

and/or services, including those accused herein of infringement, to customers and potential customers located in Texas, including in this Judicial District.

3. Defendant Samsung Electronics America, is a corporation organized under the laws of New York, with its principal place of business at 85 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660. Upon information and belief, Samsung Electronics America has corporate offices in the Eastern District of Texas at 6625 Excellence Way, Plano, Texas 75023,¹ 2601 Preston Road, #1214, Frisco, Texas 75023,² 6625 Excellence Way, Plano, Texas 75023, 1303 East Lookout Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082, and 2800 Technology Drive, Suite 200, Plano, Texas 75074.

4. Defendants have authorized sellers and sales representatives that offer and sell products pertinent to this Complaint through the State of Texas, including in this Judicial District, and to consumers throughout this Judicial District, such as: Best Buy, 422 West TX-281 Loop, Suite 100, Longview, Texas 75605; AT&T Store, 1712 East Grand Avenue, Marshall, Texas 75670; Sprint Store, 1806 East End Boulevard North, Suite 100, Marshall, Texas 75670; T-Mobile, 900 East End Boulevard North, Suite 100, Marshall, Texas 75670; Verizon authorized retailers, including Russell Cellular, 1111 East Grand Avenue, Marshall, Texas 75670; Victra, 1006 East End Boulevard, Marshall, Texas 75670; and Cricket Wireless authorized retailer, 120 East End Boulevard South, Marshall, Texas 75670.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1, *et seq.* This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), and 1367.

¹ <https://news.samsung.com/us/samsung-electronics-america-open-flagship-north-texas-campus/>

² <https://news.samsung.com/us/new-frisco-tx-samsung-experience-store-open-galaxy/>

6. This Court has specific and personal jurisdiction over each of the Defendants consistent with the requirements of the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution and the Texas Long Arm Statute. Upon information and belief, each Defendant has sufficient minimum contacts with the forum because each Defendant transacts substantial business in the State of Texas and in this Judicial District. Further, each Defendant has, directly or through subsidiaries or intermediaries, committed and continues to commit acts of patent infringement in the State of Texas and in this Judicial District as alleged in this Complaint, as alleged more particularly below.

7. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b) because Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this Judicial District, have committed acts of patent infringement in this Judicial District, and have regular and established places of business in this Judicial District. Defendants, through their own acts and/or through the acts of others, make, use, sell, and/or offer to sell infringing products within this Judicial District, regularly do and solicit business in this Judicial District, and have the requisite minimum contacts with this Judicial District, such that this venue is a fair and reasonable one. Further, on information and belief, Defendants have admitted or not contested proper venue in this Judicial District in other patent infringement actions.

PATENTS-IN-SUIT

8. On July 3, 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 8,213,970 (the “’970 Patent”) entitled “Method of Utilizing Forced Alerts for Interactive Remote Communications.” On September 1, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an *Inter Partes* Review Certificate for the ’970 Patent cancelling claims 1 and 3-9. On December 9, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an

Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate for the '970 Patent determining claims 2 and 10 (as amended) and claims 11-13 to be valid and patentable. A true and correct copy of the '970 Patent, which includes the September 1, 2021 *Inter Partes* Review Certificate and the December 9, 2021 *Ex Parte* Reexamination Certificate, is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

9. On October 11, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 9,467,838 (the "'838 Patent") entitled "Method to Provide Ad Hoc and Password Protected Digital and Voice Networks." On May 27, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an *Ex Parte* Reexamination Certificate for the '838 Patent confirming the validity and patentability of claims 1-84. A true and correct copy of the '838 Patent, which includes the May 27, 2021 *Ex Parte* Reexamination Certificate, is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

10. On August 29, 2017, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 9,749,829 (the "'829 Patent") entitled "Method to Provide Ad Hoc and Password Protected Digital and Voice Networks." On August 16, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an *Ex Parte* Reexamination Certificate for the '829 Patent confirming the validity and patentability of claims 1-68. A true and correct copy of the '829 Patent, which includes the August 16, 2021 *Ex Parte* Reexamination Certificate, is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

11. On November 14, 2017, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued U.S. Patent No. 9,820,123 (the "'123 Patent") entitled "Method to Provide Ad Hoc and Password Protected Digital and Voice Networks." On September 24, 2021, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an *Ex Parte* Reexamination Certificate for the '123 Patent confirming the validity and patentability of claims 1-48. A true and correct copy of the '123 Patent,

which includes the September 24, 2021 *Ex Parte* Reexamination Certificate, is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

12. AGIS is the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest in the Patents-in-Suit, and holds the exclusive right to take all actions necessary to enforce its rights to the Patents-in-Suit, including the filing of this patent infringement lawsuit. AGIS also has the right to recover all damages for past, present, and future infringement of the Patents-in-Suit and to seek injunctive relief as appropriate under the law.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

13. Malcolm K. “Cap” Beyer, Jr., a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a former U.S. Marine, is the CEO of AGIS Software and a named inventor of the AGIS patent portfolio. Mr. Beyer founded Advanced Ground Information Systems, Inc. (“AGIS, Inc.”) shortly after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks because he believed that many first responder and civilian lives could have been saved through the implementation of a better communication system. He envisioned and developed a new communication system that would use integrated software and hardware components on mobile devices to give users situational awareness superior to systems provided by conventional military and first responder radio systems.

14. AGIS, Inc. developed prototypes that matured into its LifeRing system. LifeRing provides first responders, law enforcement, and military personnel with what is essentially a tactical operations center built into hand-held mobile devices. Using GPS-based location technology and existing or special-purpose cellular communication networks, LifeRing users can exchange location, heading, speed, and other information with other members of a group, view each other’s locations on maps and satellite images, and rapidly communicate and coordinate their efforts.

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