IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ROBERT BOSCH LLC,)
Plaintiff,)
v. ALBEREE PRODUCTS, INC., API KOREA CO., LTD., SAVER AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, INC., and COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,) C.A. No. 12-574-LPS) (consolidated)) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)
Defendants.)
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,)
Third-Party Plaintiff,)
v.)
ROBERT BOSCH GMBH,)
Third-Party Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM OF LAW OF SPECIALLY APPEARING THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT ROBERT BOSCH GMBH IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS

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I. NATURE AND STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

This is a consolidated patent case brought by Robert Bosch LLC ("Bosch LLC") against Costco Wholesale Corporation and other defendants for the infringement of patents related to windshield-wiper blades. In its Answer and Counterclaims (D.I. 244) to Bosch LLC's Second Amended Complaint (D.I. 95), Costco asserted third-party claims against non-party Robert Bosch GmbH ("Bosch GmbH"). Bosch GmbH specially appears in this case and respectfully submits this motion to dismiss Costco's third-party claims against it for lack of personal jurisdiction and improper service.

II. SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT

Costco's claims against Bosch GmbH should be dismissed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2) and 12(b)(5) because Bosch GmbH is a German corporation that is not subject to personal jurisdiction here.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

Bosch GmbH is not a plaintiff, and has not been a party in this case. Costco filed its third-party claims against Bosch GmbH, mistakenly labeled as counterclaims, on September 30, 2015 (D.I. 244 at 37–42). Costco waited over eleven months after plaintiff Bosch LLC first named Costco as a defendant on October 9, 2014 (D.I. 84), to assert these claims. Costco asserted two counts against Bosch GmbH, one based on a Washington State statute, and the other for declaratory judgment of non-infringement, invalidity, and unenforceability of patents that Bosch GmbH does not own (D.I. 244 at 37–42). In its pleading, Costco averred—correctly—that Bosch GmbH is a German corporation with its principal place of business in Germany (*id.* at 37; Ex. 1, Declaration of Bettina Holzwarth ("Holzwarth Decl.") ¶ 2). Costco did not plead any jurisdictional facts.



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