

EXHIBIT B



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VIA COURIER AND EMAIL

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Mr. Bradley Lerman (blerman@starbucks.com)
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Re: *Valtrus Innovations Limited Patent Portfolio*

Dear Mr. Lerman:

Valtrus Innovations Limited (“Valtrus”) is the owner of an extensive portfolio of patents originating from Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company (“HPE”). Valtrus acquired a portfolio comprising approximately 1,865 patents, including more than 1,500 U.S. patents. Valtrus’ portfolio covers a range of products and technologies including open source code, communication devices such as personal computers, tablets and smartphones, networking devices, memory, processors, WLAN, network analytics, and many more related technologies. The portfolio includes patents whose use are ubiquitous in these areas. Valtrus is focused on licensing these patents to established entities and new entrants in the applicable markets. Further details regarding Valtrus may be found on the Valtrus website at: www.valtrusinnovations.ie.

Valtrus has been studying its portfolio, as well as specific products and services offered for sale, made, used, and/or sold (“offerings”) by Starbucks Corporation (hereinafter “Starbucks”), and believes that Starbucks requires a license from Valtrus. Preliminary analysis reveals that Starbucks is currently making, using, selling, or offering for sale products and services that practice (directly or indirectly) one or more of the Valtrus patents. The attached Table 1 is a select list of Starbucks’ products and/or service offerings that practice and/or practiced one or more claims of at least the listed patents. As Valtrus continues to analyze its patent portfolio with respect to Starbucks, additional patents and/or additional Starbucks offerings may be brought to your attention, as appropriate.

In bringing this matter to your attention, Valtrus wants to assure Starbucks that Valtrus’ intention is to allow Starbucks to continue its use of these patents through a license from Valtrus.

Fabricant LLP is working with Valtrus Innovations on this matter which, in turn, is working with Patent Platform Services. We would like to meet with you and/or your designee(s) to discuss a licensing resolution. Please kindly contact me with a proposed date and time for a meeting. I can

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be reached at vrubino@fabricantllp.com or you may contact Mr. Dave Rosenblatt at dave.rosenblatt@patentplatformservices.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vincent J. Rubino III".

Vincent J. Rubino III

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Table 1

Select Valtrus Patents Relevant to Starbucks

<u>Valtrus U.S. Patent Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Select Claim</u>	<u>Starbucks Relevant offerings</u>
6,889,244	Method And Apparatus For Passing Messages Using A Fault Tolerant Storage System	Method claim 1	All offerings using Apache Kafka (see, e.g., https://kafka.apache.org/)
7,120,832	Storage Device Performance Monitor	Method claim 25	All offerings using Apache HBase (see, e.g., https://hbase.apache.org/)
7,120,832	Storage Device Performance Monitor	Method claim 25	All offerings using Apache Cassandra (see, e.g., https://cassandra.apache.org/_/index.html)
7,120,832	Storage Device Performance Monitor	Method claim 25	All offerings using RocksDB Universal Compaction (see, e.g., https://rocksdb.org/)
7,120,832	Storage Device Performance Monitor	Method claim 25	All offerings using Apache Kafka Streams using RocksDB Universal Compaction (see, e.g., https://kafka.apache.org/ ; https://www.tutorialworks.com/kafka-vs-streams-vs-connect/)
7,251,588	System For Metric Introspection In Monitoring Sources	Method claim 13	All offerings using Kubernetes (see, e.g., https://kubernetes.io/)
7,376,953	Apparatus And Method For Routing A Transaction To A Server	Method claim 1	All offerings using Apache Kafka (see, e.g., https://kafka.apache.org/)
7,640,332	System And Method For Hot Deployment/Redeployment In Grid Computing Environment	Method claim 1	All offerings using Kubernetes (see, e.g., https://kubernetes.io/)
7,730,218	Method And System For Configuration And Management Of Client Access To Network-Attached-Storage	Method claim 1	All offerings using Apache Hadoop (see, e.g., https://hadoop.apache.org/)
7,904,686	Data Security For Use With A File System	Method claim 1	All offerings using Apache Hadoop (see, e.g., https://hadoop.apache.org/)
7,936,738	Fault Tolerant Systems	Method claim 1	All offerings using Apache Kafka (see, e.g., https://kafka.apache.org/)

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8,370,416	Compatibility Enforcement In Clustered Computing System	Method claim 1	All offerings using Kubernetes (see, e.g., https://kubernetes.io/)
8,379,538	Model-Driven Monitoring Architecture	Method claim 7	All offerings using Kubernetes (see, e.g., https://kubernetes.io/)
8,965,843	Prioritized Replication Paths	Method claim 1	All offerings using Apache Cassandra (see, e.g., https://cassandra.apache.org/_/index.html)