UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PAYRANGE INC., Plaintiff, v. KIOSOFT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC and TECHTREX, INC., Defendants.	CASE NO.: 1:20-cv-24342-RNS **FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT** JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1. Founded in 2013, Plaintiff PayRange Inc. ("PayRange" or "Plaintiff") developed the original mobile payment systems for non-networked unattended retail machines based on its patented technology. PayRange's innovations were widely acclaimed and accepted by customers. Unfortunately, TechTrex, Inc. ("TechTrex") and KioSoft Technologies, LLC ("KioSoft") (collectively, "Defendants") have blatantly disregarded PayRange's patent rights by attempting to poach PayRange's customers with a copycat product and solicit new business with copycat product. PayRange seeks recovery of its damages based on lost profits, royalties and/or price erosion, as well as a permanent injunction to prevent Defendants' continued and future infringement by selling, maintaining, and supporting copycat products (e.g., mobile apps). PayRange, through their undersigned counsel, therefore, brings this action against Defendants, alleging as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

2. This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.

3. As set forth in more detail below, Defendants have been infringing PayRange's patents, namely, United States Patent Nos. 10,719,833; 10,891,608; and 10,891,614 (the "'833 Patent," "'608 Patent," and "'614 Patent" respectively or, collectively the "patents-in-suit"), and continue to do so through the present date.

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4. In a related case in this District, *PayRange Inc. v. KioSoft Technologies, LLC and TechTrex, Inc.*, No. 1:20-cv-20970-RS, PayRange filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Defendants asserting infringement of PayRange's United States Patent Nos. 9,659,296 and 9,134,994.

THE PARTIES

5. PayRange is a Tennessee corporation with its principal place of business at 9600 NE Cascades Pkwy, Suite 280, Portland, OR 97220.

6. TechTrex is a Canadian corporation with its principal place of business at 3610 Nashua Drive, Suite 5, Mississauga, Ontario L4V1L2, Canada.

7. KioSoft is a Florida limited liability company with its principal place of business at 3600 S. Congress Avenue, Suite O, Boynton Beach, FL 33426. Upon information and belief, KioSoft is a wholly owned subsidiary of TechTrex.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this patent infringement action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because, upon information and belief, each Defendant conducts business in this District, and KioSoft distributes products within this State. TechTrex has directed and controlled such conduct. Defendants have further purposefully availed themselves of the opportunity to conduct commercial activities in this forum and have committed acts of patent infringement in this District as alleged in this Complaint.

10. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over KioSoft because, upon information and belief, KioSoft has a principal place of business in this District.

11. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because, upon information and belief, this is a judicial district where KioSoft has committed acts of patent infringement as alleged in this Complaint, and this is a judicial district where KioSoft has a

regular and established place of business. Further, Kiosoft is incorporated in this state with its principal place of business in this District.

12. Venue is proper in this District against TechTrex pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c)(3), because the entity is foreign and therefore may be sued in any judicial district.

13. Defendants, upon information and belief, have used, sold, imported and/or offered for sale products, including at least the "CleanPay Mobile" and "CleanReader Solutions" products, that infringe the patents-in-suit in this District.

14. Defendants disputed neither jurisdiction nor venue in *PayRange Inc. v. KioSoft Technologies, LLC and TechTrex, Inc.*, No. 1:20-cv-20970-RS, thereby waiving such arguments in this action.

BACKGROUND

A. PayRange's Products and Intellectual Property

15. Founded in 2013, PayRange is a technology company offering innovative mobile payment solutions for various self-help retail industries.

16. PayRange's innovative technology allows customers to pay by phone when using self-help retail machines. For example, while a traditional laundry machine requires customers to insert coins to use the machine, PayRange offers smart solutions to enable customers to make a cashless purchase using apps on their cell phones.

17. PayRange provides quick and inexpensive solutions to vendors (called "operators" in the industry). Operators only need to install a small device manufactured by PayRange on their existing machines or kiosks. The PayRange device communicates wirelessly with the customer's cell phone running the app to complete the transaction. For example, PayRange's BluKey mobile payment device is designed to work with laundry machines and other types of machines that accept payments and allows consumers to conveniently use a mobile app to pay in seconds any coin operated machine or in-person merchant accepting payment via PayRange's technology. The BluKey laundry products are among PayRange's most sought after and sold products.

18. To protect its unique and innovative technologies and intellectual property rights, PayRange filed for patents.

19. On July 21, 2020, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") issued the '833 Patent, titled "Method and System For Performing Mobile Device-To-Machine Payments." A true and correct copy of the '833 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

20. On January 12, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") issued the '608 Patent, titled "Method and system for an offline-payment operated machine to accept electronic payments." A true and correct copy of the '608 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

21. On January 12, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") issued the '614 Patent, titled "Method and system for presenting representations of payment accepting unit events." A true and correct copy of the '614 Patent is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

B. Defendants' Infringing Products

22. Defendants directly compete with PayRange. In particular, Defendants offer a so-called "single-source" solution, i.e., they manufacture and sell the payment-collecting kiosks or terminals in which the mobile payment functionalities are built-in. For example, Defendants' laundry solution includes its CleanPayMobile cell phone app, its CleanPay Kiosks, and/or its CleanReader Solutions terminals.

23. On or about February 12, 2019, senior executives of PayRange and Defendants had business meetings in Portland, Oregon, during which the parties discussed a potential business and licensing relationship. On information and belief, Defendants have had knowledge of PayRange and PayRange's products embodying the inventions claimed in the patents-in-suit since at least February 12, 2019.

24. Upon information and belief, by making and selling kiosks with built-in mobile payment functionalities, Defendants directly or indirectly infringe the patents-in-suit.

25. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the patents-in-suit, PayRange has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendants' infringement, together with interest and costs as fixed by the Court.

26. Defendants' infringement has been and is willful and, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, PayRange is entitled to treble damages. Defendants' willful infringement is based at least on its knowledge of PayRange, its products, and the '833 Patent since at least September 10, 2020, when PayRange's counsel notified Defendants' counsel of its intent to assert the '833 Patent against Defendants. Defendants' counsel did not provide any non-infringement and/or invalidity defenses in response. Defendants have either willfully and wantonly infringed the '833 Patent or have recklessly avoided knowledge of their own infringement.

COUNT I
INFRINGEMENT OF THE '833 PATENT

27. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.

28. PayRange is the assignee and owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the '833 Patent. PayRange has the exclusive right to make, use, sell, and offer to sell any product embodying the '833 Patent throughout the United States, and to import any product embodying the '833 Patent into the United States.

29. The '833 Patent is an invention of systems and methods for identifying an automatic retail machine at a mobile device and requesting authorization from a server to complete a cashless transaction with the automatic retail machine.

30. Upon information and belief, Defendants have been and are now infringing at least claim 1 of the '833 Patent in this State, in this District, and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, directly or through intermediaries, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale products with built-in mobile payment functionalities, covered by one or more claims of the '833 Patent to the injury of PayRange. Defendants are directly infringing, literally

infringing, and/or infringing the ’833 Patent under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the ’833 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

31. When placed into operation by Defendants or users of Defendants’ Infringing Products, the Infringing Products claim 1 of the ’833 Patent as they perform a method of payment processing prior to user selection of any items or services provided by an automatic retail machine. Such method comprises: at a mobile device with one or more processors, memory, and a communications unit (e.g., an iPhone): identifying the automatic retail machine based at least in part on a transmission received from an electronic payment device of the automatic retail machine, e.g., by the CSCPayMobile app powered by Defendants; in response to identifying the automatic retail machine, obtaining, from the electronic payment device, a request, via the communications unit of the mobile device, to preemptively obtain authorization to make funds available for a cashless transaction with the automatic retail machine; sending, to a server, the request via the communications unit of the mobile device; in response to sending the request to the server, obtaining from the server an authorization grant of an amount of funds for use in conjunction with the cashless transaction with the automatic retail machine; detecting, by an application executing on the mobile device (e.g., by the CSCPayMobile app powered by Defendants), a trigger condition to perform the cashless transaction with the automatic retail machine; and in response to detecting the trigger condition, sending to the electronic payment device the authorization grant to enable completion of the cashless transaction at the automatic retail machine.

32. Upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to directly infringe the ’833 Patent unless enjoined.

33. To the extent Defendants’ Infringing Products, without more, do not directly infringe at least claim 1 of the ’833 Patent, Defendants contribute to infringement of the same under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) inasmuch as the Infringing Products offered for sale and sold by Defendants are each a component of a patented machine or an apparatus used in practicing a

patented process, constituting a material part of PayRange's invention, knowing the same to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement of the '833 Patent.

34. For example, upon information and belief, the core software module of Defendants' CleanPayMobile app, which directly infringes the '833 Patent, is being provided by Defendants' to other service providers to incorporate into their own apps, such as CSCPayMobile app or Wash Connect app.

35. Upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to contribute to infringement of the '833 Patent unless enjoined.

36. Defendants actively encourage their business partners and/or customers to use Defendants' Infringing Products or their equivalents in an infringing manner. Defendants and Plaintiff had a business meeting in early 2019 where aspects of the now-patented technology was discussed. Moreover, Defendants have known about the '833 Patent's issuance since at least September 10, 2020. Despite such knowledge, Defendants have actively induced its business partners and/or customers to use Defendants' products in a way that now constitutes infringement. Defendants have encouraged this infringement with a specific intent to cause its business partners and customers to infringe. Defendants' acts thus constitute active inducement of patent infringement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

37. Upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to induce infringement of the '833 Patent unless enjoined.

38. Defendants' direct infringement, contributory infringement, and inducement of infringement have irreparably harmed PayRange.

39. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, PayRange is entitled to damages adequate to compensate for the infringement.

40. Defendants' infringement has been and is willful and, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, PayRange is entitled to treble damages. Defendants' willful infringement is based at least on Defendants' knowledge of PayRange, its products, and its patents. Defendants' conduct is egregious as it continued offering, selling, making and using the Infringing Products despite

knowledge of the infringement. Defendants have either willfully and wantonly infringed the ’833 Patent or have recklessly avoided knowledge of its own infringement, even when faced with knowledge of PayRange’s own products and patents.

41. This case is “exceptional” within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, and PayRange is entitled to an award of attorneys’ fees.

COUNT II
INFRINGEMENT OF THE ’608 PATENT

42. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.

43. PayRange is the assignee and owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the ’608 Patent. PayRange has the exclusive right to make, use, sell, and offer to sell any product embodying the ’608 Patent throughout the United States, and to import any product embodying the ’608 Patent into the United States.

44. Upon information and belief, Defendants have been and are now infringing at least claim 1 of the ’608 Patent in this State, in this District, and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, directly or through intermediaries, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale products with built-in mobile payment functionalities, covered by one or more claims of the ’608 Patent to the injury of PayRange. Defendants are directly infringing, literally infringing, and/or infringing the ’608 Patent under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the ’608 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

45. When placed into operation by Defendants or users of Defendants’ infringe at least claim 1 of the ’608 Patent. They includes a payment module (e.g., CleanReader) for an offline payment-operated machine including a coin receiving switch, the payment module comprising: a short-range wireless transceiver (e.g., Bluetooth) configured to communicate with one or more mobile devices; one or more processors; a first interface module configured to output to a control unit of the offline payment-operated machine one or more electrical pulses, each of the one or more electrical pulses emulating an analog signal generated by the coin

receiving switch of the offline payment-operated machine in response to insertion of a single coin of a predetermined type in the offline payment-operated machine; and memory (e.g., Flash memory) with one or more programs for execution by the one or more processors, the one or more programs including instructions for: storing, in the memory of the payment module, a number of the electrical pulses that must be received by the control unit to initiate an operation of the offline payment operating machine; receiving a wireless request via the short-range wireless transceiver from a respective mobile device of the one or more mobile devices to initiate a cashless operation of the offline-payment operated machine; and in response to the wireless request: determining a first number of electrical pulses to output via the first interface module to the control unit of the offline payment-operated machine in order to initiate the requested cashless operation of the offline payment-operated machine; causing the offline payment-operated machine to initiate the requested cashless operation by issuing the first number of electrical pulses to the control unit via the first interface module; and sending operation information corresponding to the initiated operation of the offline payment-operated machine to the respective mobile device via the short-range wireless transceiver.

46. To the extent Defendants' Infringing Products, without more, do not directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '608 Patent, Defendants contribute to infringement of the same under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) inasmuch as the Infringing Products offered for sale and sold by Defendants are each a component of a patented machine or an apparatus used in practicing a patented process, constituting a material part of PayRange's invention, knowing the same to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement of the '608 Patent.

47. Defendants actively encourage their business partners and/or customers to use Defendants' Infringing Products or their equivalents in an infringing manner. Defendants and Plaintiff had a business meeting in early 2019 where aspects of the now-patented technology was discussed. Despite such knowledge, Defendants have actively induced its business partners and/or customers to use Defendants' products in a way that now constitutes infringement. Defendants have encouraged this infringement with a specific intent to cause its business

partners and customers to infringe. Defendants' acts thus constitute active inducement of patent infringement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

48. Defendants' direct infringement, contributory infringement, and inducement of infringement have irreparably harmed PayRange.

49. Upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to infringe the '608 Patent unless enjoined.

50. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, PayRange is entitled to damages adequate to compensate for the infringement.

51. This case is "exceptional" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, and PayRange is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees.

COUNT III
INFRINGEMENT OF THE '614 PATENT

52. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations of the preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if fully set forth herein.

53. PayRange is the assignee and owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the '614 Patent. PayRange has the exclusive right to make, use, sell, and offer to sell any product embodying the '614 Patent throughout the United States, and to import any product embodying the '614 Patent into the United States.

54. Upon information and belief, Defendants have been and are now infringing at least claim 1 of the '614 Patent in this State, in this District, and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, directly or through intermediaries, making, using, selling and/or offering for sale products with built-in mobile payment functionalities, covered by one or more claims of the '614 Patent to the injury of PayRange. Defendants are directly infringing, literally infringing, and/or infringing the '614 Patent under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the '614 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

55. When placed into operation by Defendants or users of Defendants' infringe at least claim 1 of the '614 Patent. When, for example, CleanPay Mobile is installed on a mobile

phone it performs a method of presenting representations of payment accepting unit events, comprising: at a mobile device with one or more processors, memory, one or more output devices including a display, and one or more radio transceivers: identifying one or more payment accepting units (e.g., CleanReaders) in proximity to the mobile device that are available to accept payment from a mobile payment application executing on the mobile device, the identifying including detecting predefined radio messages broadcast (e.g., by Bluetooth) by the one or more payment accepting units, wherein the one or more payment accepting units are vending machines (e.g., laundry machines) that accept payment for dispensing of products and/or services; displaying a user interface of the mobile payment application on the display of the mobile device, the user interface being configured to display a visual indication of the one or more payment accepting units and accept user input to (i) receive selection by a user of the mobile device of an available payment accepting unit of the one or more payment accepting units and (ii) trigger payment by the mobile payment application for a vending transaction initiated by the user of the mobile device with the available payment accepting unit of the one or more payment accepting units; establishing via the one or more radio transceivers a wireless connection between the mobile device and the available payment accepting unit of the one or more payment accepting units; after establishing the wireless connection, presenting the user interface of the mobile payment application and enabling user interaction with the user interface of the mobile payment application to complete the vending transaction; exchanging information with the available payment accepting unit via the one or more radio transceivers, in conjunction with the vending transaction; and in response to receiving the information, displaying, on the display, an updated user interface of the mobile payment application to the user of the mobile device.

56. To the extent Defendants' Infringing Products, without more, do not directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '614 Patent, Defendants contribute to infringement of the same under 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) inasmuch as the Infringing Products offered for sale and sold by Defendants are each a component of a patented machine or an apparatus used in practicing a

patented process, constituting a material part of PayRange's invention, knowing the same to be especially made or especially adapted for use in infringement of the '614 Patent.

57. Defendants actively encourage their business partners and/or customers to use Defendants' Infringing Products or their equivalents in an infringing manner. Defendants and Plaintiff had a business meeting in early 2019 where aspects of the now-patented technology was discussed. Despite such knowledge, Defendants have actively induced its business partners and/or customers to use Defendants' products in a way that now constitutes infringement. Defendants have encouraged this infringement with a specific intent to cause its business partners and customers to infringe. Defendants' acts thus constitute active inducement of patent infringement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b).

58. Defendants' direct infringement, contributory infringement, and inducement of infringement have irreparably harmed PayRange.

59. Upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to infringe the '614 Patent unless enjoined.

60. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284, PayRange is entitled to damages adequate to compensate for the infringement.

61. This case is "exceptional" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285, and PayRange is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court find in its favor and against Defendants, and that the Court grant PayRange the following relief:

a. Judgment that Defendants infringe the patents-in-suit;

b. Judgment that Defendants are jointly and severally liable for infringement of the patents-in-suit.

c. That PayRange be granted with injunctive relief against Defendants and its officers, employees, agents, servants, attorneys, instrumentalities, and/or those in privity with them, to prevent the recurrence of the infringing activities complained of herein,

including removing all infringing mobile apps from all third party app stores such as the Google Play Store and Apple App Store, and for all further proper injunctive relief pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283;

d. Judgment that Defendants account for and pay to PayRange all damages and costs incurred by PayRange, caused by Defendants' infringing activities complained of herein;

e. Judgment that Defendants have willfully infringed and increase the damages award to PayRange up to three times the amount assessed, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

f. That PayRange be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages;

g. That this Court declare this an exceptional case and award PayRange reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285; and

h. That PayRange be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under the circumstances.

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