## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

T-REX PROPERTY AB,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANC SPORTS ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.: 0:16-cv-581

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

## PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff T-Rex Property AB, by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Complaint against Defendant ANC Sports Enterprises, L.L.C. as follows:

## NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, including 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283, 284 and 285.

## **PARTIES**

- 2. Plaintiff T-Rex Property AB is a company organized and existing under the laws of Sweden with its principal place of business at Vårvägen 6, 18274 Stocksund, Sweden.
- 3. On information and belief, Defendant is a Delaware limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located at 2 Manhattanville Road, Purchase, NY 10577.



## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this patent infringement action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because, on information and belief, Defendant has systematic and continuous contacts with Minnesota and this judicial district because Defendant regularly transacts business in the State of Minnesota and this judicial district and has thereby purposefully availed itself of the benefits and protections of the laws of the State of Minnesota. Furthermore, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because, as described further below, Defendant has committed acts of patent infringement giving rise to this action within the State of Minnesota and this judicial district and has thus established minimum contacts such that the exercise of personal jurisdiction over Defendant does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 6. Venue is proper in this Judicial District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b).

## THE PATENTS-IN-SUIT

- 7. The allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs 1 through 6 are hereby re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 8. On January 16, 2007, U.S. Patent Number RE39,470, entitled "Digital Information System," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '470 Patent is attached as Exhibit A to this Complaint.
- 9. The innovations described by the '470 Patent "relate[] to a method and apparatus for controlling and coordinating" electronic displays "in a digital information system for displaying information on at least one display device . . . said information being displayed in places that are accessible to and frequented by a general public." ('470



Patent at 1:15-21; 6:25-29.) "An object of the present invention is to provide a flexible system in which external information mediators are able to dynamically control in real time the transmission of display instructions to a larger public in different places" "and to enable similar or specific information to be displayed in places that are mutually far apart." (*Id.* at 2:39-42; 2:52-54.)

- 10. A system operating according to an embodiment of the '470 Patent can include a control center with a communication interface that connects devices to create and update a display list in real time using control instruction fields sent from external mediators and to transmit and display the desired images to one or more electronic displays that can be controlled independently of other electronic displays. (*Id.* at 3:4-19; 4:42-45.) In embodiments, the control center can include one or more servers, workstations, and databases stored on one or more physical storage devices, and can include redundancy, of both computer hardware and the information stored, where the devices can be connected using a network, such as a LAN (Local Area Network) or by using a cable-carried ISDN solution (Integrated Services Digital Network) or other fixed lines that have a similar capacity. (*Id.* at 4:57-5:16; 5:59-67; 6:41-59; 12:55-13:7.)
- 11. In one embodiment of the invention, personnel operating a work station can enter information to be displayed from an external mediator via projector control instructions in the exposure list created by the server. (*Id.* at 8:10-26.) Operators are able to interrupt a queue in the server in order to update the exposure list with information generated centrally from the control center or with information from an external information mediator. (*Id.*)
- 12. Information mediators can use an exposure program to deliver complete images (*e.g.* an image, a series of images or a video clip) for display which would not require processing by the control center, these can be dynamically added to the exposure list by the exposure handler. (*Id.* at 11:19-28.) External information mediators can thus deliver a complete image for display (an image, a series of images or a video clip) which



can be processed automatically and inserted into the exposure list, or an administer can select information from an external mediator and process the information so that it can be inserted into the exposure list via the exposure handler. (*Id.* at 8:27-41.)

- 13. On June 3, 2008, U.S. Patent Number 7,382,334, entitled "Digital Information System," was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '334 Patent is attached as Exhibit B to this Complaint.
- 14. The innovations described by the '334 Patent relate to methods and arrangements "for controlling and coordinating" digital display devices "in a digital information system for displaying information on at least one display device" "wherein the information is displayed in places that are accessible to and frequented by a general public." ('334 Patent at Abstract; 1:13-24; 5:20-32.) The present invention is able "to provide a flexible system in which external information mediators are able to dynamically control in real time the transmission of display instructions to a larger public in different places" "and to enable similar or specific information to be displayed in places that are mutually far apart." (*Id.* at 2:56-60; 3:5-11.)
- 15. A system operating according to an embodiment of the '334 Patent can include a control center with a communication interface that connects devices to create and update a display list in real time using control instruction fields sent from external mediators and to transmit and display the desired images to one or more electronic displays that can be controlled independently of other electronic displays. (*Id.* at 3:38-60; 5:29-30.) In embodiments, the control center can include one or more servers, workstations, and databases stored on one or more physical storage devices, and can include redundancy, of both computer hardware and the information stored, where the devices can be connected using a network, such as a LAN (Local Area Network) or by using a cable-carried ISDN solution (Integrated Services Digital Network) or other fixed lines that have a similar capacity. (*Id.* at 6:17-45; 7:17-29; 11:60-67.) In some



embodiments, a relational database can be used to store image and video data and each electronic display can be assigned a unique TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol) address such that each display can be individually addressed and sent content for display. (*Id.* at 14:50-15:8.)

- 16. In one embodiment of the invention, personnel operating a work station can enter information to be displayed from an external mediator via projector control instructions in the exposure list created by the server. (*Id.* at 9:45-61.) Operators are able to interrupt a queue in the server in order to update the exposure list with information generated centrally from the control center or with information from an external information mediator. (*Id.*)
- 17. Information mediators can use an exposure program to deliver complete images (*e.g.* an image, a series of images or a video clip) for display which would not require processing by the control center, these can be dynamically added to the exposure list by the exposure handler. (*Id.* at 12:12-22.) External information mediators can thus deliver a complete image for display (an image, a series of images or a video clip) which can be processed automatically and inserted into the exposure list, or an administer can select information from an external mediator and process the information so that it can be inserted into the exposure list via the exposure handler. (*Id.* at 9:62-10:9.)
- 18. On August 6, 2002, U.S. Patent Number 6,430,603, entitled "System for Direct Placement of Commercial Advertising, Public Service Announcements and Other Content on Electronic Billboard Displays" was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A true and correct copy of the '603 Patent is attached as Exhibit C to this Complaint.
- 19. The innovations described by the '603 Patent "relate[] to systems permitting advertisers to target geographical regions and demographic groups with ever changing, current advertising content without incurring the high fixed cost of traditional single-message billboards." ('603 Patent at 1:7-10.)



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