

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA AMERANTH, INC., Civil Action No. 12-cv-1649 DMS-WVG Plaintiff, Consolidated with 11-cv-01810-DMS-WVG v. FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR TRAVELOCITY.COM, LP, PATENT INFRINGEMENT AGAINST TRAVELOCITY.COM, LP Defendant. **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**



FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Ameranth, Inc. ("Ameranth"), for its First Amended Complaint against defendant Travelocity.com, LP ("Travelocity"), avers as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Ameranth is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 5820 Oberlin Drive, Suite 202, San Diego, California 92121. Ameranth develops, manufactures and sells, *inter alia*, hospitality industry, entertainment, restaurant and food service information technology solutions under the trademarks 21st Century CommunicationsTM, and 21st Century RestaurantTM, among others, comprising the synchronization and integration of hospitality information and hospitality software applications between fixed, wireless and/or internet applications, including but not limited to computer servers, web servers, databases, affinity/social networking systems, desktop computers, laptops, "smart" phones and other wireless handheld computing devices.
- 2. Defendant Travelocity is, on information and belief, a Delaware limited partnership having a principal place of business and headquarters in Southlake, Texas. On information and belief, Travelocity makes, uses, offers for sale or license and/or sells or licenses hotel and lodging, property management system (PMS) and other hospitality information-technology products, software, components and/or systems within this Judicial District, including the Travelocity Reservation System as defined herein.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281-285.
- 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).



5. On information and belief, Defendant engages in (a) the offer for sale or license and sale or license of hospitality, reservations, ordering, products and/or components in the United States, including this Judicial District, including services, products, software, and components, comprising wireless and internet POS and/or hospitality aspects; (b) the installation and maintenance of said services, products, software, components and/or systems in hospitality industry, hotel and lodging, reservations, and/or entertainment information technology systems in the United States, including this Judicial District; and/or (c) the use of hospitality industry, hotel and lodging, reservation, and/or entertainment information technology systems comprising said services, products, software, components and/or systems in the United States, including this Judicial District.

- 6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant commits acts of patent infringement in this Judicial District including, *inter alia*, making, using, offering for sale or license, and/or selling or licensing infringing services, products, software, components and/or systems in this Judicial District. Additionally, Travelocity has already appeared in this action and submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court. Travelocity has continued to engage in and perform such acts of infringement since the filing of the original complaint in this matter accusing Travelocity of infringement of the Ameranth patents at issue herein.
- 7. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 1400(b).

BACKGROUND

8. Ameranth was established in 1996 to develop and provide its 21st Century CommunicationsTM innovative information technology solutions for the hospitality industry (inclusive of, <u>e.g.</u>, restaurants, hotels, casinos,



nightclubs, cruise ships and other entertainment and sports venues). Ameranth has been widely recognized as a technology leader in the provision of wireless and internet-based systems and services to, *inter alia*, restaurants, hotels, casinos, cruise ships and entertainment and sports venues. Ameranth's award winning inventions enable, in relevant part, generation and synchronization of menus, including but not limited to restaurant menus, event tickets, reservations, and other products across fixed, wireless and/or internet platforms as well as synchronization of hospitality information and hospitality software applications across fixed, wireless and internet platforms, including but not limited to, computer servers, web servers, databases, affinity/social networking systems, desktop computers, laptops, "smart" phones and other wireless handheld computing devices.

9. Ameranth began development of the inventions leading to the patents in this patent family, including the patents-in-suit, in the late Summer of 1998, at a time when the then-available wireless and internet hospitality offerings were extremely limited in functionality, were not synchronized and did not provide an integrated system-wide solution to the pervasive ordering, reservations, affinity program and information management needs of the hospitality industry. Ameranth uniquely recognized the actual problems that needed to be resolved in order to meet those needs, and thereafter conceived and developed its breakthrough inventions and products to provide systemic and comprehensive solutions directed to optimally meeting these industry needs. Ameranth has expended considerable effort and resources in inventing, developing and marketing its inventions and protecting its rights therein.

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