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6	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT				
7	FOR DISTRICT OF ARIZONA				
8	Hanchett Entry Systems, Inc., an ) Arizona corporation, )				
9	) No.: Plaintiff,				
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11	) <b>DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL</b>				
12	Camden Marketing Inc. d/b/a Camden ) Door Controls, a Canadian )				
13	corporation, ) ) Defendant. )				
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15	Plaintiff, Hanchett Entry Systems, Inc. ("HES" or "plaintiff"), for its complaint				
16	against the defendant Camden Marketing Inc. d/b/a Camden Door Controls ("Camden"), a				
17	Canadian corporation, alleges as follows:				
18	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT				
19	1. This is an action brought by HES against Camden for infringement of United				
20	States Patent Nos. 10,563,427 ("the '427 Patent"), 10,794,088 ("the '088 Patent"),				
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1 and D794,416 ("the '416 Patent"), in violation of the United States Patent Laws 35 U.S.C. 2 § 1 et seq. HES also brings this action against Camden for infringement of HES' common 3 law trademark rights. 4 THE PARTIES 5 2. HES is, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was, a corporation organized 6 and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona, with its principal place of business 7 located in Phoenix, Arizona. 8 3. Upon information and belief, Camden is, and at all times hereinafter 9 mentioned was, a company organized and existing under the laws of the province of 10 Ontario, Canada, having an address of 2395 Skymark Avenue, Mississauga, Ontario, 11 Canada L4W 4Y6 (Ontario Corporation #1107202/Federal Corporation #2320941) and 12 located at 5502 Timerlea Blvd., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4W 2T7. 13 4. Based upon the marketing information contained on Camden's website 14 (www.camdencontrols.com/reps#Arizona), Camden conducts business within the United 15 States of America including the State of Arizona.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 5. This Court has exclusive jurisdiction over the subject matter of the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332 and 1338(a).
- 6. Personal jurisdiction over Camden is consistent with the United States Constitution because, upon information and belief, it has minimum contacts within the State of Arizona; it has purposefully availed itself of its privileges of transacting business within the State by selling and offering for sale products to its distributors and/or customers

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situated within the State; and it has committed and continues to commit acts of direct and/or indirect patent infringement in this District as further alleged in this complaint.

7. Upon information and belief, venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and/or 1400(b), in that Camden is a foreign corporation and may be sued in any judicial district.

#### **PATENT-IN-SUIT:** the '427 Patent

- 8. The United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued the '427 Patent on February 18, 2020 (a copy of the '427 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit "A").
- 9. Independent claim 1 of the '427 Patent is directed to a keeper assembly for an electric strike including a housing defining an entry chamber. The electric strike operates in conjunction with a latch of a lockset for a door, wherein the latch has an engaged position and a released position, and wherein the engaged position secures the latch within the entry chamber when the door is in a closed state.
- 10. The keeper assembly in claim 1 of the '427 Patent comprises a keeper rotatably mounted to the housing, wherein the keeper includes a keeper base. The keeper is movable between a locked position and an unlocked position, and the keeper retains the latch in the entry chamber when the keeper is in the locked position and the latch is in the engaged position.
- 11. The keeper assembly in claim 1 of the '427 Patent further comprises a keeper shim mounted to the keeper base of the keeper. The keeper shim includes an outer face contactable by the latch when the latch is in the engaged position.

- 12. The keeper assembly in claim 1 of the '427 Patent further comprises an adjustment mechanism associated with the keeper shim, wherein the adjustment mechanism is configured to selectively adjust the position of the outer face of the keeper shim relative to the keeper base. The selective adjustment of the position of the outer face of said keeper shim is made to minimize a gap defined between the outer face of the keeper shim and the latch when the latch is in the engaged position and the keeper is in the locked position.
- 13. The keeper assembly in claim 1 of the '427 Patent further comprises a fastener that couples the keeper shim to the keeper after the position of the keeper shim relative to the keeper is set by the adjustment mechanism.
- 14. Independent claims 9, 16 and 20 include features that are related to the invention set forth above in independent claim 1.
- 15. HES owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the '427 Patent, including the right to bring this suit for injunctive relief and damages.
  - 16. The '427 Patent is valid and enforceable.

#### PATENT-IN-SUIT: the '088 Patent

- 17. The United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued the '088 Patent on October 6, 2020 (a copy of the '088 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit "B").
- 18. Independent claim 1 of the '088 Patent is directed to an actuator-controlled electric strike for operating in conjunction with a latch of a lockset, wherein the latch has a tapered contact face, as well as a release position and an engaged position that secures a

door in a closed state.

- 19. The electric strike in claim 1 of the '088 Patent comprises a housing and a keeper. The housing defines an entry chamber therein, and includes a housing longitudinal length, a back wall extending along the housing longitudinal length, a bottom panel disposed perpendicular to the back wall, and upstanding first and second side walls disposed perpendicular to both the bottom panel and the back wall. The first and second side walls include respective edges comprising a front profile that joins a front edge and a top edge of each respective side wall edge.
- 20. The keeper set forth in claim 1 of the '088 Patent comprises is rotatably disposed in the entry chamber of the housing between the first side wall and the second side wall of the housing. The keeper includes a keeper longitudinal length and is rotatable about an axis of rotation between a locked position and an unlocked position, wherein the axis of rotation is parallel with the housing longitudinal length.
- 21. The keeper set forth in claim 1 of the '088 Patent includes a keeper base and a ramp element. The ramp element includes a contoured surface that is contactable by the tapered contact face of the latch when the keeper is in said locked position and the door is moved to the closed state. The contoured surface runs along the keeper longitudinal length. The contoured surface of the ramp element extends beyond the front profile of the housing when the keeper is in the locked position to prevent the tapered face of the latch from contacting the front profile of the housing as the door is moved to the closed state.
- 22. HES owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the '088 Patent, including the right to bring this suit for injunctive relief and damages.

23. The '088 Patent is valid and enforceable.

## **PATENT-IN-SUIT:** the '416 Patent

- 24. The United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued the '416 Patent on August 15, 2017 (a copy of the '416 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit "C").
- 25. The '416 claims the ornamental design of an electric strike as shown and described.
- 26. HES owns by assignment the entire right, title, and interest in and to the '416 Patent, including the right to bring this suit for injunctive relief and damages.
  - 27. The '416 Patent is valid and enforceable.

### **TRADEMARKS**

- 28. HES has continuously used the marks "1500 Series" and "1500" (collectively "the HES Marks" or "HES' Marks") in connection with the design, manufacture and sale of its 1500 Series<sup>TM</sup> electric strikes throughout the United States of America ("United States") since April 2017.
- 29. HES operates and advertises its business and product offerings, in part, at a website located at http://www.hesinnovations.com ("HES' Website"), which began promoting the HES Marks in April of 2017.
- 30. HES operates its business, advertises, markets and promotes the HES Marks utilizing the internet, email, telephones, and cell phones as instrumentalities of interstate commerce.

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- 31. HES has expended substantial amounts of time, money and resources in marketing, advertising and promoting the electric strikes sold under the HES Marks.
- 32. Beginning in April of 2017 and continuing through the date of this Complaint, HES has marketed its 1500 Series<sup>TM</sup> electric strike under the HES Marks on, among other things, its website, product packaging, banner stands, brochures, print advertising and digital advertising throughout the United States, as part of a marketing and advertising campaign that has cost HES hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Between 2017 and 2022, HES has also promoted its 1500 Series<sup>TM</sup> electric 33. strike under the HES Marks by, among other things, attending trade shows, distributor expositions and counter days throughout the United States, investing approximately \$250,000 to \$500,000 a year in such events.
- 34. Since 2017, as a result of HES' high quality, excellent reputation and extensive investment in promotion and marketing, it has sold thousands of its 1500 Series<sup>TM</sup> electric strikes throughout the United States, resulting in millions of dollars of revenue.
- 35. By reason of its widespread, continuous, and exclusive use of the HES Marks to identify its electric strikes and HES as their source, HES owns valid and subsisting statutory and common law rights in the HES Marks.
- 36. HES' trade area under the HES Marks includes, but is not limited to, is the entire United States.
- 37. The HES Marks are distinctive to both the consuming public and in plaintiff's trade in the United States.

Camden Series 1500 Electric Strikes.

- 44. Upon information and belief, Camden has knowingly induced, and continues to knowingly induce, others to infringe claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the '427 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b), in this District and elsewhere in the United States, by taking active steps with specific intent to encourage and facilitate direct infringement by others, such as by distributors and others in the chain of distribution selling or offering to sell Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes and/or by its customers using its 1500 Series Electric Strikes, with knowledge of the distributors' and customers' infringement.
- 45. Camden has encouraged and facilitated such direct infringement by distributors, their customers, and others in the chain of distribution, by contracting for the distribution of Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes, by marketing, promoting, and advertising its 1500 Series Electric Strikes on its website, and by creating and publishing installation instructions for installing and using its 1500 Series Electric Strikes that are included in the packaging along with Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes and displayed on Camden's website.
- 46. Upon information and belief, Camden, with knowledge of the '427 Patent, has contributorily infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe, claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the '427 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) by selling and/or offering to sell, in this District and elsewhere in the United States, its 1500 Series Electric Strikes, and facilitating the sale or offer for sale its 1500 Series Electric Strikes by its distributors and others in the chain of distribution, and, in turn, use of its 1500 Series Electric Strikes by Camden's customers.

- 47. This sale and offer for sale of Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes by its and/or others in the chain of distribution, and, in turn, use by Camden's customers, embodies a material part of the infringing method described in claims 16, 17 and 18 of the '427 Patent ("the Infringing Method").
- 48. Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes are specially made or specially adapted for use in practicing the invention set forth in claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the '427 Patent and are not staple articles suitable for a commercially significant non-infringing use.
- 49. The sale and offer for sale of the Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes by Camden and it's distributors, and the use of Infringing Products by Camden's customers to perform the Infringing Method constitutes direct infringement of the '427 Patent.
- 50. Camden knowingly continues to make, use, sell, offer to sell, and import into the United States products that infringe claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the '427 Patent.
- 51. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 287(a), Camden received notice of the '427 patent in 2020.
- 52. HES has been and continues to be damaged by Camden's infringement of the '427 Patent in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 53. HES has suffered irreparable injury for which there is no adequate remedy at law and will continue to suffer such irreparable injury unless Camden's infringement of the '427 Patent is enjoined by this Court.
  - 54. Upon information and belief, Camden's infringement is willful because

in the chain of distribution selling or offering to sell Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes

and/or by its customers using the its 1500 Series Electric Strikes, with knowledge of the distributors' and customers' infringement.

- 61. Camden has encouraged and facilitated such direct infringement by distributors, their customers, and others in the chain of distribution, by contracting for the distribution of Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes, by marketing, promoting, and advertising its 1500 Series Electric Strikes on its website, and by creating and publishing installation instructions for installing and using its 1500 Series Electric Strikes that are included in the packaging along with Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes and displayed on Camden's website.
- 62. Upon information and belief, Camden, with knowledge of the '088 Patent, has contributorily infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe, claims 1 through 13 of the '088 Patent, in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) by selling and/or offering to sell, in this District and elsewhere in the United States, its 1500 Series Electric Strikes, and facilitating the sale or offer for sale its 1500 Series Electric Strikes by its distributors and others in the chain of distribution, and, in turn, use of its 1500 Series Electric Strikes by Camden's customers, knowing them to be especially made or especially adapted for practicing the invention of the '088 Patent and are not staple articles suitable for a commercially significant non-infringing use.
- 63. Camden knowingly continues to make, use, sell, and offer to sell products that infringe claims 1 through 13 of the '088 Patent.
- 64. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 287(a), Camden received notice of the '088 patent in 2020.

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- 73. An ordinary observer or purchaser would find the overall design set forth in the '416 Patent and Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes substantially similar and mistakenly purchase Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes.
- 74. Upon information and belief, Camden has knowingly induced, and continues to knowingly induce, others to infringe the '416 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. §§ 271(b) and 289, in this District and elsewhere in the United States, by taking active steps with specific intent to encourage and facilitate direct infringement by others, such as by distributors and others in the chain of distribution selling or offering to sell Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes and/or by its customers using the its 1500 Series Electric Strikes, with knowledge of the distributors' and customers' infringement.
- 75. Camden has encouraged and facilitated such direct infringement by its distributors, their customers, and others in the chain of distribution, by contracting for the distribution of the 1500 Series Electric Strikes, by marketing, promoting, and advertising the 1500 Series Electric Strikes on Camden's website, and by creating and publishing installation instructions for installing and using its 1500 Series Electric Strikes that are included in the packaging along with Camden's 1500 Series Electric Strikes and displayed on Camden's website.
- 76. Camden knowingly continues to make, use, sell, and offer to sell products that infringe the '416 Patent.
- 77. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 287(a), Camden received notice of the '416 patent in 2017.
  - 78. HES has been and continues to be damaged by Camden's infringement of

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selling, offering to sell and/or importing any 1500 Series Electric Strikes or other strikes which infringe upon one or more claims of the '427, '088 and '416 Patents.

86. HES is entitled to a judgment, declaring that Camden has infringed, and continues to infringe one or more claims of the '427, '088 and '416 Patents and further declaring the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties.

# AS AND FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION, PLAINTIFF ALLEGES:

## (Unfair Competition – 11 U.S.C. § 1125(a))

- 87. HES repeats and re-alleges paragraphs "1" through "86" as if more fully set forth herein
  - 88. HES has common law ownership rights in HES' Marks.
- 89. In an effort to trade upon HES' Marks, reputation and goodwill, Camden not only infringed the '427, '088 and '416 Patents through the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale and/or importation of its 1500 Series Electric Strikes as mentioned above ("Infringing Products"), Camden also adopted the confusingly similar "CX-ED1500 Series," "CX-ED1500," "CX-ED1500L2," "CX-ED1500L2-Pac1," "CX-ED1500L2-Pac2," "CX-ED1500L2-Pac3," "CX-ED1500LP" and "CX-ED1500LP-Pac1" marks (collectively "Infringing Marks") in association with the Infringing Products.
- 90. Upon information and belief, Camden began offering its Infringing Products under the Infringing Marks in interstate commerce in July of 2022, approximately five (5) years after HES had adopted and made continuous use of HES' Marks in commerce throughout the United States.
  - 91. HES obtained rights in HES' Marks long before Camden began using the

Infringing Marks.

- 92. Camden's unauthorized use in commerce of the Infringing Marks, in connection with the sale of its infringing products, it is likely to deceive customers as to the origin, source, sponsorship, or affiliation of Camden's offerings, and is likely to cause consumers to believe, contrary to fact, that Camden's offerings are sold, authorized, endorsed, or sponsored by HES or that HES is in some way affiliated with Camden.
- 93. Alternatively, Camden's unauthorized use in commerce of the Infringing Marks in connection with the sale of its Infringing Products is likely to deceive consumers as to the origin, source, sponsorship or affiliation of HES' offerings, and is likely to cause consumers to believe, contrary to fact, that HES' offerings are sold, authorized, endorsed, or sponsored by Camden, or that Camden is in some way affiliated with or sponsored by HES.
- 94. Camden's unauthorized use in commerce of the Infringing Marks in connection with its Infringing Products constitutes use of a false designation of origin and misleading description and representation of fact.
- 95. Camden's conduct constitutes unfair competition in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).
- 96. Camden's conduct is willful and is intended to and is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the affiliation, connection, or association of HES with Camden or Camden with HES.
- 97. Camden committed the foregoing acts with full knowledge of HES' Marks and HES' prior rights in HES' Marks.

- 98. Camden's conduct is causing immediate and irreparable harm and injury to HES and to its goodwill and reputation and will continue to both damage HES and confuse the public unless enjoined by this Court.
  - 99. HES has no adequate remedy at law.
- 100. Accordingly, HES is entitled to, among relief, injunctive relief and an award of actual damages, Camden's profits, enhanced damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and costs of the action under Sections 34 and 35 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1116 and 1117, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest.

### AS AND FOR A SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION, PLAINTIFF ALLEGES:

## (Common Law Trademark Infringement and Unfair Competition)

- 101. HES repeats and re-alleges paragraphs "1" through "100" as if more fully set forth herein.
- 102. Camden's conduct violates HES' common law trademark rights and constitutes unfair competition.
- 103. The public recognizes HES as the source of the products marketed and promoted under HES' Marks.
- 104. Camden's actions are likely to cause confusion, or mistake, or to deceive as to Camden's affiliation connection, or association with HES, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of its commercial activities.
- 105. Alternatively, Camden's actions are likely to cause confusion, or mistake, or to deceive as to HES' affiliation, connection, or association with Camden, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of its commercial activities.

106. Camden committed these acts maliciously and in conscious disregard of HES rights.

**WHEREFORE**, the plaintiff, Hanchett Entry Systems, Inc., requests judgment as follows:

- A. Declaring that the one or more claims of United States Patent No. 10,563,427 have been infringed by Camden and/or by third parties to whose infringement Camden has contributed and/or by third parties whose infringement has been induced by Camden;
- B. Declaring that the one or more claims of United States Patent No. 10,794,088 have been infringed by Camden and/or by third parties to whose infringement Camden contributed and/or by third parties whose infringement has been induced by Camden;
- C. Declaring that the claim of United States Patent No. D794,416 has been infringed by Camden and/or by third parties to whose infringement Camden has contributed and/or by third parties whose infringement has been induced by Camden;
  - D. Declaring that Camden has infringed upon HES' trademark rights;
- E. Granting a permanent injunction, restraining and adjoining Camden and its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and all others in perfidy, concert or participation with them or on their behalf, from further acts of patent infringement, including the manufacturer, use, sale/offering for sale, and importation of infringing devices, methods, systems, and manufactures;
  - F. For preliminary and permanent injunctive relief ordering Camden and

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its employees, agents, officers, directors, attorneys, successors, affiliates, subsidiaries, and assigns, and any and all persons or entities acting in concert with Camden to:

- 1. Immediately cease and desist from engaging in any further acts of trademark infringement, false designation of origin, and unfair competition including, without limitation, offering, marketing, advertising, promoting, or authorizing any thirdparty to offer, market, advertise, or promote any goods or services bearing the Infringing Marks or any other marks that is confusingly similar to or a variation of or colorable imitation of the HES Marks;
- 2. Immediately cease and desist from making or displaying any statement, representation, or depiction that is likely to lead to the public or the trade to believe that (a) Camden's offerings are in any manner approved endorsed, licensed, sponsored, authorized, or franchised by or associated, affiliated, or otherwise connected with HES or (b) HES' offerings are in any manner approved, endorsed, licensed, sponsored, authorized, or franchised by or associated, affiliated, or otherwise, connected with Camden.
- 3. Refrain from registering or applying to register any trademark, service mark, domain name, trade name, or other source identifier or symbol of origin consisting or of incorporating the

1	HES Marks or any other mark that infringes or is likely to b				
2	confused with the HES Marks;				
3	G. Granting an accounting for damages adequate to compensate plaintif				
4	for infringement of one or all of the '427 Patent, '088 Patent, '416 Patent and HES'				
5	trademark rights, with such damages for infringement of the '427 and '088 Patents to be				
6	trebled to the extent allowed by law due to the willful and deliberate character of the				
7	infringement and damages for infringement of the '416 Patent to include the doubling of				
8	lost profits under 35 U.S.C. § 289.				
9	H. Awarding to plaintiff all other compensatory damages suffered as a				
10	result of Camden's actions;				
11	I. Awarding to plaintiff attorneys fees and costs;				
12	J. Further declaring the respective rights and responsibilities of the				
13	parties; and				
14	K. Awarding the plaintiff such other and further relief as to this Court				
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1	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL					
2	Plaintiff, Hanchett Entry Systems, Inc., hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues					
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