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9	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA							
10	SHENZHEN SMOORI TECHNOLOGY CO., I		Case No. 2	2:22-cv-7638				
11	Plaintiff,			<b>INT FOR P</b> A	ATENT			
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13 14	GREENTANK TECHN CORP.	<b>IOLOGIES</b>	DEMAND	FOR JURY	FRIAL			
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#### **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Shenzhen Smoore Technology Co., Ltd. ("Smoore" or "Plaintiff"), by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully alleges, states, and prays as follows:

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

1. This is an action for patent infringement under the Patent Laws of the 6 United States, Tile 35 United States Code, §§ 271 and 281, et seq. against 7 Greentank Technologies Corp. (herein "Greentank" or "Defendant"), for infringing 8 and profiting, in an illegal and unauthorized manner, and without authorization 9 and/or consent from Plaintiff for U.S. Patent Nos. 10,791,762 ("'762 Patent"), 10 10,791,763 ("'763 Patent"), and D853,635 ("D635 Patent", together with the '762 11 Patent and '763 Patent, collectively the "Patents-in-Suit") which are attached 12 13 hereto as **Exhibit A**, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference, and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271, to recover damages, attorneys' fees and costs. 14 15 PARTIES 2. Plaintiff Shenzhen Smoore Technology Limited is a corporation 16 organized under the laws of China having its principal place of business at Block 17 16, Dongcai Industry Park, Gushu Village, Bao'an District, Shenzhen, China. 18 3. Upon information and belief, Greentank Technologies Corp. 19 ("Greentank") is a Canadian corporation with a principal office street address at 20 102-135 Liberty Street, Toronto, ON, M6K 1A7, Canada. Upon information and 21 belief, Defendant and its distributors have conducted and continues to conduct 22 business in this judicial district, such as marketing and sales to the customers 23 located in this district. 24 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 25

# 4. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1, *et seq*.

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5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28
 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant by
Defendant's systematic and continuous business and acts of patent infringement
and/or has induced acts of patent infringement by others in this district and/or has
contributed to patent infringement by others in this district, the State of California
and elsewhere in the United States.

7. Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general jurisdiction
pursuant to its substantial business in this forum, including (i) at least part of its
past infringing activities alleged herein; (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business;
and/or (iii) driving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to
customers in this district.

8. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) and/or
28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) through Defendant's residence, acts of infringement, and/or
regular business in this district.

# THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

# A. <u>The '762 Patent</u>

9. On October 6, 2020, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent
 No. 10,791,762 (the "762 Patent"), entitled "Electronic cigarette and method for
 manufacturing atomizing assembly thereof" after a full and fair examination. The
 762 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as if fully
 rewritten.

10. The '762 Patent has 14 claims, including two independent claims (1,
11), and 12 dependent claims (2-10, 12-14). Plaintiff is asserting claims 1, 2, and 7
against Defendant, whose products infringe these claims literally or under the
doctrine of equivalents.

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# B. <u>The '763 Patent</u>

11. On October 6, 2020, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent
No. 10,791,763 (the "'763 Patent"), entitled "Atomizer capable of preventing
liquid leakage caused by air inside a liquid reservoir and electronic cigarette with
the same" after a full and fair examination. The '763 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein as if fully rewritten.

The '763 Patent has 20 claims, including two independent claims (1,
11), and 18 dependent claims (2-10, 12-20). Plaintiff is asserting claims 1 and 11
against Defendant, whose Accused Products infringe the referenced claims literally
or under the doctrine of equivalents.

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# C. <u>The D635 Patent</u>

13. On July 9, 2019, the USPTO duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No.
D853,635 (the "D635 Patent"), entitled "Atomizer for electronic cigarette" after a
full and fair examination. The D635 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A and
incorporated herein as if fully rewritten.

16 14. The D635 Patent has 1 claim. Plaintiff is asserting this claim against
17 Defendant, whose products infringe the referenced claims literally or under the
18 doctrine of equivalents.

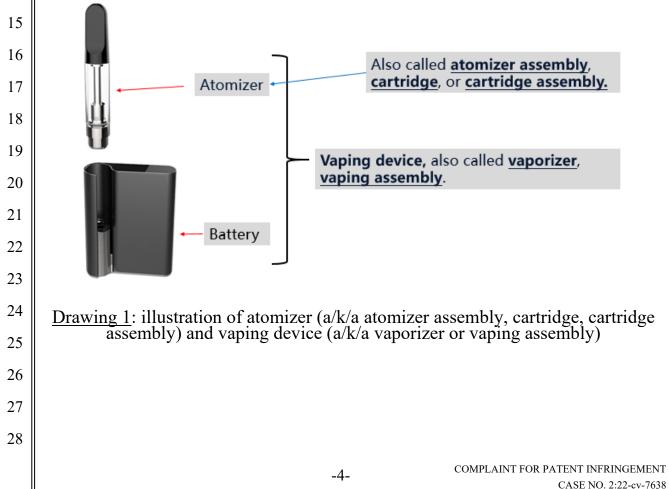
19 15. Plaintiff is the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title and interest
20 in the '762, '763, and D635 Patents and holds the exclusive right to take all actions
21 necessary to enforce its rights to the Patents-in-Suit, including the filing of this
22 patent infringement action, recovery all damages for past, present, and future
23 infringement of the Patents-in-Suit and to seek injunctive relief as appropriate
24 under the law.

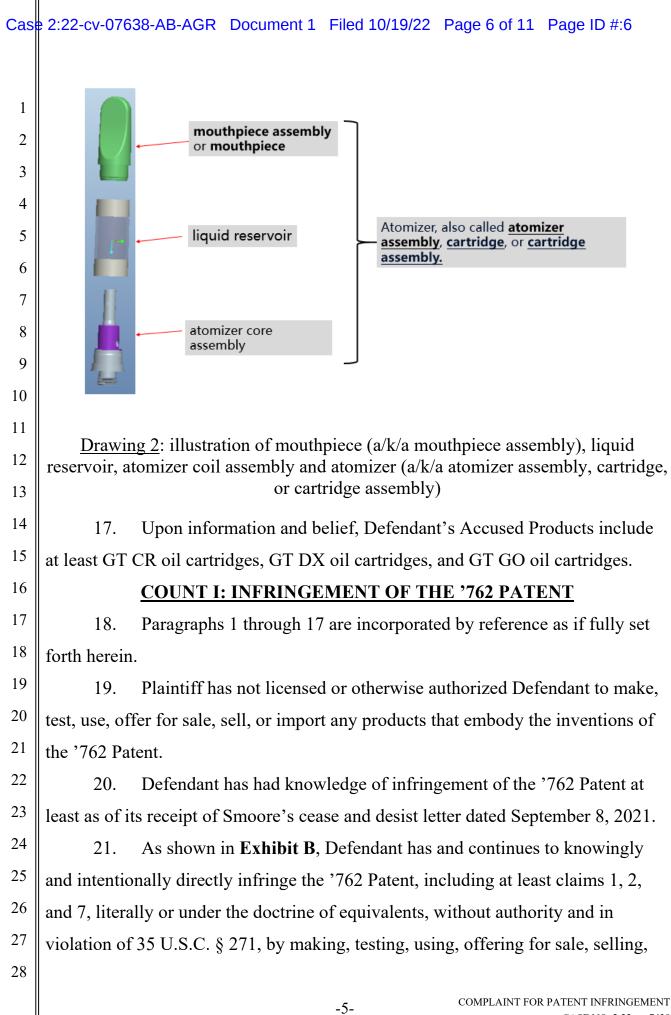
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# **DEFENDANT'S PRODUCTS**

16. During the enforceability period of the Patents-in-Suit, Defendant
offers and continues to offer for sale oil-vaping cartridges having a liquid reservoir
for containing a vaporizable oil. The components include a liquid reservoir and an

atomizer coil assembly, as illustrated in Drawing 2 below. These components can 1 be assembled together with mouthpieces to make atomizers (a/k/a atomizer 2 assembly, cartridges or cartridge assembly), and then further assembled with a 3 battery or other power source to form vaping devices (a/k/a vaporizer, vaping 4 5 assembly) that are used in or comprise Defendant's Accused Products for vaping purposes. The drawings below provide a detailed illustration of the technologies. 6 The Accused Products are sold in this district by or on behalf of Defendant. A non-7 limiting set of claim charts comparing exemplars of Accused Products to claims 1, 8 2, and 7 of the '762 Patent; and 1 and 11 of the '763 Patent; as well as the sole 9 design claim of the D635 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B and is 10 incorporated herein as if fully rewritten. If any additional infringing products are 11 identified by Plaintiff during this case, Plaintiff will amend the listing of Accused 12 13 Products accordingly. This case and any remedy should extend to all of Defendant's infringing products. 14





and/or importing into the United States products that satisfy each and every 1 limitation of one or more claims of the '762 Patent. 2

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22. Defendant has infringed and continues to indirectly infringe one or more claims of the '762 Patent by knowingly and intentionally inducing others, 4 5 including customers and end-users, to directly infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by making, using, testing, offering to sell, selling and/or 6 importing into the United States products that include infringing technology 7 protected by the '762 Patent, which are not staple articles nor commodities of 8 commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use. 9

23. Defendant induced infringement by others, including customers and 10 end users, with the intent to cause infringing acts by others or, in the alternative, 11 with the belief that there was a high probability that others, including customers 12 13 and end users, infringe the '762 Patent, but remaining willfully blind to the infringement. 14

24. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '762 Patent, Plaintiff 15 has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgement in an 16 amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement, together with 17 interests and costs. 18

25. Plaintiff's **Exhibit B** is for the purpose of meeting the notice 19 requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the 20 Plaintiff is not estopped by any infringement contention or claim construction 21 proposed by the claim charts that it provides with this Complaint. 22

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# **COUNT II: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '763 PATENT**

26. Paragraphs 1 through 25 are incorporated by reference as if fully set 24 forth herein. 25

27. Plaintiff has not licensed or otherwise authorized Defendant to make, 26 test, use, offer for sale, sell, or import any products that embody the inventions of 27 the '763 Patent. 28

28. Defendant has had knowledge of infringement of the '763 Patent at
 least as of its receipt of Smoore's cease and desist letter dated September 8, 2021.

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29. As shown in **Exhibit B**, Defendant has and continues to knowingly and intentionally directly infringe the '763 Patent, including at least claims 1 and 11, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, without authority and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, testing, using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing into the United States products that satisfy each and every limitation of one or more claims of the '763 Patent.

30. Defendant has infringed and continues to indirectly infringe one or
more claims of the '763 Patent by knowingly and intentionally inducing others,
including customers and end-users, to directly infringe, literally or under the
doctrine of equivalents, by making, using, testing, offering to sell, selling and/or
importing into the United States products that include infringing technology
protected by the '763 Patent, which are not staple articles nor commodities of
commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing use.

31. Defendant induced infringement by others, including customers and
end users, with the intent to cause infringing acts by others or, in the alternative,
with the belief that there was a high probability that others, including customers
and end users, infringe the '763 Patent, but remaining willfully blind to the
infringement.

32. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '763 Patent, Plaintiff
has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgement in an
amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement, together with
interests and costs.

33. Plaintiff's Exhibit B is for the purpose of meeting the notice
requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the
Plaintiff is not estopped by any infringement contention or claim construction
proposed in the claim charts that it provides with this Complaint.

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# **COUNT III: INFRINGEMENT OF THE D635 PATENT**

2 34. Paragraphs 1 through 33 are incorporated by reference as if fully set
3 forth herein

4 35. Plaintiff has not licensed or otherwise authorized Defendant to make,
5 test, use, offer for sale, sell, or import any products that embody the inventions of
6 the D635 Patent.

7 8 36. Defendant has had knowledge of infringement of the D635 Patent at least as of its receipt of Smoore's cease and desist letter dated September 8, 2021.

37. As shown in Exhibit B, Defendant has infringed and continues to
knowingly and intentionally directly infringe the D635 Patent, literally or under the
doctrine of equivalents, without authority and in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by
making, testing, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing into the United
States products that satisfy each and every limitation of the D635 Patent, and that
would deceive an ordinary purchaser by inducing purchase of the accused device
supposing it to embody the patented design.

38. Defendant has infringed and continues to indirectly infringe the D635
Patent by knowingly and intentionally inducing others, including customers and
end-users, to directly infringe, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by
making, using, testing, offering to sell, selling and/or importing into the United
States products that including infringing design protected by the D635 Patent.

To the extent that an Accused Product is sold in a not-yet-assembled 39. 21 form with components (i.e., mouthpiece, liquid reservoir, atomizer core assembly) 22 that would directly infringe the D635 patent when assembled by a party other than 23 the Defendant. Defendant induced infringement by others, including customers and 24 end users, with the intent to cause infringing acts by others or, in the alternative, 25 with the belief that there was a high probability that others, including customers 26 and end users, infringe the D635 Patent, but remaining willfully blind to the 27 infringement. 28

40. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the D635 Patent, Plaintiff
 has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a monetary judgement in an
 amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's past infringement, together with
 interest and costs, or the total profit for each infringing product under 35 U.S.C.
 § 289.

Plaintiff's Exhibit B is for the purpose of meeting the notice 41. 6 requirements of Rule 8(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the 7 Plaintiff is not estopped by any infringement contention or claim construction 8 proposed by the claim charts that it provides with this Complaint, where "Accused 9 Products" are identified by way of example in those charts, but only the '762 10 Patent is asserted against all Accused Products, and the remaining patents-in-suit 11 are asserted against fewer than all products as apparent from externally-visible 12 features, and set forth in the claim charts, where all rights are reserved to accuse 13 Defendant's other infringing products under the patent(s) that cover each. 14 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 15 42. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of any and all causes of action. 16 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF** 17 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief: 18 a. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed one or more of the 19 claims of the '762 Patent directly (literally and/or under the doctrine 20 of equivalents) and/or indirectly; 21 b. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed one or more of the 22 claims of the '763 Patent directly (literally and/or under the doctrine 23 of equivalents) and/or indirectly; 24 c. That Defendant be adjudged to have infringed the claim of the D635 25 Patent directly (either literally and/or under the doctrine of 26 equivalents) and/or indirectly; 27 28 COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT -9-

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2	limitation, those sales and damages not presented at trial;					
3	e. An award of all damages to which Smoore is entitled under 35 U.S.C.					
4	§§ 284 and/or 289 for all past and continuing infringement, including					
5	without limitation, at least reasonable royalties;					
6	f. An award of enhanced damages in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284					
7	as a result of Defendant's knowing and willful infringement;					
8	g. A finding that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and an					
9	award of all of Plaintiff's attorneys' fees incurred in connection with					
10	this case;					
11	h. An assessment of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs					
12	against Defendant and an award of such interest and costs in					
13	accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284; and					
14	i. The Plaintiff be granted s	i. The Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as this Court may				
15	deem just and proper.					
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