# Exhibit 1031 (A)





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#### **COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Ameranth, Inc., for its Complaint against defendant Agilysys, Inc. ("Agilysys"), avers as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff Ameranth, Inc. ("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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communications<sup>TM</sup>, and 21st Century Restaurant<sup>TM</sup>, 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 Agilysys, Inc. ("Agilysys") is, on information and belief, an Ohio corporation having a principal place of business and headquarters in Solon, Ohio, with offices for its Hospitality Services business in Santa Barbara, California, Alpharetta, Georgia, and Las Vegas, Nevada. On information and belief, Agilysys makes, uses, sells and/or offers for sale, restaurant, foodservice, point-of-sale and property management and other hospitality information technology products, software, components and/or systems within this Judicial District, including, *inter alia*, Infogenesis POS by Agilysys with Infogenesis Roam Mobile Software Solution and/or mPOS; Lodging Management Solution by Agilysys with LMS ResNet and/or Mobile ResNet, Guest360 Property Management Solution by Agilysys; and ResPAK Restaurant Management (collectively, the "Agilysys Systems").

#### **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, restaurant, food service, 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, restaurant, food service, and/or entertainment information technology
systems in the United States, including this Judicial District; and/or (c) the use of hospitality
industry, restaurant, food service, 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.
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communications<sup>™</sup> innovative information technology solutions for the hospitality industry (inclusive of, e.g., 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, 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 patent-in-suit and the other patents in this patent family 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.
- 10. Ameranth's pioneering inventions have been widely adopted and are thus now essential to the modern wireless hospitality enterprise of the 21st Century. Ameranth's solutions have been adopted, licensed and/or deployed by numerous entities across the hospitality industry.
- 11. The adoption of Ameranth's technology by industry leaders and the wide acclaim received by Ameranth for its technological innovations are just some of the many confirmations of the breakthrough aspects of Ameranth's inventions. Ameranth has received twelve different technology awards (three with "end customer" partners) and has been widely recognized as a hospitality wireless/internet technology leader by almost all major national and hospitality print publications, *e.g.*, The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, USA Today and many others. Ameranth was personally nominated by Bill Gates, the Founder of Microsoft, for the prestigious Computerworld Honors Award that Ameranth received in 2001 for its breakthrough synchronized reservations/ticketing system with the Improv Comedy Theatres. In his nomination, Mr. Gates described Ameranth as "one of the leading pioneers of information technology for the betterment of mankind." This prestigious award was based on Ameranth's innovative synchronization of wireless/web/fixed hospitality software technology.

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