
7 set forth herein, Defendants directly infringe in such situations, as they put the accused
8 products and services into service and, at the same time, control the system as a whole
9 and obtain benefit from it. Defendants provide all components in the system and
10 control all aspects of its functionality. Although customers may have physical control
11 over certain aspects of the accused products (*e.g.*, an end-user who purchased a
12 drone), Defendants retain control over how the accused product operates (*e.g.*, by
13 having built and designed their UAVs to navigate in a particular, non-modifiable
14 manner). The nature and extent of Defendants’ control over the system was discussed
15 above in connection with the asserted method claims. Such discussion is incorporated
16 herein by reference. Defendants collect valuable personal data, including navigational
17 data, through its control of this system.

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22 84. *In the alternative*, if the end-user is deemed to put the invention into
23 service and controls the system as a whole, the end-user benefits from each element
24 of the claim because Defendants’ devices and software are designed and built by
25 Defendants to perform the claimed steps automatically. End-users receive a benefit
26 from putting the invention into service and operating a drone for recreational and/or
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1 professional purposes. Serious enthusiasts and professionals alike obtain access to
2 complex UAV technologies and services, which often form the basis for entire
3 businesses. In such a case, DJI would be liable as an inducing infringer as described
4 below.

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6 **Induced Infringement:**

7 85. Defendants have induced and will continue to induce others'
8 infringement of claims 8, 10, 23 and 25 of the '913 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C.
9 § 271(b). Defendants have actively encouraged infringement of the '913 patent,
10 knowing that the acts they induced constituted infringement of the '913 patent, and
11 their encouraging acts actually resulted in direct patent infringement by others.
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14 86. As discussed above, Defendants had actual and constructive knowledge
15 of the '913 patent, as well as actual and constructive knowledge of the relevance and
16 significance of the '913 patent to their research and development, as well as their
17 product offerings, no later than October 16, 2017.
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19 87. To the extent Defendants do not specify and control the navigation of the
20 accused products in the claimed manner (which they do), Defendants—with full
21 knowledge of the '913 patent and its relevance to their product offerings—actively
22 encourage others (*e.g.*, end-users such as recreational and professional end-users)—
23 to use the accused products as claimed. Such active encouragement by Defendants
24 takes many forms, and includes promotional and instructional materials, as well as
25 technical specifications and requirements enforced upon users. Defendants encourage
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1 others (*e.g.*, end-users) to navigate UAVs as claimed, employing the uplink and
2 downlink data exchange. Defendants dictate the manner of operation for DJI drone
3 systems and products such that, when an end-user uses DJI-supplied software (*e.g.*,
4 the DJI GO 4 App or DJI GS Pro App, etc.), whether installed on the end-user's
5 personal device or DJI-supplied controller, in order to use the DJI drone as designed
6 and required, each component and step of the asserted methods, systems, and products
7 is included or performed as encouraged, if not dictated, by DJI.
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10 88. Defendants also provide mission planning and control applications for
11 mobile computing devices, such as smartphones, laptops, and tablets, which allow
12 end-users to use the infringing features of the products. Such applications include, but
13 are not limited to the DJI GO App, DJI GO 4 App, and DJI GS Pro App, which allow
14 users to control the gimbal, camera, navigation, and other aircraft functions of the
15 infringing UAV products, thereby inducing infringement of at least claims 8, 10, 23
16 and 25 of the '913 patent.
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19 89. On information and belief, Defendants engaged in these acts with the
20 actual intent to cause the acts which they knew or should have known would induce
21 actual infringement, or otherwise exercised willful blindness of a high probability that
22 they have induced infringement.
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25 **Contributory Infringement:**

26 90. Defendants have contributed and will continue to contribute to others'
27 infringement of claims 8, 10, 23 and 25 of the '913 patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C.
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1 § 271(c). Defendants have offered to sell and sold within the United States, or
2 imported into the United States, at least some of the components of the claimed
3 systems, constituting a material part of the patented system, knowing the same to be
4 especially made or especially adapted for use in infringing the '913 patent, and not a
5 staple article or commodity of commerce for substantial non-infringing use.
6 Defendants have also offered to sell and sold within the United States, or imported
7 into the United States, material or apparatus for use in practicing the patented
8 navigational methods, constituting a material part of the patented methods, knowing
9 the same to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringing the '913
10 patent, and not a staple article or commodity of commerce for substantial non-
11 infringing use.
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15 91. As discussed above, Defendants had actual and constructive knowledge
16 of the '913 patent, as well as actual and constructive knowledge of the relevance and
17 significance of the '913 patent to their research and development, as well as their
18 product offerings, no later than October 16, 2017.
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21 92. To the extent Defendants do not specify and control the navigation of the
22 accused products in the claimed manner (which they do), Defendants supply accused
23 products to others (*e.g.*, end-users) that perform the claimed navigational methods
24 and/or that, when combined with other components, constitute the claimed
25 navigational systems. The accused products constitute drone devices and services,
26 constitute a material part of the claimed inventions, if not the claimed inventions
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1 themselves. Defendants dictate and control the navigational componentry and
2 techniques in the accused products, with full knowledge of the '913 patent and its
3 relevance to their research development, as well as their product offerings, and know
4 the same to be especially made and especially adapted for the infringement of the '913
5 patent.
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7 93. On information and belief, Defendants knew that the accused products
8 contained or utilized control programs implementing "Navigational Algorithms" that
9 aid users of Defendants' products as the product autonomously navigates using uplink
10 and downlink data exchange, including GPS information. Such navigation algorithms,
11 stored both on-board Defendants' UAVs and with Defendants' applications, such as
12 the DJI GO 4 Application and the DJI GS Pro Application, are especially made or
13 especially adapted for use in infringement of at least claims 8, 10, 23 and 25 of
14 the '913 patent and have no substantially non-infringing uses in these drone and
15 drone-related products.
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19 94. On information and belief, the portions of Defendants' products that
20 allows navigation of the Defendants' products in accordance with a navigation
21 algorithm, including DJI branded products made, marketed, used, sold, offered to sell,
22 or imported by Defendants, are not staple articles or commodities of commerce
23 suitable for substantial non-infringing use.
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26 **Willful Infringement:**

27 95. As set forth above, Defendants had actual and constructive knowledge
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1 of the '913 patent, as well as actual and constructive knowledge of the relevance and
2 significance of the '913 patent to their research and development, as well as their
3 product offerings, no later than October 16, 2017. Defendants' infringement, as
4 demonstrated in the attached claim chart(s), is egregious, and combined with
5 Defendants' clear knowledge, has been willful. Defendants respectfully request that
6 the Court award enhanced damages based on Defendants' conduct.
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9 **Damage to Daedalus Blue:**

10 96. On information and belief, Defendants' actions have and will continue to
11 constitute direct and indirect (induced and contributory) infringement of at least
12 claims 8, 10, 23 and 25 of the '913 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. §271.
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14 97. As a result of Defendants' infringement of at least claims 8, 10, 23 and
15 25 of the '913 patent, Daedalus Blue has suffered monetary damages in an amount
16 yet to be determined, in no event less than a reasonable royalty, and will continue to
17 suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by
18 this Court.
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21 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

22 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Daedalus Blue respectfully requests that this Court
23 enter:
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25 A. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff Daedalus Blue that Defendants have
26 been and are infringing at least claims 1-2 and 7-8 of the '232 patent and claims 8, 10,
27 23 and 25 of the '913 patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(a), 271(b) and/or 271(c);
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B. A judgment awarding Plaintiff Daedalus Blue all damages adequate to compensate it for Defendants’ infringement of the Daedalus Blue Patents, and in no event less than a reasonable royalty for Defendants’ acts of infringement, including all pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum rate permitted by law, and including all past damages prior to filing this Complaint in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 286, as a result of Defendants’ infringement of at least claims 1-2 and 7-8 of the ’232 patent and claims 8, 10, 23 and 25 of the ’913 patent;

C. An award of enhanced damages as a result of Defendants’ willful infringement of at least claims 1-2 and 7-8 of the ’232 patent and claims 8, 10, 23 and 25 of the ’913 patent, after being apprised of these patents, as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;

D. An assessment of costs, including reasonable attorney fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285, and prejudgment interest against Defendants; and

E. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 38, Plaintiff Daedalus Blue hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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