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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

POCATELLO OFFICE

MY TWO LADIES LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,

VS.

TWICE SHEARED SHEEP, LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company,

Defendant.

Case No. <>

COMPLAINT

Jury Trial Requested

Plaintiff, for its Complaint, alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, My Two Ladies LLC ("My Two Ladies" or "Plaintiff") is a Wisconsin limited liability company having a place of business at 6008 Spring Valley Rd, Burlington, Wisconsin 53105.
- 2. On information and belief, defendant Twice Sheared Sheep, LLC ("Twice Sheared Sheep" or "Defendant") is an Idaho limited liability company having a principal address of 629 Brent Street, Pocatello, Idaho 83201.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, United States Code, Title 35 including, without limitation, Sections 271, 281, 283, 284 and 285, and subject matter jurisdiction of this court is conferred by United States Code, Title 28, Section 1338(a).
- 4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over defendant Twice Sheared Sheep because Twice Sheared Sheep is an Idaho limited liability company and because Twice Sheared Sheep conducts continuous and systematic business within Idaho and within this district from its principal place of business in Pocatello, Idaho, and has committed infringing acts within Idaho and within this district.
- 5. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §1400(b) because Defendant is an Idaho limited liability company and therefore resides in Idaho.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

6. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation of the paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

- 7. My Two Ladies is the lawful owner of United States Patent No. 10,351,980, entitled "Adjustable Knitting Needle and Method for Knitting" (the '980 patent).
- 8. The '980 patent has been duly examined and issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO").
 - 9. A true and correct copy of the '980 patent is attached as Exhibit A.
- 10. As the owner of the '980 patent, My Two Ladies is authorized and has standing to bring legal action to enforce all rights arising under the '980 patent.
- 11. The '980 patent claims include assemblies and methods for knitting needles, including an assembly of a knitting needle, a flexible cord connected to the needle, and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 12. Defendant was first registered as an Idaho limited liability company on January 15, 2020 and its registered agent is Dawn Prickett, 629 Brent Street Pocatello, Idaho 83201.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Dawn Prickett is the owner of Twice Sheared Sheep.
 - 14. Defendant operates a website at the domain https://twiceshearedsheep.com/.
- 15. Defendant sells knitting paraphernalia, including "Cable Locks Circular Needle Cord Stops".
- 16. Defendant's website at https://twiceshearedsheep.com/products/cable-locks-circular-needle-cord-stops-2-pair displays a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.

- 17. The packaging of Defendant's "Cable Locks Circular Needle Cord Stops" displays a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 18. Defendant operates a YouTube channel at the domain https://www.youtube.com/@TwiceShearedSheep.
- 19. Defendant's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Kw6Z3YjwTqA instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 20. Defendant's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/shorts/jkieA9-AQbU instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 21. Defendant's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/shorts/0XU0YSisAss instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 22. Defendant's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/shorts/nZqBKFy28fY instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 23. Defendant operates an Instagram account at https://www.instagram.com/twiceshearedsheep/.
- 24. Defendant's Instagram account at https://www.instagram.com/p/Czr3NXAP7ly/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.

- 25. Defendant's Instagram account at https://www.instagram.com/p/CzrJ6ncIyRY/ shows a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 26. Defendant's Instagram account at https://www.instagram.com/p/CyCBrGayNPZ/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 27. Defendant's Instagram account at https://www.instagram.com/p/CwdDaMLr96V/?img_index=1 and https://www.instagram.com/p/CwdDaMLr96V/?img_index=3 instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 28. Defendant's Instagram account at https://www.instagram.com/p/Cwaen5jPp_1/?img_index=5 instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 29. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CwQ40cHpVkF/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 30. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CwOVfKGA_wO/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.

- 31. Defendant's Instagram at
- https://www.instagram.com/p/CwNmpjYuMGR/?img_index=1 instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 32. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CuCjuDMP0NG/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 33. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/Ct4QiVmP1iB/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 34. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CsbtvymJSEI/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 35. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CrGlruEBEDs/?img_index=1 instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- https://www.instagram.com/p/CrEA4inBBxx/?img_index=5 instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.

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Defendant's Instagram at

- 37. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/Cq3yYLsv9Fv/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/Cqx UvEhMwr/?img index=4 instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 39. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/Cqtb5M0J9ou/instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 40. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CpLwQVRr4oP/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 41. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CpLGY8bBnBT/?img_index=2 shows a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 42. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CokedwnBi2v/?img_index=1 and https://www.instagram.com/p/CokedwnBi2v/?img_index=3 instructs a user on how to use knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.

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- 43. Defendant's Instagram at
- https://www.instagram.com/p/Coh5q92hSCZ/?img_index=4 instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 44. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CodfTYSrGKv/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 45. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CoYP2MjP1oj/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 46. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CoVyIEjO_oD/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 47. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CoVBselhVpd/ shows a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 48. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CmcsjN-JQbJ/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.
- 49. Defendant's Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/p/CmcAVZlBFyu/ instructs a user on how to use a knitting needle with a flexible cord attached to the knitting needle and an adjustable stop disposed on the cord.

- 50. On March 8, 2024, legal counsel for Plaintiff sent correspondence to Defendant demanding that they cease infringement of the '980 patent.
- 51. Defendant directly infringes one or more claims of the '980 patent when using its "Cable Locks" to create the patented assembly.
- 52. Defendant indirectly infringes one or more claims of the '980 patent when it instructs its customers to use "Cable Locks" to build the patented assembly.

COUNT I – INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 10,351,980

- 53. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges each and every allegation of the paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 54. Defendant infringed, and is currently infringing, at least claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, and 17-20 of the '980 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by using and displaying the patented assembly and method.
- 55. Defendant has actively induced infringement, and is currently actively inducing infringement, of at least claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, and 17-20 of the '980 patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) by promoting, advertising, instructing, facilitating, and supporting others, without license or authority, to use Defendant's "Cable Locks" to create the patented assembly.
- 56. On information and belief, Defendant specifically intends to induce infringement of the '980 patent and knows it will induce acts that constitute infringement of the '980 patent.
- 57. Defendant engaged in the foregoing conduct with respect to the '980 patent during the term of the patent and without authority from Plaintiff.
- 58. Defendant's infringement of one or more claims of the '980 patent has been and will continue to be willful, deliberate, and intentional.

59. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' infringement of one or more claims of the '980 patent, Plaintiff has been and will continue to be irreparably damaged and deprived of its rights in the '980 patent in amounts not yet determined, and for which Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff My Two Ladies prays for a judgment that:

- A. Defendant has infringed the '980 patent;
- B. Defendant's infringement of the '980 patent is willful;
- C. Defendant, its officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, licensees, servants, successors and assigns, and any and all persons acting in privity or in concert or participation with such defendant, be permanently enjoined from infringement of the '980 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 283;
- D. Plaintiff be awarded all damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for Defendant's infringement of the '980 patent, and such damages be trebled under 35 U.S.C. § 284 and awarded to Plaintiff, with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- E. This case be adjudged an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285, and Plaintiff be awarded attorneys' fees, expert witness fees, costs, and all expenses incurred in this action, with interest;
 - F. Plaintiff be awarded all actual and compensatory damages; and
- G. Plaintiff be awarded such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues triable by jury.

DATED THIS 14th day of June, 2024.

HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP

By <u>/s/ Kenneth C. Howell</u> Kenneth C. Howell, ISB No. 3235 Attorneys for Plaintiff MY TWO LADIES LLC

VERIFICATION

Verification of Pleading

Declaration under Penalty of Perjury Form

by Party

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I, Steve Springsteen, declare I am a Principal of My Two Ladies LLC, Plaintiff in the above-entitled matter.

I have read the foregoing Complaint and know the contents thereof.

The same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated on information and belief, and, as to those matters, I believe it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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	Steve Springsteen
	My Two Ladies LLC

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