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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
16 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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18 DOLBY LABORATORIES LICENSING
CORPORATION, a New York corporation,
19 and DOLBY INTERNATIONAL AB, a
Swedish private limited company,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 v.

22 ROKU, INC., a Delaware corporation,

23 Defendant.
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Case No.

**COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF
CONTRACT, COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT, PATENT
INFRINGEMENT, NEGLIGENT
MISREPRESENTATION AND
FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiffs Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation and Dolby International AB
2 (collectively “Dolby”) bring this action for breach of contract, copyright infringement, patent
3 infringement, negligent misrepresentation, and fraudulent concealment against Defendant Roku,
4 Inc. (“Roku”), and, for their complaint, state as follows:

5 **INTRODUCTION**

6 1. Dolby brings this action to preserve the integrity of its licensing program, to maintain
7 fairness among its licensees, and to recover the substantial royalties and other legal damages Roku
8 owes Dolby for Roku’s clear breaches of the license agreements between the parties, Roku’s
9 widespread and continued copyright infringement, Roku’s past patent infringement, Roku’s active
10 concealment of its misconduct, and Roku’s other wrongful acts.

11 2. In 2015, Dolby and Roku entered into a software license agreement for Roku’s
12 streaming device operating software known as “Roku OS,” for the very limited purpose of allowing
13 Roku to test its software for interoperability with Dolby technologies. Under this software
14 agreement, Roku was expressly prohibited from including in its software or otherwise distributing
15 Dolby technologies; Dolby technologies would be only distributed by third parties (*e.g.*, TV
16 manufacturers) who were authorized to distribute them, and had the corresponding license
17 obligations. Roku well understood Dolby’s licensing model, as it had been in place for decades,
18 and Roku itself had distribution agreements related to Roku’s own hardware products. Roku also
19 recognized the enormous value it received from Dolby technologies by widely advertising and
20 extolling the benefit of having Dolby sound and video technology in its hardware products. But
21 while Roku publicly praised Dolby’s technologies in promoting its hardware products, Roku
22 actively concealed from Dolby for years that Roku was breaching its limited software agreement
23 by distributing Dolby technologies in Roku OS for Roku’s benefit and without any payment to
24 Dolby. Roku secretly and unilaterally disregarded its agreements with Dolby, broadly distributed
25 unauthorized copies of Dolby’s technologies, and deprived Dolby of important controls that ensure
26 the utmost quality of the technology delivered, the security of Dolby’s intellectual property, and
27 payment for Dolby’s leading technologies. Roku decided that it wanted to directly implement
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1 Dolby's technologies in its software in order to monetize and rapidly scale its Roku OS business.
2 Roku ignored that it had no rights to do so.

3 3. As Roku's business shifted towards Roku OS and rapidly expanded in recent years,
4 Roku violated its license agreement with Dolby and distributed hundreds of millions of
5 unauthorized and infringing copies of Dolby's technologies without paying Dolby appropriate
6 compensation. Moreover, Roku prevented Dolby from discovering the truth by wrongly denying
7 that it was distributing Dolby technology in Roku's software and further breached the parties'
8 agreements by frustrating a third-party audit. Dolby files this action as a last resort to obtain full
9 information regarding Roku's breaches and infringement, and to enforce Dolby's legal rights to
10 receive fair compensation for Roku's unauthorized distributions of Dolby technologies.

11 4. For nearly 60 years, Dolby has been a leader in innovating and delivering cutting-edge
12 technologies that enable the creative community and that empower artists and content distributors
13 with new and improving ways to convey rich entertainment experiences to their audiences. Roku
14 is a sophisticated technology company that sells software and hardware for audio-visual streaming
15 on televisions through an Internet connection and generates revenue primarily through selling
16 advertising to consumers of streaming content. Roku recognizes the value of intellectual property,
17 and has stated in its securities filings that it regards protection of its own IP as "critical to" Roku's
18 success.

19 5. Roku has also acknowledged the value to Roku of Dolby's proprietary technologies. As
20 relevant to this matter, Roku entered into two license agreements with Dolby in 2015 and 2016 that
21 granted Roku limited rights to certain Dolby technologies regarding Roku's software and devices,
22 respectively, namely:

- 23 • A software agreement that *expressly prohibited* Roku from distributing any Dolby
24 intellectual property ("Dolby IP") in connection with Roku's software. The
25 software agreement only allowed Roku to test Dolby technologies for
26 "interoperability" with Roku's software. While Dolby's technologies would be
27 interoperable with Roku's software, distributions of Dolby technologies would be
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1 handled by separate licensees who had the rights to do so as well as corresponding
2 obligations to Dolby.

- 3 • A device agreement that permitted Roku to include Dolby technology in Roku's
4 finished products and sell those products to consumers, so long as Roku obtained
5 Dolby technologies only from licensed parties, submitted those Roku products to
6 Dolby for quality performance testing, reported each sale and paid the
7 corresponding royalty, and complied fully with subsequent audits to confirm that
8 the information Roku had provided was complete and accurate, among other
9 obligations. The device license did not grant Roku any right to distribute Dolby
10 technology to Roku products after they were initially sold and in the hands of
11 consumers.

12 In agreeing to this structure, Dolby relied on Roku's contractual promises which, if followed, would
13 allow Dolby to track distributions of its technology through a broader ecosystem of licensee
14 partners and to be paid all that Dolby was owed.

15 6. Dolby's licensing program and structure have been in place for decades and are well-
16 established in the entertainment and technology industries. Dolby licenses its technologies for
17 distribution only by parties that have entered into robust agreements with Dolby that include record-
18 keeping and reporting obligations, among others. Dolby provides only limited licenses to parties
19 that do not directly distribute Dolby technologies to end consumers but supply software, firmware
20 and other components of the products to other third-party manufacturers that are licensed for
21 distribution in their finished goods. Roku was well aware of this structure and entered into
22 agreements with Dolby that reflected these aspects of the Dolby licensing program.

23 7. Roku nonetheless unilaterally decided not to abide by its contractual promises to Dolby
24 and not to respect the limitations on the rights that Dolby granted to Roku. In recent years, as Roku's
25 business moved from device sales to advertising facilitated by Roku OS, Roku made hundreds of
26 millions of distributions of unlicensed copies of Dolby technologies in connection with Roku OS,
27 which Roku regularly updates with new features to facilitate its advertising business and delivers
28 directly to its customers' entertainment devices. Despite having no rights to do so, Roku broadly

1 incorporated—and to this day incorporates—Dolby technologies into Roku OS and updates to
2 Roku OS. In seeking to grow its Roku OS business and its substantial advertising revenues, Roku
3 decided to distribute Dolby IP directly in Roku OS and its frequent updates, which would maximize
4 the features of Roku’s platform and its profits. Roku would thus benefit from Dolby’s cutting-edge
5 technologies in its software and not need to rely upon another party for distributing those
6 technologies. Roku decided that it wanted to control the distributions of Dolby IP for its own
7 convenience and benefit. But it did so without any of the corresponding obligations or payment to
8 Dolby for Roku’s broad and unauthorized distributions of Dolby IP.

9 8. Roku has reaped significant profits by including Dolby’s cutting-edge audio and video
10 technologies in its software distributions. Rather than obtain additional license rights from Dolby
11 and subject itself to the accompanying obligations such as record-keeping and reporting, Roku
12 instead chose to conceal from Dolby for several years Roku’s unauthorized distributions of Dolby
13 technologies, thereby compromising Dolby’s programmatic controls and visibility into the
14 distribution of its technologies.

15 9. Dolby does not have access to detailed information showing in real time how licensees
16 are developing and distributing products with Dolby technology. Moreover, Roku encrypts Roku
17 OS, which makes it impossible for Dolby to independently determine how the software is structured
18 or if it contains Dolby IP. Until Dolby is provided with an opportunity to verify compliance, Dolby
19 must trust that its licensees will comply with their license agreements, that licensees will not
20 infringe Dolby IP or distribute Dolby IP without authorization, and that licensees will report to
21 Dolby all distributions of Dolby’s technologies and compensate Dolby for the inclusion of its
22 technologies. Roku betrayed that trust.

23 10. In 2020, Roku made false representations to Dolby that Roku was not distributing Dolby
24 IP in Roku’s software. Because Roku is clearly in a better position to understand its own product
25 development and technology deployment regarding the encrypted Roku OS software, Dolby took
26 its partner at its word and reasonably relied on Roku’s misrepresentations.

27 11. Dolby verifies licensee compliance through periodic royalty audits. In further breach of
28 the parties’ agreements, Roku hindered a third-party audit of Roku that was commenced in January

2021 for the audit period of July 2016 through December 2020. By refusing to provide relevant information requested by the auditor during the third-party audit, Roku's tactics undermined Dolby's licensing program, which relies on licensees only incorporating Dolby technology consistent with their license agreements, and deprived Dolby of its systems and controls for accurately and comprehensively tracking each of its distributions and reporting those to Dolby with appropriate compensation.

12. While the full nature and extent of Roku's breaches is currently unknown because of Roku's ongoing refusal to comply with its audit obligations and provide Dolby with complete information about Roku's inclusion in Roku's products and distributions of Dolby technology, Dolby has determined that, for the limited audit period of 2016-2020, Roku's activities have included, at least:

- selling products containing Dolby technology without a license;
- distributing repeated software updates that included additional unauthorized copies of Dolby technologies; and
- infringing Dolby's intellectual property rights through unlicensed sales and distributions of Dolby technologies.

Thus far, Dolby has little to no information about Roku's distributions of Dolby technologies in the four years following the period requested in the audit. Dolby understands that Roku has at least continued to make unlicensed distributions of Dolby technology in connection with each of Roku's distributions of Roku OS, including all updates of Roku OS.

13. By these wrongful acts, Roku has included Dolby's technologies broadly in Roku's products, which has made its offerings more attractive to potential customers and thereby increased Roku's own revenues and profitability at the expense of Dolby. In doing so, Roku failed to compensate Dolby for Roku's distributions and gained an unfair advantage in the marketplace.

THE PARTIES

14. Plaintiff Dolby Laboratories Licensing Corporation ("Dolby Licensing") is a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 1275 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94103. Plaintiff Dolby International AB ("Dolby International") is a Swedish private limited

1 company with its principal place of business at 77 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Spaces South
2 Docklands, Dublin D02 VK60, Ireland. Both Dolby Licensing and Dolby International (together
3 referred to hereinafter as "Dolby") are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of Dolby Laboratories,
4 Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Dolby Laboratories").

5 15. Defendant Roku, Inc. ("Roku") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of
6 business at 1173 Coleman Avenue, San Jose, California 95110.

7 16. Roku is a sophisticated technology company that sells products and software focused
8 on collecting advertising revenue alongside streaming audio-visual content on a television through
9 an internet connection, *e.g.*, by connecting users to streaming services such as Netflix, Hulu, the
10 Roku Channel, and others. Consumers who use Roku's products expect that their streaming
11 services will deliver high-quality audio and video to enable and enhance their viewing experiences,
12 and the Dolby brand is synonymous with excellence in both audio and video technology.

13 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

14 17. Jurisdiction as to the copyright and patent infringement claims asserted herein is
15 conferred on this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a), respectively, and as to all
16 other claims asserted herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

17 18. This Court has jurisdiction over the person of Roku because Roku maintains its principal
18 place of business in San Jose, California.

19 19. Venue is proper in the Northern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1)
20 and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b)(2) because Dolby Licensing and Roku both maintain their principal places
21 of business within the Northern District of California.

22 20. In the applicable license agreements, the parties have selected as the forum and
23 submitted to the jurisdiction of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of California. *See*
24 May 2015 Interoperability Agreement Section 9.7; September 2016 System Agreement Section
25 10.7.

1 **BACKGROUND FACTS**

2 **Dolby Laboratories' History of Innovation**

3 21. Since 1965, Dolby Laboratories has been a leader in innovation. Dolby Laboratories,
4 itself and through its subsidiaries (including plaintiffs Dolby Licensing and Dolby International),
5 has developed technologies that greatly improve the quality of audio and visual entertainment
6 ("Dolby Technologies"). From movies and TV shows, to mobile applications, music, sports, and
7 gaming, Dolby transforms the science of sight and sound into spectacular experiences for billions
8 of people worldwide. Dolby partners with artists, storytellers, developers, and businesses to
9 revolutionize entertainment and communications with its Dolby Atmos, Dolby Vision, Dolby
10 Cinema, and Dolby.io products, among other Dolby Technologies. Today, Dolby Technologies are
11 found in cinemas, streaming internet video, mobile media, digital broadcast TV, digital cable, and
12 PC software products, among others.

13 22. Dolby broadly licenses its technologies to hundreds of partners, including the largest
14 technology companies in the world, to be included in their products and enable those products to
15 deliver the highest quality audio and video content experiences. In most markets, Dolby does not
16 sell products directly to consumers and relies on licensing its next generation Dolby Technologies
17 to an extensive network of licensee partners.

18 23. In a broad and growing entertainment and technology ecosystem, Dolby must establish
19 and maintain controls on how its leading technologies are being distributed by its licensee partners,
20 to whom, and in what quantities. To that end, Dolby's license agreements require its licensees to
21 use Dolby Technologies only in certain specific ways under limited technology licenses and have
22 important controls and reporting requirements for distributions and required payments, among
23 other obligations.

24 24. Dolby's licensees promise to accurately self-report to Dolby their distributions of
25 products containing Dolby Technologies and to maintain detailed records on how they distribute
26 Dolby Technologies and to whom. In a market with many players and changing offerings, Dolby's
27 licensees are the only parties that can accurately track the inclusion of Dolby Technologies in their
28 products, confirm to whom they have distributed Dolby Technologies and in what quantities, or

1 assess their payment obligations to Dolby. Over the course of its licensing program, Dolby has
2 trusted that its licensees will comply with their limited licenses and payment obligations and that
3 they will not distribute Dolby Technologies in ways that are not licensed, or without making the
4 payments that are owed.

5 25. To verify the accuracy of a licensee's reporting of sales and compliance with its other
6 contractual obligations, Dolby has broad rights under its license agreements to engage independent
7 third-party professional audit firms to inspect its licensees' internal books and records with regard
8 to their manufacturing and distribution processes. Because Dolby Technologies are so widely
9 adopted across the entertainment and technology industries, Dolby's audit rights and the
10 enforcement of licensee payment obligations help ensure a level playing field and prevent
11 noncompliant licensees from gaining an unfair advantage over other licensees that follow the terms
12 of their agreements with Dolby. If a licensee fails to maintain auditable information, the third-party
13 auditor, and therefore Dolby, cannot verify how Dolby Technologies were distributed in a broad
14 entertainment and technology ecosystem or that Dolby received the appropriate payment.

15 26. Dolby's carefully crafted licensing program provides Dolby with the necessary
16 visibility into the technology supply chain and how Dolby's leading technologies are being used in
17 the market. Given the proliferation of technology products, a licensee's failure to comply with its
18 promises to Dolby can result in many millions of unauthorized distributions, with exponentially
19 more distributions for software products that are continuously updated.

20 27. Historically, most of Dolby's license agreements are in two categories:
21 (1) implementation license agreements; and (2) system license agreements.

22 28. Implementation agreements permit a licensee to use Dolby Technologies to create an
23 implementation and then, following approval by Dolby, include that implementation on a chip or
24 in a piece of software for distribution or sale to a Dolby system licensee. Dolby provides its
25 implementation licensees with Dolby Technologies that are incorporated into products sold in
26 intermediate markets, including integrated circuits. Dolby's implementation licensees are required
27 to distribute Dolby Technologies only to authorized parties and report all of their distributions to
28 Dolby.

1 29. System agreements allow a licensee to purchase and incorporate authorized
2 implementations created with Dolby Technologies, submit those completed products to Dolby for
3 testing and approval, and, following approval by Dolby, distribute to end-users completed products
4 containing those approved implementations.

5 30. Dolby's implementation and system license agreements further provide for product
6 testing to ensure that Dolby's quality standards are met in the implementations and end-user
7 products that are ultimately distributed. Moreover, both the implementation and system license
8 agreements require licensees to maintain complete and accurate records regarding their
9 incorporation and distribution of Dolby Technologies that can be used in an audit to verify
10 compliance with their contractual obligations to Dolby. Dolby's licensing program therefore
11 establishes robust controls for how Dolby Technologies will be distributed and by whom, while
12 providing for the quality associated with the Dolby brand in the marketplace.

13 31. In addition, Dolby has entered into "interoperability agreements" with certain licensees
14 (such as Roku) who create "middleware" software. Interoperability agreements facilitate the
15 licensee's internal testing to ensure that its software can interoperate with Dolby Technologies, but
16 *expressly prohibit* the software from containing (1) an implementation of any Dolby Technologies,
17 or (2) any technology covered by a Dolby patent, Dolby copyrighted software, or any other Dolby
18 intellectual property. The terms of Dolby's interoperability agreements are clear that the
19 interoperable middleware must not itself contain any Dolby Technologies or Dolby IP, which are
20 not licensed for inclusion or distribution as part of the middleware, and are clear that the
21 interoperability licensees may not themselves distribute Dolby Technologies or any other Dolby IP.

22 32. Through this carefully designed licensing program, which relies on licensees' strict
23 compliance with their agreements, Dolby has established controls to test all implementations of
24 Dolby Technologies, monitor the distributions of its technology through the ecosystem, and ensure
25 that Dolby understands which parties receive which Dolby Technologies, and from whom. These
26 processes are critical to ensuring the highest quality in the end-user's experience and that Dolby
27 receives proper compensation for its licensee partners' use and distribution of Dolby IP.

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Relevant Technologies Developed By Dolby Laboratories

33. Since 2015, Roku has benefited from the inclusion of numerous Dolby Technologies that have enabled Roku's products. Dolby Technologies delivered functionality in these Roku products through high-quality digital audio and video. The Dolby Technologies licensed to Roku, subject to the terms of each respective license agreement, included the Dolby Digital Plus Consumer Decoder, Dolby MS12 Multistream Decoder, Dolby AC-4 Consumer Decoder, Dolby Vision Consumer Decoder, and Dolby Vision Advanced Imaging Package.

34. Dolby Digital is an audio data rate reduction technology that restricts the digital encoding and decoding of audio data to those sounds that can be perceived by the human ear and that are not otherwise masked by other audio signals, and relies on other tools to reduce the amount of digital information that must be encoded and decoded to produce high-quality audio. Encoding is the process by which audio inputs are compressed down to an encoded bitstream, and decoding is the inverse process of converting the encoded bitstream for playback through the audio output on a user's device. Dolby Laboratories researchers, including employees of Dolby Licensing, spent years determining which portions of an audio signal are perceptible to a human listener, and which portions can be safely ignored, or even distorted by an encoding algorithm to achieve further gains in encoding efficiencies. With 5.1 channels of high-quality audio (equal to six discrete channels), Dolby Digital expands the left and right traditional stereo (or 2-channel) sound to deliver 360 degrees of surround sound. Originally launched in cinema applications, Dolby Digital is still used in the encoding and decoding of digital sound in a variety of storage media, including DVDs.

35. Dolby Digital Plus is an advanced surround sound audio technology. With 7.1-channel capability (equal to eight discrete channels), Dolby Digital Plus further improves sound quality and is better optimized to be used in streaming, on-demand, and downloaded content. Dolby Digital Plus is used in, for example, home theaters, smartphones, tablets, operating systems, and internet browsers.

36. The Dolby MS12 Multistream Decoder provides a single-package solution for decoding premium audio television content. Dolby MS12 converts the audio output to a standard Dolby Digital bitstream of up to 5.1 channels or a Dolby Digital Plus bitstream of up to 7.1 channels. In

1 addition, a decoded two-channel downmix from any multichannel input is created, so consumers
2 always get a signal that matches their specific home systems. Thus, Dolby MS12 reduces the
3 complexity of integrating multiple audio technologies and provides a consistent volume level across
4 programs and sources to make listening more enjoyable. Dolby MS12 also enables Dolby Atmos
5 and Dolby AC-4 technologies, which paves the way for next-generation audio experiences.

6 37. Dolby AC-4 delivers the highest audio quality to the consumer, but at a much lower
7 bandwidth than other formats and with compression efficiency up to 50 percent better than current
8 broadcast-standard technologies. Dolby AC-4 delivers immersive audio, enabling sound to move
9 around the audience in three-dimensional space. Dolby AC-4 provides personalized audio streams
10 that enable broadcasters to provide customized presentations and elements that consumers can
11 select to enjoy audio that matches their interests, among other next-generation features.

12 38. Dolby now delivers much more than audio. For example, Dolby Vision is an enhanced
13 form of high dynamic range (“HDR”) imaging that can use 12-bit color, resulting in about 68 billion
14 colors that create a dramatically richer, true-to-life image. Dolby Vision also provides dynamic
15 metadata using different settings optimized for each scene and takes full advantage of the different
16 capabilities of each HDR display, providing the viewer with the most true-to-life version of films,
17 television shows, and gaming experiences, among others.

18 39. Dolby Laboratories and/or Dolby Licensing own registrations of their claims to
19 copyright in numerous computer programs, other computer software works, code, documentation,
20 specifications, and other works that embody or relate to Dolby Technologies (collectively, the
21 “Dolby Copyrighted Works”). As relevant here, Dolby Licensing’s claims to copyright in computer
22 software works, identified more specifically below, each of which is part of the Dolby MS12 and
23 other Dolby Technologies and is essential to the encoding or decoding function (collectively, the
24 “Asserted Dolby Works”), are registered with the United States Copyright Office.

25 **Roku’s Business Evolves From Devices to Roku OS**

26 40. Roku was founded by Anthony Wood in 2002. According to statements on Roku’s
27 website, Wood founded Roku with the vision that the internet would transform television for
28 creators, viewers, and advertisers. In making his vision a reality, Wood created (in Roku’s words)

1 “the first and only purpose-built TV OS, transforming the television set from a simple one-way
2 receiver into an internet-enabled device connecting viewers to a growing library of content
3 available online.” See <https://www.roku.com/about/history-of-roku>.

4 41. In 2008, Roku launched its first streaming player that incorporated Roku OS. As
5 described in further detail below, Roku has expanded its business substantially in the years since
6 2008, as viewers and content creators have moved away from broadcast television and towards
7 internet streaming offerings. During 2023, more than 100 billion hours were streamed on Roku’s
8 platform, with viewers averaging over 4 hours per day per account in Q4 of 2023.

9 42. Roku’s business has evolved significantly since the time that it initially entered into the
10 relevant license agreements with Dolby in 2015 and 2016, which are described in more particularity
11 below. During this time, Roku’s business has operated in two revenue segments, identified
12 consistently in Roku’s public securities filings as: (1) the “player” or “device” segment; and (2) the
13 “platform” segment.

14 43. For the “player” or “device” segment, Roku reports that revenues are generated from
15 the sale of streaming players, Roku-branded TVs, smart home products and services, audio
16 products, and accessories as well as revenue from licensing arrangements with service operators.

17 44. Roku knew that Dolby Technologies would drive consumer demand for its streaming
18 devices and advertised those products accordingly. For example, in a 2016 blog post, Roku
19 encouraged its customers to “[d]ial up the impact of your entertainment with the enhanced sound
20 of Dolby Audio” for sound optimization, surround sound capabilities, accessibility features,
21 abundant content options, and Dolby Atmos® compatibility. See, e.g.,
22 <https://www.roku.com/blog/using-dolby-audio-to-enhance-your-roku-audio-experience>.

23 45. As another example, Roku advertises its Roku Streambar as “a fully immersive
24 experience for your entertainment, featuring Dolby Audio, as four internal speakers fill your room
25 with sound” and uses the federally-registered Dolby Audio logo to promote its Streambar product.
26 When announcing the release of Roku Ultra in September 2020, Roku wrote that users could
27 “[s]tream in extraordinary Dolby Vision picture quality and experience immersive Dolby Atmos
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1 sound.” Roku’s players and branded televisions directed end-users to Roku OS, through which
2 Roku made substantial advertising revenues, among other things.

3 46. Roku has sold various devices over the years and launched the following devices in the
4 years indicated: Roku DVP N1000 (known as the “Netflix Player”) (2008); Roku SD (2009); Roku
5 HD-XR (2009); Roku HD (2010); Roku XD (2010); Roku XDS (2010); Roku 2 HD (2011); Roku
6 2 XD (2011); Roku 2 XS (2011); Roku LT (2011); Roku Streaming Stick (2012); Roku 3 (2013);
7 Roku 4 (2015); Roku Express (2016); Roku Express 4K+ (2016); Roku Ultra (2019); Roku
8 Streaming Stick 4K (2020); Roku Streambar (2020); and Roku Streambar Pro (2021).

9 47. In addition to players and streaming “sticks,” Roku has developed “Roku TVs” that run
10 on Roku OS. In August 2014, Roku launched, in collaboration with certain original equipment
11 manufacturer (“OEM”) partners, Roku TV models that run on Roku OS. In 2023, Roku began
12 selling its own Roku TVs.

13 48. In recent years, Roku has shifted its business model to generate substantial revenues
14 from Roku OS, which enables Roku’s “platform” business segment. While device sales remain
15 important to Roku’s business model, they are primarily used as a way to engage consumers with
16 the features of Roku OS that monetize consumer streaming through advertisements and other
17 revenue-generating services.

18 49. In Roku’s “platform” segment, revenues are generated from the sale of digital
19 advertising (*e.g.*, direct and programmatic video advertising, media and entertainment promotional
20 spending, and related services) and streaming services distribution (*e.g.*, subscription and
21 transaction revenue shares, the sale of premium subscriptions, and the sale of branded app buttons
22 on remote controls). As Roku’s founder Anthony Wood explained in a 2019 interview, “Roku is
23 essentially an advertising company. That’s where we generate the bulk of our gross profit. It comes
24 from ads.”¹

25 50. Roku advertises through Roku OS in several ways, which have changed over time. As
26 just one example, Roku creates “shoppable” ads that allow consumers to use their remote to click

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28 ¹ Will Hearst, *Anthony Wood and the Future of Streaming*, ALTA (Aug. 12, 2019),
<https://www.altasonline.com/dispatches/a5326/alta-qa-anthony-wood-and-the-future-of-streaming/>

on a button that will send a text or email and allow them to start shopping on the advertised apps or websites.² Roku also places video advertisements on the free video on-demand services available through Roku OS, such as the Roku Channel. Roku reported in its Form 10-K for 2023 that the Roku Channel was one of the top ten streaming apps in the United States.

51. Roku OS is the most critical component of Roku’s platform segment and drives Roku’s revenues in all of the categories above. As Roku described in its form 10-K annual report for 2023:

Our TV streaming platform enables content partners and advertisers to reach audiences that are increasingly unreachable on traditional TV. Each user on our streaming platform creates multiple revenue opportunities for Roku through activities such as navigating through the Roku home screen, watching ad-supported content, or signing up for subscription services. We measure monetization of our platform by calculating the average revenue per user (‘ARPU’), which we believe represents the inherent value of our business model, and gross profit.

52. Since 2016, Roku’s platform revenues have grown significantly year-over-year, from approximately \$100,000,000 in annual revenues in 2016 to approximately \$3 billion in annual revenues in 2023. There has been less growth in Roku’s “device” or “player” segment, which has increased over time but at a much lower rate. Roku’s public filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission show this shift in Roku’s business model:

Year	Platform Revenue	Device/Player Revenue
2016	\$104,720,000	\$293,929,000
2017	\$225,356,000	\$287,407,000
2018	\$416,863,000	\$325,643,000
2019	\$740,776,000	\$388,145,000
2020	\$1,267,744,000	\$510,644,000
2021	\$2,264,920,000	\$499,664,000
2022	\$2,711,441,000	\$415,093,000
2023	\$2,994,105,000	\$490,514,000

² *What makes a good shoppable TV streaming ad? Q&A with Roku’s head of Product Louqman Parampath*, (Apr. 27, 2023), <https://advertising.roku.com/learn/resources/what-makes-a-good-shoppable-tv-streaming-ad-qa-with-rokus-head-of-product-louqman-parampath/>.

1 53. As shown above, Roku has generated nearly \$11.5 billion in net revenues from its
2 platform business alone between 2016 and the end of 2023. In Roku’s Form 10-Q dated April 26,
3 2024, Roku described how Roku streaming devices may operate at a loss but “should result in
4 increased platform revenue and platform gross profit over time.”

5 54. For Roku’s streaming content, high quality sound and video delivered in Dolby formats
6 with Dolby Technologies is critical to attracting Roku’s viewers, who Roku then monetizes through
7 advertising. Consumers expect that streaming video content will have both high-quality audio and
8 high-quality video, each of which is enabled by the Dolby Technologies that Roku chose to
9 distribute. The sound and picture on Roku’s streaming platform also enable Roku customers to
10 view Roku’s revenue-generating ads. For example, as Roku has repeatedly and consistently stated
11 in its securities filings, “[a]udio is an important part of the TV streaming experience . . .” Roku
12 Inc. Annual Report (Form 10-K) (Mar. 2, 2020) (emphasis added); *see also* Roku Inc., Annual
13 Report (Form 10-K) (Mar. 1, 2018); Roku Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K) (Mar. 1, 2019); Roku
14 Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K) (Mar. 2, 2020); Roku Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K) (Feb. 26,
15 2021); Roku Inc., Annual Report (Form 10-K) (Feb. 18, 2022); Roku Inc. Annual Report (Form
16 10-K) (Feb. 16, 2023).

17 55. Despite booming revenues and profits from its platform business during this period,
18 Roku never paid Dolby any compensation for the unlicensed and infringing Dolby Technologies
19 Roku chose to include and distribute in connection with Roku OS and updates to Roku OS.

20 **The Relevant License Agreements Between Dolby and Roku**

21 56. Recognizing the value of Dolby Technologies in delivering streaming entertainment
22 experiences, Roku entered into license agreements with Dolby starting in 2015. Dolby granted
23 Roku limited rights to specific Dolby Technologies, which rights were conditioned on Roku’s
24 compliance with its contractual promises.

25 57. First, for valuable consideration, Dolby and Roku entered into the May 12, 2015,
26 Interoperability License Agreement No. AGR1506009 (the “Interoperability Agreement”). This
27 agreement gave Roku limited rights to use Dolby Technologies *only* for the testing of Roku’s
28 middleware such as Roku OS. The agreement was entered into “for the sole purpose of verifying

1 and demonstrating” the compatibility of Dolby Technologies with Roku’s middleware. *See*
2 Interoperability Agreement, Section 3.1. Other Dolby licensees with different license agreements
3 and related obligations would distribute Dolby Technologies in their TVs and other devices at the
4 time of initial sale. Under these third-party license agreements, these other Dolby licensees who
5 had distribution rights would also have the corresponding obligations to track the distribution of
6 Dolby’s IP and report to Dolby. Importantly, the Interoperability Agreement *explicitly prohibited*
7 Roku from distributing Dolby IP. *See* Interoperability Agreement, Sections 2.2., 4.1.

8 58. Second, for valuable consideration, Dolby and Roku entered into the September 8, 2016,
9 System License Agreement No. AGR1523048 (the “System Agreement”). Provided that Roku
10 complied with its requirements, the System Agreement allowed Roku to obtain authorized
11 implementations of certain Dolby Technologies, incorporate those implementations in Roku’s
12 Licensed Products sold, report all such distributions to Dolby, and pay royalties for those sales as
13 set forth in the Addenda to the System Agreement. A royalty was due any time a product with
14 Dolby IP is “Sold,” which is broadly defined to include any distribution. For example, Roku would
15 pay Dolby a contractual royalty upon the Sale of a Roku branded streaming stick or other hardware
16 device.

17 59. The System Agreement imposes critical reporting obligations on Roku, and it also gives
18 Dolby broad audit rights to ensure Roku was complying with all its contractual obligations and
19 limitations. Importantly, the System Agreement applies only to devices Sold to end-users and does
20 grant any license for software “middleware,” for which Roku received only the very limited testing
21 rights under the Interoperability Agreement. Moreover, the System Agreement does not grant Roku
22 any rights to deliver additional copies of Dolby Technologies to products after they are initially
23 Sold and in the hands of consumers, and expressly states that there are no implied licenses granted
24 under it. Roku further represented and warranted that it would not “make, use, Sell or import a
25 product containing Dolby IP if such product violates intellectual property rights of [Dolby],” which
26 would include any unlicensed distribution of any Dolby Technologies. *See*, System Agreement,
27 Section 8.3.

28 60. Finally, the parties entered into certain addenda to the System Agreement, each for

1 valuable consideration, namely:

- 2 a. On September 8, 2016, an addendum for the Dolby MS12 Multistream
3 Decoder (the “September 2016 Addendum”);
- 4 b. On April 26, 2019, an addendum for the Dolby Digital Plus Consumer
5 Decoder and the Dolby MS12 Multistream Decoder (the “April 2019
6 Addendum”); and
- 7 c. On April 20, 2020, an addendum for the Dolby Digital Plus Consumer
8 Decoder, the Dolby MS12 Multistream Decoder, the Dolby MS12
9 Multistream Decoder with Atmos, and the Dolby AC-4 Consumer Decoder
10 (the “April 2020 Addendum”).

11 61. Appendix B3 in each addendum provided the agreed royalty rates and formulas. Each
12 of the addenda confirms Roku’s agreement at Appendix B3 that “[t]he royalty rates below represent
13 consideration of the aggregate relative values and expiration dates of the Technology. These rates
14 were selected for the convenience of the Parties to avoid the difficulty and expense of implementing
15 a more complex matrix of multiple rates dependent upon expiration dates, relative valuations and
16 products.”

17 62. In licensing Dolby Technologies to Roku, Dolby provided Roku with much more than
18 a mere license to Dolby’s patented or copyrighted technologies. Dolby provided to Roku a vast
19 quantity of additional intellectual property, including trade secrets, confidential know-how,
20 copyrighted source code, and rights to use Dolby’s trademarks to promote Roku’s products. Dolby
21 also provided substantial amounts of Dolby’s other proprietary technical information and materials,
22 including testing information, technical bulletins, manuals, and other deliverables, each with its
23 own rights and corresponding obligations for Roku’s use.

24 **Roku Failed to Accurately Report Distributions and Infringed Dolby’s IP**

25 63. Because Roku provided limited and incomplete information in connection with Dolby’s
26 attempts to conduct a third-party audit, Dolby does not yet know the full extent of Roku’s
27 contractual breaches, copyright infringement, and patent infringement. In addition, the attempted
28 audit only covered the period of July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020, so Dolby has no auditable

1 information as to Roku's conduct after that period. To Dolby's knowledge at this time, however,
2 Roku has breached the License Agreements and infringed Dolby's IP in at least the primary ways
3 described below. Dolby reserves the right to amend its claims for any additional breaches or
4 infringement that are later determined through additional information.

5 Roku included Dolby IP in Roku OS and wrongfully distributed Dolby IP on a massive scale

6 64. In knowing violation of the Interoperability Agreement, Roku unilaterally decided to
7 include Dolby IP in its distributions of its Roku OS software stack to its customers on a massive
8 scale and/or by otherwise distributing implementations of Dolby Technologies without any license
9 to do so. Roku thus both breached the Interoperability Agreement and also infringed Dolby's IP,
10 including but not limited to the registered copyrights for the Asserted Dolby Works.

11 65. Roku's broad unauthorized distributions of Dolby Technologies deprived Dolby of the
12 systems and controls it carefully puts in place to track the distributions of Dolby Technologies in
13 the broad ecosystem of licensees and end-users. For example, Dolby's implementation license
14 program requires those licensees to provide detailed reporting showing that implementations are
15 distributed only to royalty-paying system licensees with specific contractual consequences if there
16 are any failures under the terms of those agreements. Roku never received the rights of an
17 implementation licensee and, if it had been, Dolby would have included important protections in
18 an appropriate implementation agreement. Because the Interoperability Agreement never
19 contemplated (and expressly prohibited) any distributions by Roku of Dolby IP, those contractual
20 protections and obligations were not contained in that agreement.

21 66. Roku's actions also deprived Dolby of the systems and controls that Dolby had put in
22 place to track royalty-bearing sales by parties such as third-party OEM manufacturers, and Roku
23 made additional unlicensed distributions to those products once they were in the hands of
24 consumers, with no contractual rights or controls in place. Roku's decision to distribute Dolby IP
25 in Roku OS was made for Roku's own benefit and convenience and in disregard of Dolby's
26 contractual and intellectual property rights or Dolby's programmatic controls.

27 67. Roku has argued that it was merely the "middleman" that distributed an approved
28 implementation. That conduct, however, was specifically and intentionally prohibited by the

1 Interoperability Agreement. Section 2.2 of the Interoperability Agreement provides that “no rights
2 are granted to Licensee under this Agreement with respect to the manufacture or Sale of
3 Implementations,” and Section 4.1 stated that “Middleware shall not contain any Dolby IP or
4 Deliverables.” Roku had no right to distribute any implementation that included Dolby
5 Technologies.

6 68. Roku did not pay Dolby any compensation for its unlicensed and infringing distributions
7 of software that contained Dolby Technologies.

8 69. Moreover, because Roku is focused on the constant delivery of new and improved
9 products, Roku regularly pushes new versions of its software to devices and hardware that are
10 already in use, for Roku’s own benefit. As Roku stated in its Form 10-Q for the third quarter of
11 2017, “To attract and retain users, we need to be able to respond efficiently to changes in consumer
12 tastes and preferences and continue to increase the type and number of content offerings. Effective
13 monetization requires us to continue to update the features and functionality of our streaming
14 platform for users, content publishers and advertisers.”

15 70. Roku has no right to include any Dolby Technologies in any distribution after the
16 product is sold and in the hands of consumers. Any distribution by Roku of a new version of Roku
17 OS that contains unlicensed copies of Dolby Technologies is an independent breach of the
18 Interoperability Agreement and is an independent copyright infringement, entitling Dolby to
19 damages.

20 71. Dolby’s claims for unauthorized distributions of Dolby Technologies are severable,
21 such that the cause of action for each of Roku’s unauthorized distributions of Dolby Technologies
22 and through each iteration of Roku OS or updated versions thereof accrued separately.

23 72. Roku made several major updates to Roku OS during relevant time periods, each of
24 which included new and improved features to Roku OS and each of which, on information and
25 belief, contained Dolby IP for which Roku owes Dolby compensation. These Roku OS updates are
26 pushed automatically to the Roku customers’ devices and cannot be declined by the customer. In
27 particular:

28 a. In 2015, Roku released Roku OS 7.0.

- b. In 2017, Roku released Roku OS 8.0.
- c. In 2018, Roku released Roku OS 9.0.
- d. In 2021, Roku released Roku OS 10.0.
- e. In 2022, Roku released Roku OS 11.0.
- f. In 2023, Roku released Roku OS 12.0.
- g. In 2024, Roku released Roku OS 13.0.³

Roku included an unlicensed decoder that infringed Dolby's patented technology

73. Separate and apart from Roku's unlicensed distributions of Dolby Technologies set forth above, Roku released in or around November of 2018 an update to its platform named "Roku OS 9.0," which included an implementation of audio compression technology that Roku purportedly received from an unlicensed third-party source and that purports to comply with the AC-3 Digital Audio Compression Standard for such technology (the "AC-3 Standard") adopted by the United States Advanced Television Standards Committee ("ATSC").

74. Roku never received from Dolby a license for Dolby Digital technology (which complies with the AC-3 Standard) under any system license addendum and order form. Moreover, Dolby's system licensees are required to source implementations only from authorized parties (also known as "Qualified Suppliers"). *See, e.g.,* System Agreement, Section 2.3.

75. Prior to January 15, 2019, Roku broadly distributed Roku OS 9.0 to Roku streaming players, Roku TV models and Roku TV wireless speakers. On information and belief, each copy of Roku OS 9.0 that Roku distributed to its devices included the third-party implementation of the AC-3 audio compression technology.

76. United States Patent No. 6,339,757 ("the '757 Patent" or the "Asserted Dolby Patent"), entitled "Bit Allocation Method for Digital Audio Signals," issued on January 15, 2002. A true and correct copy of the '757 Patent is attached as **Exhibit A**. As shown in **Exhibit B**, use of the AC-3 audio compression technology included in Roku OS 9.0 practices each and every limitation of at least claims 1, 2 and 3 of the '757 Patent.

³ Roku likely made many other unlicensed distributions of Dolby Technologies in between each of these major version updates.

1 77. Roku has had knowledge of and/or was willfully blind to the ‘757 Patent long before its
2 inclusion of the AC-3 audio compression technology in Roku OS in November 2018. At least as
3 early as December 19, 2014, Dolby provided Roku with written notice of the ‘757 Patent, which
4 notice was sent to at least five Roku employees, including Roku’s CEO, Roku’s General Counsel,
5 and a Senior Vice President of Roku. The ‘757 Patent was also included, prior to November 2018,
6 in lists, made available to Dolby licensees, including Roku, of the patents owned by Dolby that
7 protect various Dolby Technologies. At the time Roku began practicing the inventions of the ‘757
8 Patent, Roku was, at best, willfully blind to the ‘757 Patent.

9 78. With actual notice of the ‘757 Patent, Roku proceeded to internally test and distribute
10 Roku OS 9.0 and the AC-3 implementation contained therein, thereby infringing, contributing to
11 infringement of, and inducing infringement of the ‘757 Patent by users of Roku-enabled devices
12 that used the AC-3 implementation contained therein to practice the inventions of the ‘757 Patent.

13 **Roku’s Misrepresentations and Refusal to Provide Complete Information**

14 79. Roku encrypts Roku OS software code and has never provided Dolby with decrypted
15 Roku OS software code. Because Dolby could not itself confirm the specific configuration of Roku
16 OS, Dolby reasonably relied on Roku’s statements to Dolby regarding Roku OS.

17 80. On March 6, 2020, Dolby and Roku had an in-person meeting at Roku’s Los Gatos,
18 California office to discuss Roku OS and Dolby Technologies. During that meeting, Roku’s product
19 management team made clear representations that Roku was not distributing Dolby IP in Roku’s
20 software distributions. For example, Roku’s product managers conveyed to Dolby that Dolby’s
21 implementation licensee delivered the Dolby Technologies on systems-on-chips directly to the
22 OEM, *i.e.*, a distribution path that was consistent with and as contemplated by the terms and
23 limitations of Roku’s Interoperability Agreement. Roku then explained that Roku delivers the Roku
24 OS system image to the OEM licensee *without any Dolby IP*. These statements were, however,
25 false when made. In fact, Roku was including implementations of Dolby Technologies in Roku’s
26 software distributions, without any license to do so. At the time of the March 2020 meeting, Roku
27 was providing frequent updates to Roku OS that included unlicensed Dolby IP. Roku’s failure to
28 disclose this fact in a discussion regarding distribution of Dolby IP was a materially misleading

1 omission by Roku on which Dolby reasonably relied.

2 81. Because Roku product managers are in a much better position than Dolby to understand
3 Roku's own internal product development and technology distributions to Roku's customers and
4 other third parties, and because Roku OS is encrypted software that Dolby cannot independently
5 access to test, Dolby reasonably relied on Roku's representations and assurances that Roku was in
6 compliance with the limitations in the Interoperability Agreement. On information and belief,
7 Roku's employees either knew that these statements were false when made, or, alternatively, to the
8 extent that Roku's employees did not know that these statements were false when made, Roku's
9 employees had no reasonable grounds for believing that the representations were true when they
10 made them. Roku made these false statements and omissions intending for Dolby to rely upon them,
11 and Dolby did in fact rely on these statements and omissions to its detriment, believing, based on
12 Roku's representations, that Roku was not distributing Dolby IP in violation of the limitations of
13 the Interoperability Agreement, when Roku was in fact doing so. The truth came to light years later.

14 82. On January 8, 2021, Dolby exercised its contractual rights under the License
15 Agreements to inspect Roku's books and records for the inspection period July 1, 2016 to December
16 31, 2020 and engaged a third-party audit firm.

17 83. Roku resisted the auditor's requests for contractually-required information and
18 attempted to limit the scope of the audit. Throughout 2021, Roku argued that Roku OS should not
19 be within the scope of the audit, contrary to the terms of the parties' license agreements, and again
20 refused to provide information on any Dolby Technologies in Roku's distributions of and updates
21 to Roku OS. Had this information been timely provided, Dolby would have known that Roku was
22 improperly distributing unlicensed copies of Dolby Technologies. Roku's refusal to provide
23 technical information showing the presence of Dolby Technologies in Roku's software
24 distributions prevented Dolby's discovery of its claims for breach of contract and infringement.

25 84. In February 2022, Roku started providing some limited information in response to
26 Dolby's audit requests. While Roku did not provide any technical information or code that would
27 allow Dolby to verify whether and, if so, how Dolby IP was being distributed by Roku in Roku OS,
28 Roku's statements in February 2022 were inconsistent with its prior statements to Dolby in March

2020, when Roku had expressly denied (and failed to disclose) any distribution of Dolby IP. Dolby did not discover that Roku's prior statements were false until, at the earliest, February 2022, when Roku finally began providing some limited information in response to audit requests regarding Roku OS. Dolby could not have discovered these facts sooner in light of the encryption of Roku OS and resulting need to rely on statements and information from Roku. As noted above, Roku had generally withheld information from Dolby until a full year into the audit, and Dolby had relied on Roku's prior misrepresentations, which expressly denied the distribution of Dolby IP.

85. During 2022, Dolby asked Roku for TV model numbers and brands by manufacturer so that Dolby could try to match Roku's representations of its distributions of Dolby Technologies against data reported to Dolby by other third parties. Roku refused and said Dolby should ask the third parties themselves, *i.e.*, Roku's OEM partners to whom Roku was delivering Roku OS. The OEMs, however, would likely not have information about Roku's subsequent distributions of additional copies of Dolby Technologies after the products are sold and in the hands of consumers.

86. In July 2022, Dolby requested that Roku provide TV brand, model numbers, Roku platform, manufacturer, manufacturer model number, Dolby Technologies, serial numbers and distribution counts to determine the volume of Roku TVs that received Dolby IP distributions from Roku. Roku again refused.

87. In September 2022, Dolby's auditor provided a draft audit report based on the very limited information that Roku provided and other information that Dolby was able to ascertain from third-party implementation and system licensees for the audit period. While the initial draft report adopted assumptions that were very favorable to Roku, it showed significant unlicensed and unpaid distributions of Dolby Technologies by Roku in multiple ways described in further detail herein.

88. After receiving the draft audit report, Roku requested that Dolby and its auditors consider new information that Roku had not previously provided, so-called "activation" data that purportedly identifies when a product is first turned on by the consumer after the initial sale and calls back to Roku's systems. In Roku's view, only considering "activations" would result in a lower level of noncompliance than indicated by the September 2022 draft audit report. Dolby did not agree that there was any basis to condition a royalty obligation or other contractual requirement

1 on some limited number of products that were “activated” but nevertheless agreed to consider any
2 verifiable information that Roku was willing to provide about Roku’s distributions of Dolby
3 Technologies. At Roku’s specific request, Dolby and its auditors analyzed the activation data over
4 the course of several months during 2023. While reserving all rights and in an attempt to resolve
5 its dispute with Roku, Dolby explained the resulting legal liability to Roku.

6 89. In December 2023, Roku flatly denied that it had any additional payment obligations to
7 Dolby. Dolby disagreed with Roku’s assertions, reserved all rights, and continued to engage with
8 Roku in the interest of partnership. Those discussions continued through June of 2024.

9 90. As noted above, the audit information and responses that Roku provided were neither
10 sufficient nor complete, and do not address any activities in the unaudited period following 2020.
11 The parties engaged in discussions between January 2021 and June 2024 regarding these
12 audit-related issues.

13 91. Dolby discovered that Roku had no intention to comply with its audit obligations or
14 engage in settlement discussions when Dolby requested as a condition to further discussions that
15 Roku enter into a formal tolling agreement suspending the running of any applicable limitations for
16 the duration of the tolling period. On June 21, 2024, Roku refused to enter into such an agreement,
17 thereby making plain its strategy to delay the filing of any lawsuit. Once Dolby discovered the need
18 to proceed with litigation, it proceeded diligently to file this lawsuit.⁴

19 **COUNT ONE**

20 **BREACH OF CONTRACT – FAILURE TO PAY ROYALTIES/UNLICENSED SALES**

21 92. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully
22 set forth herein.

23 93. In 2015 and 2016, Dolby and Roku entered into two main agreements that are relevant
24 to this action: (1) the May 12, 2015 Interoperability Agreement, which gave Roku limited rights to
25 use Dolby Technologies for testing Roku’s middleware such as Roku OS, but explicitly prohibited
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27 ⁴ The California Judicial Council’s Emergency Rule 9 operates to toll “the statutes of limitations
28 and repose for civil causes of action that exceed 180 days . . . from April 6, 2020, until October 1,
2020,” a period of 178 days. In addition to the delayed discovery, fraudulent concealment, and
equitable tolling described herein, Dolby is entitled to tolling under Emergency Rule 9 for any
causes of action that accrued on or before October 1, 2020.

1 distribution by Roku of any implementations of any Dolby Technologies or any Dolby IP; and (2)
2 the September 8, 2016 System License Agreement and Addenda thereto, which only allowed
3 distribution of Dolby IP in Roku-branded “Licensed Products” such as Roku players and streaming
4 sticks, with a host of corresponding obligations such as only obtaining Dolby technologies from
5 licensed parties, submitting all products for testing and approval for quality assurance, reporting to
6 Dolby each Sale, and paying the corresponding royalties (collectively, the “License Agreements”).

7 94. The License Agreements were the necessary framework of the parties’ relationship and
8 established important limits and controls on how Roku could access, incorporate, distribute, and
9 track Dolby’s industry-leading audio and video technologies. If Roku desired to make distributions
10 of Dolby Technologies outside of the scope of the License Agreements, it was required to negotiate
11 new rights with Dolby to accommodate any changes to Roku’s business practices. Dolby
12 reasonably expected that Roku would comply with the rights and obligations, including any
13 limitations, in the License Agreements and notify Dolby to the extent that any different or additional
14 rights were needed by Roku.

15 95. For its platform business, Roku contracted with Dolby under the Interoperability
16 Agreement, which granted Roku an extremely limited license to test the compatibility of Dolby
17 Technologies in Roku OS, but expressly prohibited Roku from distributing any Dolby technology.
18 Roku had no rights to distribute any Dolby Technologies in Roku OS or otherwise, and certainly
19 not to end-users once the products were sold and in the hands of consumers.

20 96. Effective May 12, 2015, for valuable consideration, Dolby and Roku entered into the
21 Interoperability Agreement. The Interoperability Agreement is a valid and enforceable contract
22 supported by adequate, mutual consideration.

23 97. Under the Interoperability Agreement, Roku was only permitted to test and verify that
24 Roku OS was interoperable with the approved Dolby implementations that Roku received from a
25 Dolby implementation licensee (generally, a “system on chip” or “SoC” manufacturer) and/or the
26 Licensed Products made by a Qualified Recipient (generally, a third-party OEM, which had a
27 separate system license agreement with Dolby). The Interoperability Agreement could not be
28 clearer: it granted only limited testing rights, did not grant distribution rights, and in fact expressly

1 prohibited distribution. This structure allowed Roku to test that its software was compatible with
2 Dolby implementations but without any distribution rights, which rights were limited to OEMs who
3 had the corresponding contractual obligations associated with distribution rights under separate
4 system license agreements.

5 98. Section 1.4 of the Interoperability Agreement defines “Deliverables” in relevant part as
6 “the materials Licensor makes available *for internal use* by Licensee for each Technology and
7 which describe the Technology in detail.” (emphasis added.) Accordingly, Roku was not granted
8 any rights under the Interoperability Agreement to use or distribute externally the Deliverables that
9 it received from Dolby.

10 99. Section 1.8 of the Interoperability Agreement defines an “Implementation” as “a
11 component supplied only to an intermediate market for inclusion in a Licensed Product that
12 implements a Licensed Technology, which is: (i) an integrated circuit or other similar type of
13 electronic device that implements the Licensed Technology in hardware, (ii) object code that
14 performs the Licensed Technology and is approved by Licensor, (iii) an electronic circuit board
15 containing either ‘(i)’, or ‘(ii)’, or (iv) a software driver for incorporation in an end-user software
16 application.”

17 100. Section 1.13 of the Interoperability Agreement defines “Middleware” as “software that
18 provides an interface to an Implementation. Middleware is interoperable with an Implementation
19 but *does not contain any Dolby IP or Deliverables*.” (emphasis added). Roku was therefore
20 contractually prohibited from including any Dolby IP or Deliverables in its middleware, the
21 integrated software stack that Roku delivered as “Roku OS.”

22 101. The Interoperability Agreement did not provide for the distribution or “Sale” by Roku
23 of any products to end-users. If the parties had intended to allow Roku to distribute Dolby
24 Technologies to end-users, they would have needed to enter into either an implementation or system
25 license agreement providing for such distribution, with the corresponding controls, record retention
26 requirements about those distributions, and payment obligations (including, if relevant, upon the
27 distribution of product updates or upgrades).

28 102. Section 3.1 of the Interoperability Agreement makes clear that the license grant was

1 *“for the sole purpose of verifying and demonstrating* that i) the Middleware it has developed is
2 compatible with the intended Implementations of the Licensed Technology or ii) that
3 Implementations made by an Implementation Licensee or Licensed Products made by a Qualified
4 Recipient are compatible with Licensee’s software, products or services. The Deliverables may not
5 be used by Licensee for any other purpose.” (emphasis added).

6 103. Section 4.1 of the Interoperability Agreement provides: “Unless expressly approved by
7 Licensors in writing, *Middleware shall not contain any Dolby IP* or Deliverables.” (emphasis
8 added).

9 104. Roku also had no rights under the Interoperability Agreement (or otherwise) to
10 manufacture or Sell implementations. The Interoperability Agreement expressly prohibited Roku
11 from any distribution or other transfer of an Implementation.

12 105. Section 2.2 of the Interoperability Agreement provides: “Licensee may receive sample
13 quantities of Implementations from Implementation Licensees for the purpose of i) evaluating or
14 testing the Licensed Technology contained on the Implementation, and ii) developing, testing, and
15 demonstrating Middleware (‘Purpose’)” and that “[n]o rights are granted by Licensors except as
16 expressly provided herein and, specifically, no rights are granted to Licensee under this Agreement
17 with respect to the manufacture or Sale of Implementations. Except as provided above, mere
18 purchase or receipt of an Implementation does not convey a license nor imply a right under any
19 patent, or any other industrial or intellectual property right of Licensors, to use such Implementation
20 or to transfer ownership of an Implementation to any other party.” Section 1.16 of the
21 Interoperability Agreement defines “Sale,” “Sell” or “Sold” (or any variation thereof) as “to sell,
22 supply, offer for sale, dispose, rent, lend, lease, commercialize, exploit, distribute or otherwise
23 transfer.”

24 106. Despite not having a license agreement in place to distribute Dolby Technologies or
25 include them in Roku OS or any software distribution, Roku unilaterally decided to distribute Dolby
26 Technologies in initial distributions of Roku OS, and thereafter to end-users directly through many
27 millions of updates of Roku OS, each of which, on information and belief, included additional,
28 unlicensed copies of Dolby Technologies.

1 107. Roku was also required to identify and report to Dolby any entities to whom it had
2 distributed basic test streams during the previous calendar quarter. Section 5.1 of the
3 Interoperability Agreement requires that: “[w]ithin thirty (30) days after the end of a calendar
4 quarter, Licensee will deliver to Licensor a report identifying those entities to whom it has
5 redistributed the Basic Test Streams during the previous calendar quarter.” Roku provided no such
6 reports.

7 108. By design, and unlike system license agreements and implementation license
8 agreements, the Interoperability Agreement does not have more extensive books and records
9 requirements because the Interoperability Agreement specifically prohibited Roku from
10 distributing any Dolby IP. Nevertheless, the records retention and inspection provisions of the
11 System Agreement set forth in paragraphs 115-118 below applied to any distribution of Dolby IP
12 and thus applied to any unauthorized distributions by Roku of middleware or other software
13 containing Dolby IP.

14 109. Roku’s unlicensed distributions of any Dolby IP and implementations of Dolby
15 Technologies both breached the express and implied promises under the parties’ License
16 Agreements and infringed Dolby’s copyright and other rights in the original, creative works of
17 authorship and copyrightable subject matter that comprise Dolby Technologies under the laws of
18 the United States, as set forth in more detail below.

19 110. For its device business, Roku contracted with Dolby under the System Agreement,
20 pursuant to which royalties would be paid upon Roku’s sale of products containing various
21 industry-leading Dolby Technologies.

22 111. Effective September 8, 2016, for valuable consideration, Dolby and Roku entered into
23 the System Agreement. The System Agreement is a valid and enforceable contract supported by
24 adequate, mutual consideration.

25 112. Provided that Roku complied with its requirements, the System Agreement allowed
26 Roku to include certain Dolby Technologies in the Licensed Products Roku “Sold,” and required
27 Roku to pay royalties for those Sales as set forth in the Addendum to the System Agreement.

28 113. The System Agreement does not by itself grant a license to any Dolby Technologies

1 unless and until an Order Form or Addendum is executed by the parties that specifically itemizes
2 the one or more Dolby Technologies being licensed. The System Agreement provides the terms
3 and conditions under which any license is granted in an Addendum or Order Form.

4 114. Section 4.2 of the System Agreement obligates Roku to pay Dolby royalties on all
5 Licensed Products “Sold” in accordance with the Addendum covering such Licensed Products,
6 which is found under Appendix B3 to the form Addendum. Under Section 10.17, Roku’s reporting
7 and payment obligations to Dolby under the System Agreement are triggered at the time Roku first
8 “Sells” a product. Nothing further by Roku or its customer is required to trigger Roku’s reporting
9 and payment obligations to Dolby. Notably, the System Agreement does not grant Roku any rights
10 to deliver additional copies of Dolby Technologies to these products after they are initially Sold
11 and in the hands of consumers.

12 115. Under Section 4.6 of the System Agreement, Roku must issue quarterly reports
13 identifying any Sales of a Licensed Product. It must also maintain complete books and records
14 under Section 4.7 for seven years after a quarterly report is submitted.

15 116. Roku’s responsibilities to maintain information regarding distributions of Dolby IP
16 were broader than the scope of the System Agreement and extended to any distribution of Dolby
17 IP by Roku. Section 4.7 of the System Agreement provides, “Licensee shall keep complete books
18 and records about its operations relating to the manufacture or sale of all products that perform or
19 embody Licensor intellectual property, in whole or in part...” Roku was aware of its contractual
20 obligations to maintain and report complete information associated with the distribution of Dolby
21 Technologies in Roku’s products.

22 117. Section 4.7 of the System Agreement provides Dolby with important audit rights and
23 further requires Roku to “cooperate with this examination and provide reasonable access to ... all
24 information ... (including information not related to Sales of Licensed Products necessary to verify
25 the integrity of [Roku’s] records and the accuracy of [Roku’s] Quarterly Reports), and ... relevant
26 personnel requested by [Dolby] ... as necessary to allow the examination to be completed in a
27 timely manner.”

28 118. Dolby’s audit rights were so important that the parties agreed, in Section 5.11 of the

1 System Agreement, that an actual or threatened violation of them by Roku would constitute
2 irreparable injury for which monetary damages are an inadequate remedy, thereby entitling Dolby
3 to equitable relief, including injunctive relief or specific performance, in any court, in addition to
4 its legal remedies.

5 119. The System Agreement is very clear with respect to the rights it licenses and those it
6 does not. Section 6.1 of the System Agreement provides that Dolby “grants [Roku] a personal,
7 indivisible, non-exclusive, worldwide license to the Dolby IP, solely for each Technology identified
8 in the Order Form, and solely for the duration of the applicable term on the Order Form for each
9 such Technology.” Section 10.4 defines “Dolby IP” as including “Patents, Trademarks, know-how
10 and copyrighted works for a particular Technology...” Section 6.2 of the System Agreement states
11 that “[t]here are no implied licenses under this Agreement, and all rights not expressly granted to
12 [Roku] are reserved by [Dolby].”

13 120. Section 10.11 of the System Agreement defines a Licensed Product to mean a consumer
14 product approved by Dolby that is complete and ready to use for an end-user market, that contains
15 an approved implementation of one or more Dolby Technologies, that performs the technology in
16 whole or in part, and that bears a trademark of Roku.

17 121. Section 9.8 of the System Agreement provides that the prevailing party in any action
18 under the agreement will be entitled to recover from the other party all costs and expenses incurred
19 in that action or any appeal therefrom including all reasonable attorneys’ fees and other related
20 costs.

21 122. Section 10.8 of the Interoperability Agreement provides that the prevailing party in any
22 action under the agreement will be entitled to recover from the other party all costs and expenses
23 incurred in that action or any appeal therefrom, including all reasonable attorneys’ fees and other
24 related costs.

25 123. Dolby has performed each and every one of its material obligations under the License
26 Agreements, except for any obligation that has been excused as a result of Roku’s breaches.

27 124. By distributing products containing Dolby Technologies beyond the scope of the limited
28 licenses granted by the License Agreements, Roku has separately and independently materially

1 breached, *inter alia*, Sections 2.2, 3.1 and 4.1, and 5.1 of the Interoperability Agreement; and
2 Sections 6.1 and 10.11 of the System Agreement; and Appendix A3 of the Addenda to the System
3 Agreement. Discovery may reveal additional breaches of the License Agreements by Roku.

4 125. Dolby has been damaged by Roku's breaches of contract in an amount to be determined
5 at trial.

6 **COUNT TWO**

7 **BREACH OF CONTRACT – BREACH OF REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTY**

8 126. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully
9 set forth herein.

10 127. In recognition of the importance of the limited license grant, Roku represented and
11 warranted to Dolby in Section 8.3 of the System Agreement that Roku "will not make, use, Sell or
12 import a product containing Dolby IP if such product violates intellectual property rights of
13 [Dolby]..."

14 128. Roku's representation and warranty not to violate Dolby's IP rights included any
15 technology over which Dolby then had intellectual property rights, such as patents or copyrights,
16 any later acquired intellectual property rights, and any other technology beyond the limited scope
17 of the license rights that Dolby had granted.

18 129. Roku breached its promise not to exceed the scope of the licenses granted by the License
19 Agreements by Selling products containing Dolby Technologies that were not included within the
20 scope of the limited licenses granted by Dolby. In breach of its express warranty, Roku sold
21 unlicensed copies of Dolby Technologies that infringed Dolby's copyrights and at least the '757
22 Patent.

23 130. Dolby is entitled to injunctive relief restraining Roku from engaging in any further such
24 breaches of contract. Unless Roku is enjoined and prohibited from any further such breaches, Roku
25 will continue to breach its promise not to exceed the scope of the licenses granted by the License
26 Agreements.

27 131. Dolby has been damaged by Roku's breach of contract in an amount to be determined
28 at trial.

1 **COUNT THREE**

2 **BREACH OF CONTRACT – BREACH OF IMPLIED COVENANT**

3 132. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully
4 set forth herein.

5 133. Throughout its many year commercial relationship with Roku, Dolby provided Roku a
6 vast quantity of intellectual property above and beyond patent rights, including trade secrets,
7 confidential know-how, copyrighted source code, and rights to use Dolby's trademarks to promote
8 Roku's products. Dolby also provided substantial amounts of Dolby's other proprietary technical
9 information and materials, including testing information, manuals, and other deliverables. *See, e.g.,*
10 Interoperability Agreement, Section 1.5; System Agreement, Section 10.4.

11 134. Dolby's delivery of this valuable package of information to Roku and the parties'
12 collaboration to implement Dolby Technologies in relevant products gave rise in each License
13 Agreement between Dolby and Roku to an implied negative covenant that Roku would not exceed
14 the scope of the limited licenses granted therein, regardless of whether such conduct might
15 constitute an infringement of Dolby's patent, copyright, or other intellectual property rights.

16 135. Roku breached the implied covenant not to exceed the scope of the licenses granted by
17 the License Agreements by making distributions containing Dolby Technologies that were not
18 included within the scope of those License Agreements.

19 136. Dolby Licensing is entitled to injunctive relief restraining Roku from engaging in any
20 further such breaches of the implied covenant. Unless Roku is enjoined and prohibited from any
21 further such breaches, Roku will continue to breach its implied covenant not to exceed the scope
22 of the licenses granted by the License Agreements.

23 137. Dolby has been damaged by Roku's breach of the implied covenant in an amount to be
24 determined at trial.

25 **COUNT FOUR**

26 **BREACH OF CONTRACT – FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AUDIT OBLIGATIONS**

27 138. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully
28 set forth herein.

1 139. Roku breached Section 4.7 of the System Agreement by failing to permit Dolby's
2 auditor to inspect, examine and make abstracts of Roku's books and records so as to verify the
3 accuracy of Roku's reporting, failing to provide the auditor with reasonable access to all required
4 information that would allow the audit to be completed in a timely manner, and otherwise failing
5 to cooperate with the audit.

6 140. Roku further breached the License Agreements by failing to provide Dolby access to
7 "(i) all information (including information not related to Sales of Licensed Products necessary to
8 verify the integrity of [Roku's] records and accuracy of [Roku's] Quarterly Reports), and (ii)
9 relevant personnel requested by [Dolby] or [Dolby's] agents as necessary to allow the examination
10 to be completed in a timely manner." System Agreement, Section 4.7.

11 141. The contractual provisions requiring Roku to permit Dolby to audit Roku's books and
12 records are definite and unambiguous and entitle Dolby to compliance by Roku in accordance with
13 their terms. The parties expressly agreed in the System License Agreement that an actual or
14 threatened violation by Roku of Section 4.7 (Dolby's inspection rights) will constitute irreparable
15 injury for which monetary damages are an inadequate remedy, thereby entitling Dolby to equitable
16 relief, including injunctive relief or specific performance, in any court, in addition to its legal
17 remedies. *See* System Agreement, Section 5.11.

18 142. Dolby is entitled to preliminary and permanent relief from this Court ordering that Roku
19 specifically perform under Section 4.7 of the System Agreement by providing Dolby with complete
20 auditable information. This relief is necessary to preserve the status quo between the parties, which
21 is the legally relevant contractual relationship in existence before the controversy between the
22 parties arose.

23 143. In the event that the audit results in a finding of Unpaid Royalties for any consecutive
24 four quarter period exceeding 5% of the total royalties due during such period, Roku must pay for
25 the full cost of any examination and collection undertaken by or for Dolby including all accounting,
26 audit and legal fees and costs, plus interest at the rate of 1.0% per month. *See* System Agreement,
27 Section 4.8.

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144. Dolby has been damaged from Roku's failure to comply with the audit provisions between January 2021 and the present, including but not limited to incurring all of the audit-related fees and costs incurred by Dolby prior to the commencement of this litigation.

COUNT FIVE

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

145. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.

146. As noted in paragraph 39 above, plaintiffs Dolby Laboratories and/or Dolby Licensing own copyrights in the Dolby Copyrighted Works, which comprise a large number of works of various types, including computer programs and computer software works. The Dolby Copyrighted Works include the following computer programs and/or computer software works, each of which is part of the Dolby MS12 Technology and is essential to the encoding or decoding function (collectively, the "Asserted Dolby Works"):

- the Dolby Audio Block Encoder Module;
- the Dolby Bitstream Information (BSI) Module for encode routines – DD;
- the Dolby Bitstream Information (BSI) Module for encode routines – DDP;
- the Dolby CRC encoder module calculation routines; and
- the Dolby Re-entrant revision of DD+ encoder auxiliary data packing routines.

147. Each of the Asserted Dolby Works was created by employees of Dolby Laboratories and/or Dolby Licensing. The copyright rights in the Asserted Dolby Works, including all of the rights of a copyright owner under 17 U.S.C. § 106, are owned by Dolby Licensing as the author and/or as the assignee of Dolby Laboratories.

148. Dolby Licensing's claims to copyright in each of the Asserted Dolby Works have been registered with the U.S. Copyright Office and are the subject of the following registrations, each of which has an effective date of March 6, 2018:

Work	Registration No.
Audio Block Encoder Module	TXu 2-074-382

Work	Registration No.
Bitstream Information (BSI) Module for encode routines – DD	TXu 2-074-383
Bitstream Information (BSI) Module for encode routines – DDP	TXu 2-074-384
CRC encoder module calculation routines	TXu 2-074-624
Re-entrant revision of DD+ encoder auxiliary data packing routines	TXu 2-074-381

149. Each of the Asserted Dolby Works is an original, creative work of authorship and copyrightable subject matter under the laws of the United States. Dolby Laboratories and Dolby Licensing have complied in all respects with the Copyright Laws of the United States, and the Register of Copyrights has issued to Dolby Licensing Certificates of Registration for each of the Asserted Dolby Works.

150. The Dolby Copyrighted Works are original, expressive works of authorship that have been developed through many years and hundreds if not thousands of hours of creative endeavor by employees of Dolby Laboratories and Dolby Licensing. The Dolby Technologies have been continuously updated and improved by Dolby over many years to incorporate additional creative expression developed by Dolby Laboratories and Dolby Licensing, including numerous versions of the Dolby Copyrighted Works that were created for different settings and particular uses and applications. Each of the Asserted Dolby Works is the product of a substantial number of hours of Dolby Laboratories and Dolby Licensing employees' time, and is protected under the Copyright Laws of the United States from unlawful and unauthorized copying and distribution.

151. Roku has infringed Dolby Licensing's copyrights in the Asserted Dolby Works and Dolby Licensing's exclusive rights under the Copyright Laws by reproducing and selling, without a license from Dolby Licensing or authorization of Dolby Licensing to do so, Roku products that include the Asserted Dolby Works, portions thereof, and/or works that are based on or are derivative thereof (the "Roku Infringing Products"). Although the complete scope of Roku's infringement and the names of all of the Roku Infringing Products are not yet known to Dolby, examples of the Roku

1 Infringing Products that are not licensed or authorized by Dolby are all Roku products that include
2 and/or access any version of Roku OS and any other Roku product that includes Dolby MS12
3 Technology, including but not limited to the Roku Express, model number 3960R; the Roku
4 Streaming Stick 4K, model number 3820R2; the Roku Ultra, model number 4802R; the Roku
5 Streambar, model number 9102R; Roku TVs manufactured by various OEMs; the Roku Pro Series
6 4K TV, model numbers: 55R8B5, 65R8B5, 75R8B5; the Roku Plus Series 4K TV, model numbers:
7 55R6A5R, 65R6A5R, 75R6A5R; the Roku Select Series 4K TV, model numbers: 43R4A5R,
8 50R4A5R, 55R4A5R, 65R4A5R, 75R4A5R; Roku Wireless Speakers, model number 9020R2; and
9 the Roku TV Wireless Soundbar, model number 9301R, among others.

10 152. Upon information and belief, the infringed elements of the Asserted Dolby Works
11 include the code contained in those works and the structure, organization and content of the works.

12 153. Upon information and belief, Roku was aware that the Roku Infringing Products were
13 not licensed. Roku's infringements of Dolby Licensing's copyrights in the Asserted Dolby Works
14 therefore are and have been knowing, deliberate, and willful.

15 154. By its unauthorized copying, use, and widespread distribution of the Asserted Dolby
16 Works and the Roku Infringing Products, Roku has violated Dolby Licensing's exclusive rights
17 under 17 U.S.C. § 106.

18 155. Roku has realized unjust profits, gains, and advantages as a proximate result of its
19 infringement.

20 156. Roku will continue to realize unjust profits, gains, and advantages as a proximate result
21 of its infringement as long as its infringement is permitted to continue.

22 157. Dolby Licensing is entitled to injunctive relief restraining Roku from engaging in any
23 further such acts in violation of the United States copyright laws. Unless Roku is enjoined and
24 prohibited from infringing Dolby Licensing's copyright rights, Roku will continue to intentionally
25 infringe Dolby Licensing's copyright rights.

26 158. As a direct and proximate result of Roku's willful copyright infringement, Dolby
27 Licensing has suffered, and will continue to suffer, monetary loss to its business, reputation, and
28 goodwill. Dolby Licensing is entitled to recover from Roku, in amounts to be determined at trial,

1 the damages Dolby Licensing has sustained and will sustain, and any gains, profits, and advantages
2 obtained by Roku as a result of Roku's acts of infringement and Roku's sale and distribution of the
3 Roku Infringing Products.

4 **COUNT SIX**

5 **COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT – CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT**

6 159. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully
7 set forth herein.

8 160. Roku has also induced others, without the authorization of Dolby Licensing, to
9 reproduce and/or sell the Roku Infringing Products and has thereby induced and materially
10 contributed to infringement by those parties of Dolby Licensing's exclusive copyright rights.

11 161. Upon information and belief, Roku has distributed the Roku Infringing Products to
12 numerous companies and individuals, and has provided those companies and individuals with
13 materials that enable those parties to—and that instruct those parties how to—use the Roku
14 Infringing Works, with the understanding and intention that those companies and individuals would
15 reproduce the Roku Infringing Works and/or distribute the Roku Infringing Products to third
16 parties, all with the purpose of encouraging and promoting the unauthorized reproduction,
17 distribution and use of the Roku Infringing Products. Users of the Roku Infringing Products must
18 copy and use infringing elements of the Roku Infringing Products to use those products for
19 encoding and decoding, in violation of Dolby Licensing's exclusive copyright rights. Such use is
20 not licensed or authorized by Dolby Licensing, and Roku was aware, at all relevant times, that Roku
21 did not have a license to use Dolby Technologies or the Asserted Dolby Works in the Roku
22 Infringing Products. Roku has thus induced, caused, and materially contributed to the infringing
23 acts of others by encouraging, inducing, allowing and assisting others to copy, reproduce and
24 distribute the Roku Infringing Products.

25 162. The identities of all of the specific companies and individuals to which Roku has
26 distributed the Roku Infringing Products are not known to Dolby, due to Roku's failure to provide
27 the relevant information in connection with Dolby's attempts to audit Roku's books and records in
28 accordance with the License Agreements. Based upon the information provided by Roku to date,

1 those companies and individuals include Roku's customers for the Roku Express, model number
2 3960R; the Roku Streaming Stick 4K, model number 3820R2; the Roku Ultra, model number
3 4802R; the Roku Streambar, model number 9102R; Roku TVs manufactured by various OEMs;
4 the Roku Pro Series 4K TV, model numbers: 55R8B5, 65R8B5, 75R8B5; the Roku Plus Series 4K
5 TV, model numbers: 55R6A5R, 65R6A5R, 75R6A5R; the Roku Select Series 4K TV, model
6 numbers: 43R4A5R, 50R4A5R, 55R4A5R, 65R4A5R, 75R4A5R; Roku Wireless Speakers, model
7 number 9020R2; and the Roku TV Wireless Soundbar, model number 9301R, among others.

8 163. Upon information and belief, Roku's inducement of and material contribution to Roku's
9 customers' infringements of Dolby Licensing's copyrights in the Asserted Dolby Works are and
10 have been knowing, deliberate, and willful.

11 164. By its unauthorized distribution of the Asserted Dolby Works and the Roku Infringing
12 Products for use, reproduction and distribution by others, Roku has induced infringement and
13 contributed to infringement, and has thereby violated Dolby Licensing's exclusive rights under
14 17 U.S.C. § 106.

15 165. Roku has realized unjust profits, gains, and advantages as a proximate result of its
16 inducement of and contributory infringement.

17 166. Roku will continue to realize unjust profits, gains, and advantages as a proximate result
18 of its inducement of and contributory infringement as long as its inducement of infringement and
19 contributory infringement are permitted to continue.

20 167. Dolby Licensing is entitled to injunctive relief restraining Roku from engaging in any
21 further such acts in violation of the United States copyright laws. Unless Roku is enjoined and
22 prohibited from contributing to and inducing others' infringement of Dolby Licensing's copyright
23 rights, Roku will continue to intentionally induce and contribute to infringement of Dolby
24 Licensing's registered copyrights.

25 168. As a direct and proximate result of Roku's willful contribution to and inducement of
26 copyright infringement, Dolby Licensing has suffered, and will continue to suffer, monetary loss
27 to its business, reputation, and goodwill. Dolby Licensing is entitled to recover from Roku, in
28 amounts to be determined at trial, the damages Dolby Licensing has sustained and will sustain, and

any gains, profits, and advantages obtained by Roku as a result of Roku's inducement of and contributory infringement and Roku's sale and distribution of the Roku Infringing Products.

COUNT SEVEN

**PATENT INFRINGEMENT – DIRECT INFRINGEMENT,
CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT AND
INDUCEMENT OF INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,339,757**

169. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully set forth herein.

170. Plaintiff Dolby Licensing is the assignee and lawful owner of the '757 Patent, and holds all right, title and interest in and to the '757 Patent.

171. During its term, the '757 Patent was valid and enforceable.

172. Upon information and belief, Roku copied, tested and used the implementation of AC-3 audio compression technology described above prior to including that implementation in Roku OS 9.0 and, by doing so, Roku practiced the inventions of claims 1, 2 and 3 of the '757 Patent. Roku therefore is liable as a direct infringer of the '757 Patent.

173. Roku has also indirectly infringed the '757 Patent by contributing to and/or inducing the making, using, selling, or offering for sale by others in the United States products that infringe the '757 Patent. Such products include, but are not limited to, Roku products that include Roku OS 9.0 and which include the implementation of AC-3 audio compression technology described above (the "Accused Products"). The Accused Products include, for example, Roku's Streaming Players with the following model numbers: 4661X, 4660X, 4640X, 4630X, 4620X, 4400X, 4230X, 4210X, 4200X, 3921X, 3920X, 3910X, 3900X, 3810X, 3800X, 3710X, 3700X, 3600X, 3500X, 3420X, 3400X, 3100X, 3050X, 3000X, 2720X, 2710X, 2700X, 2500X, 2450X, 2400X. According to Roku's release notes for OS 9.0, Roku anticipated providing the Roku OS 9.0 update to all Roku TV models. *See* <https://www.roku.com/blog/os-9-release-notes>. Discovery may reveal additional infringing uses, products, and/or models.

174. Each of the Accused Products that include Roku OS 9.0 purports to comply with the AC-3 Standard promulgated by the ATSC.

1 175. Software that complies with the AC-3 Standard meets the elements of at least claims 1,
2 2 and 3 of the ‘757 Patent. The Accused Products include and make use of software that complies
3 with the AC-3 Standard and thereby fall within the scope of and include, either literally or under
4 the doctrine of equivalents, all of the elements of the asserted claims of the ‘757 Patent.

5 176. As described in paragraphs 73-76 above, and as shown in **Exhibit B**, software that
6 complies with the AC-3 Standard includes all of the elements of claims 1, 2 and 3 of the ‘757
7 Patent.

8 177. After receiving notice of the ‘757 Patent, Roku proceeded to make, use, test, sell, and/or
9 offer to sell in this District and elsewhere in the United States, the Accused Products. By
10 disseminating marketing materials, providing user and technical manuals relating to the Accused
11 Products, and other acts, Roku actively induced infringement by encouraging others to directly
12 infringe the Asserted Patent by utilizing the software in Roku OS 9.0 that practices the inventions
13 claimed in claims 1, 2 and 3 of the ‘757 Patent.

14 178. The implementation of the AC-3 Standard included in Roku OS 9.0, as distributed by
15 Roku, is intended for use in practicing a patented process, is a material part of the inventions
16 claimed in the ‘757 Patent, and is especially made and adapted for use in an infringement of the
17 ‘757 Patent. The AC-3 implementation is not a staple article or commodity of commerce suitable
18 for substantial non-infringing use. Roku is therefore liable as a contributory infringer in accordance
19 with 35 U.S.C. § 271(c).

20 179. Roku actively encouraged, promoted, enabled and facilitated use by customers
21 possessing Roku-enabled devices of the AC-3 implementation contained in Roku OS 9.0, which
22 use infringed the asserted claims of the ‘757 Patent. Roku is therefore liable for inducement of
23 infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

24 180. Roku engaged in such activities despite actual knowledge that its customers’ actions
25 constituted infringement of the ‘757 Patent. Roku knew and should have known that its actions
26 would cause direct infringement of the ‘757 Patent.

27 181. Roku willfully infringed the ‘757 Patent through January 15, 2019.
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1 182. Roku has known of or was willfully blind to the existence of the '757 Patent and its
2 applicability to Roku's OS 9.0 since at least December 2014. Roku's subsequent acts of
3 infringement were willful, and without any reasonable basis for believing it had the right to engage
4 in the infringing conduct. In light of Roku's willful infringement, Dolby is entitled to increased
5 damages of three times the damages assessed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, as well as an award of
6 attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285.

7 **COUNT EIGHT**

8 **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

9 183. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully
10 set forth herein.

11 184. As summarized in detail in paragraphs 101-106 above, Roku had no rights under the
12 Interoperability Agreement to (i) distribute any Implementations containing Dolby Technologies
13 to any party (including but not limited to a Dolby system licensee); or (ii) distribute any Dolby
14 Technologies to end-users. Despite the requirements and prohibitions of the License Agreements
15 described above, Roku in fact chose to include Implementations containing Dolby Technologies
16 (comprised of Dolby's copyrighted code and additional technical information and know-how) in
17 software distributed by Roku.

18 185. Roku distributed software that included Dolby Implementations in a software stack to
19 third-party OEMs, and additional copies of Dolby Implementations to products that had been sold
20 and were in the hands of consumers. After the initial distribution to the OEMs, Roku released
21 updates to Roku software on a regular basis, which updates, on information and belief, also included
22 Dolby Technologies in the software stack.

23 186. On March 6, 2020, Dolby and Roku personnel had an in-person meeting at Roku's office
24 in Los Gatos, California to discuss Roku OS and Dolby Technologies. Two Roku product managers
25 attended this meeting along with a Dolby employee.

26 187. As set forth in further detail in paragraph 80 above, Roku made clear representations to
27 Dolby during the March 6, 2020 meeting that Roku was not distributing Dolby IP in Roku's
28 software distributions.

1 188. These statements were false when made. At that time, Roku was in fact including the
2 Dolby Implementations in one software stack and distributing Implementations of Dolby
3 Technologies without any license to do so, both to OEMs and to consumers.

4 189. To the extent that Roku's employees did not know that these statements were false when
5 made, Roku's employees had no reasonable grounds for believing that the representations were true
6 when they made them.

7 190. Roku made these false statements intending for Dolby to rely upon them, and Dolby did
8 in fact rely on them to its detriment, continuing to believe, based on Roku's representations, that
9 Roku was not distributing any Dolby IP in Roku's software products. Roku encrypts its Roku OS
10 software, which cannot be independently accessed by Dolby. Dolby reasonably relied on Roku's
11 representations and assurances that Roku was in compliance with the terms of the Interoperability
12 Agreement, as opposed to distributing unlicensed Dolby Technologies on a massive scale in direct
13 violation of the Interoperability Agreement.

14 191. Dolby has been damaged by Roku's negligent misrepresentations and Dolby's reliance
15 on Roku's misrepresentations were a substantial factor in causing its harm.

16 **COUNT NINE**

17 **FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

18 192. Dolby hereby repeats and incorporates the allegations set forth above as though fully
19 set forth herein.

20 193. As summarized in detail in paragraphs 101-106 above, Roku had no rights under the
21 Interoperability Agreement to (i) distribute any Implementations containing Dolby Technologies
22 to any party (including but not limited to a Dolby system licensee); or (ii) distribute any Dolby
23 Technologies to end-users. Despite the requirements and prohibitions of the License Agreements
24 described above, Roku included Implementations containing Dolby Technologies (comprised of
25 Dolby's copyrighted code and additional technical information and know-how) in Roku's software
26 stack that comprised Roku OS and Roku OS updates.

27 194. Roku distributed Roku OS that included a Dolby Implementation in a single integrated
28 software stack to third-party OEMs. After the initial distribution to the OEMs, Roku released

1 updates to Roku OS on a regular basis that, on information and belief, also included Dolby
2 Technologies.

3 195. As set forth in further detail in paragraph 80 above, Roku made clear representations to
4 Dolby during the March 6, 2020 meeting that Roku was not distributing Dolby IP in Roku's
5 software distributions.

6 196. These statements were false when made. At that time, Roku was in fact including the
7 Dolby Implementations in one software stack and distributing Implementations of Dolby
8 Technologies without any license to do so, both to OEMs and to consumers. In failing to disclose
9 these facts, Roku suppressed a material fact that it was under a duty to disclose to Dolby based on
10 the parties' licensing relationship, Roku's sole access to the unencrypted Roku OS code and any
11 other detailed information on its products, and Roku's representations that it was not violating and
12 would not violate Dolby's intellectual property rights.

13 197. Dolby reasonably relied on Roku's assurances that its distribution model comported
14 with the terms of the Interoperability Agreement, when Roku was in fact distributing unlicensed
15 Dolby Technologies on a massive scale in direct violation of the Interoperability Agreement. Dolby
16 would have asserted its rights earlier if Roku had disclosed its breaches of the Interoperability
17 Agreement through the broad and unlicensed distributions of Dolby Technologies.

18 198. In January 2021, Dolby commenced a third-party audit of Roku for the audit period of
19 July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020. Throughout 2021, Roku disputed that Roku OS was
20 within the scope of Dolby's audit rights and refused to provide any data regarding Roku OS despite
21 Dolby's auditors' repeated requests for information.

22 199. On February 18, 2022, over a year after the audit was commenced, Roku started to
23 provide some limited and unverifiable information in the connection with the audit. While there
24 were limitations in the information provided, as of February 18, 2022, Roku provided information
25 that was inconsistent with its prior March 2020 representations that Roku did not distribute Dolby
26 IP in Roku OS. Dolby, however, could not verify this for certain because of the encrypted code.

27 200. Dolby was diligent in seeking to verify Roku's compliance with the License Agreements
28 through having discussions with Roku about its business model in 2020 and seeking to verify

1 Roku's compliance with its licenses during the audit beginning in 2021. Roku made false
2 representations to Dolby, denying its broad distribution of Dolby IP in 2020, and then attempted to
3 block Dolby's access to the truth through refusing to provide information in the audit until February
4 2022 when Roku provided some limited and unverifiable information. Because Roku encrypts its
5 software, Dolby needed to rely on Roku's statements and could not have discovered the truth about
6 Roku's unauthorized distributions of Dolby IP before, at the earliest, February 2022.

7 201. Dolby has been damaged by Roku's fraudulent concealment and Dolby's reliance on
8 Roku's misrepresentations was a substantial factor in causing its harm.

9 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

10 WHEREFORE, plaintiffs Dolby Licensing and Dolby International pray for relief and
11 judgment as follows:

- 12 A. For an award of compensatory damages in an amount according to proof for
13 each and all of the causes of action set forth herein;
- 14 B. For an award of prejudgment interest at the legal rate through the date of
15 the judgment and/or at the contractual rate set forth by Section 4.8 of the
16 System Agreement;
- 17 C. For injunctive relief for specific performance that Roku must comply with
18 its audit obligations as set forth in the License Agreements;
- 19 D. For full costs of the audit including all accounting, audit, and legal fees as
20 set forth by Section 4.8 of the System Agreement;
- 21 E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs incurred herein as provided by the
22 License Agreements;
- 23 F. For entry of judgment holding Roku liable for infringement of Dolby
24 Licensing's copyright rights in the Asserted Dolby Works;
- 25 G. For an order enjoining Roku, its officers, agents, servants, employees,
26 attorneys and affiliated companies, its assigns and successors in interest,
27 and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from continued acts
28 of infringement of the copyrights in the Asserted Dolby Works;

- 1 H. For an order enjoining Roku, its officers, agents, servants, employees,
2 attorneys and affiliated companies, its assigns and successors in interest,
3 and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from continued acts
4 of contributory infringement and inducement of infringement of the
5 copyrights in the Asserted Dolby Works;
- 6 I. For an order that all copies of any Roku Infringing Products made or used
7 in violation of Dolby Licensing's copyright rights, and all means by which
8 such copies may be reproduced, be impounded and destroyed or otherwise
9 reasonably disposed of;
- 10 J. For an order awarding Dolby Licensing actual damages, profits, and/or
11 statutory damages, according to proof, resulting from Roku's infringement
12 of the copyrights in the Asserted Dolby Works and Roku's contributory
13 infringement and inducement of infringement of the copyrights in the
14 Asserted Dolby Works, together with prejudgment and post-judgment
15 interest;
- 16 K. For an order awarding Dolby Licensing its costs and attorneys' fees under
17 17 U.S.C. § 505;
- 18 L. For entry of judgment that the '757 Patent was valid and enforceable
19 through January 15, 2019;
- 20 M. For entry of judgment that Roku is liable for infringement of one or more
21 claims of the '757 Patent;
- 22 N. For entry of judgment that Roku's infringement of the '757 Patent was
23 willful;
- 24 O. For entry of judgment that awards Dolby all appropriate damages under 35
25 U.S.C. § 284 for Roku's past infringement of the '757 Patent, including pre-
26 and post-judgment interest, costs, and disbursements as justified under 35
27 U.S.C. § 284 and, if necessary to adequately compensate Dolby for Roku's
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infringement, an accounting, including an award of enhanced damages by reason of Roku's willful infringement of the '757 Patent;

P. For an award of Dolby's reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in prosecuting this action because this case is exceptional within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

Q. For any and all other legal and equitable relief as may be available under law and that the Court may deem proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

In accordance with Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, plaintiffs Dolby Licensing and Dolby International demand a trial by jury of all issues so triable.

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