

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION**

**CLOUD SYSTEMS HOLDOCO IP, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

Civil Action No. 7:23-cv-00186

v.

**PHILLIPS NORTH AMERICA, LLC,
Defendant**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Cloud Systems Holdco IP LLC (“Cloud”) files this Original Complaint and demand for jury trial seeking relief from patent infringement of the claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,533,326 (“the ’326 patent”) and 8,909,779 (“the ’779 patent”) (collectively, referred to as the “Patents-in-Suit”) by Phillips North America, LLC (“Defendant” or “Phillips”).

I. THE PARTIES

1. Cloud Systems Holdco IP is a Texas Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business located in Travis County, Texas.

2. On information and belief, Defendant is a Limited Liability Company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with a regular and established place of business located at 5914 W Courtyard Dr Ste 160 Austin, TX, 78730-4929. On information and belief, Defendant sells and offers to sell products and services throughout Texas, including in this judicial district, and introduces products and services that perform infringing methods or processes into the stream of commerce knowing that they would be sold in Texas and this judicial district. Defendant can be served with process through their registered agent Corporation

Service Company dba CSC - Lawyers Incorporating Service Company, 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701, at its place of business, or anywhere else it may be found.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has original subject-matter jurisdiction over the entire action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because Plaintiff's claim arises under an Act of Congress relating to patents, namely, 35 U.S.C. § 271.

4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because: (i) Defendant is present within or has minimum contacts within the State of Texas and this judicial district; (ii) Defendant has purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of Texas and in this judicial district; and (iii) Plaintiff's cause of action arises directly from Defendant's business contacts and other activities in the State of Texas and in this judicial district.

5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1400(b). Defendant has committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business in this District. Further, venue is proper because Defendant conducts substantial business in this forum, directly or through intermediaries, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and this District.

III. INFRINGEMENT - Infringement of the '326 patent

6. On September 10, 2013, U.S. Patent No. 8,533,326 ("the '326 patent", attached as Exhibit A) entitled "Method for managing, routing, and controlling devices and inter-device connections," was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Cloud Systems Holdco IP LLC owns the '326 patent by assignment.

7. The '326 patent relates to a system and method for control and monitoring of devices and inter-device connections located within an environment using a control client.

8. Defendant maintains, operates, and administers systems, products, and services for enabling a method for controlling an environment that infringes one or more claims of the '326 patent, including one or more of claims 1-20, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant put the inventions claimed by the '326 Patent into service (i.e., used them); but for Defendant's actions, the claimed-inventions embodiments involving Defendant's products and services would never have been put into service. Defendant's acts complained of herein caused those claimed-invention embodiments as a whole to perform, and Defendant's procurement of monetary and commercial benefit from it.

9. Support for the allegations of infringement may be found in the the chart attached as exhibit B. These allegations of infringement are preliminary and are therefore subject to change. The Accused Instrumentality is Phillips Avent.

10. Defendant has and continues to induce infringement. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., method for controlling an environment, comprising establishing communication between a server and a control client) and related services such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-20 of the '326 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Defendant has known of the '326 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the issuance of the patent.¹ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

11. Defendant has and continues to contributorily infringe. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related

¹ Plaintiff reserves the right to amend if discovery reveals an earlier date of knowledge.

companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., method for controlling an environment, comprising establishing communication between a server and a control client) and related services such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-20 of the '326 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant has known of the '326 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the issuance of the patent.² For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

12. Defendant has caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff damage by direct and indirect infringement of (including inducing infringement and contributory infringement) the claims of the '326 patent.

IV. INFRINGEMENT OF THE '779 PATENT

13. On December 9, 2014, U.S. Patent No. 8,909,779 (“the '779 patent”, attached as Exhibit C) entitled “System and method for control and monitoring of multiple devices and inter-device connections,” was duly and legally issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Cloud Systems Holdco IP LLC owns the '779 patent by assignment.

14. The '779 patent relates to a system and method for control and monitoring of devices and inter-device connections located within an environment using a control client.

15. Defendant maintains, operates, and administers systems, products, and services for enabling a method for controlling an environment that infringes one or more claims of the '779 patent, including one or more of claims 1-20, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant put the inventions claimed by the '779 Patent into service (i.e., used them); but for Defendant’s actions, the claimed-inventions embodiments involving Defendant’s products and services would never have been put into service. Defendant’s acts complained of herein caused

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those claimed-invention embodiments as a whole to perform, and Defendant's procurement of monetary and commercial benefit from it.

16. Support for the allegations of infringement may be found in the the chart attached as exhibit D. These allegations of infringement are preliminary and are therefore subject to change. The Accused Instrumentality is Philips Avent.

17. Defendant has and continues to induce infringement. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., method for controlling an environment, comprising establishing communication between a server and a control client) and related services such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-20 of the '779 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Moreover, Defendant has known of the '779 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the issuance of the patent.³ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

18. Defendant has and continues to contributorily infringe. Defendant has actively encouraged or instructed others (e.g., its customers and/or the customers of its related companies), and continues to do so, on how to use its products and services (e.g., method for controlling an environment, comprising establishing communication between a server and a control client) and related services such as to cause infringement of one or more of claims 1-20 of the '779 patent, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant has known of the '779 patent and the technology underlying it from at least the issuance of the patent.⁴ For clarity, direct infringement is previously alleged in this complaint.

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19. Defendant has caused and will continue to cause Plaintiff damage by direct and indirect infringement of (including inducing infringement and contributory infringement) the claims of the '779 patent.

V. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

20. Plaintiff is a non-practicing entity, with no products to mark. To the extent any licenses are granted, Plaintiff has made reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with 35 USC § 287(a). Further, all conditions precedent to recovery are met.

VI. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on issues so triable by right.

VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief as follows:

- a. enter judgment that Defendant has infringed the claims of the Patents-in-Suit;
- b. award Plaintiff damages in an amount sufficient to compensate it for Defendant's infringement of the Patents-in-Suit in an amount no less than a reasonable royalty or lost profits, together with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- c. award Plaintiff an accounting for acts of infringement not presented at trial and an award by the Court of additional damage for any such acts of infringement;
- d. declare this case to be "exceptional" under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and award Plaintiff its attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action;
- e. declare Defendant's infringement to be willful and treble the damages, including attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred in this action and an increase in the damage award pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

- f. a decree addressing future infringement that either (if) awards a permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, affiliates, divisions, and subsidiaries, and those in association with Defendant from infringing the claims of the Patents-in-Suit, or (ii) awards damages for future infringement in lieu of an injunction in an amount consistent with the fact that for future infringement the Defendant will be an adjudicated infringer of a valid patent, and trebles that amount in view of the fact that the future infringement will be willful as a matter of law; and
- g. award Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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