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No. 08-4278

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

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DAVID HALPERN,)
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Plaintiff-Appellant,)
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v.) ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED
) STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
) NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
PERITEC BIOSCIENCES, LTD.; PERITEC)
BIOSCIENCES; RAJESH K. KHOSLA;)
TIMUR SARAC,)
)
Defendants-Appellees.)

Before: MARTIN, ROGERS, and COOK, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM. Plaintiff Halpern appeals from the district court’s Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal of his suit to enjoin patent-pending rights, testing, and marketing of a device he claims to have invented. Because Halpern’s complaint seeks relief under the patent law, appellate jurisdiction lies exclusively in the Federal Circuit. 28 U.S.C. § 1295(a); 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a). Neither party’s brief questions this Court’s appellate subject matter jurisdiction; thus, we raise it sua sponte. *See Answers in Genesis of Ky., Inc. v. Creation Ministries Int’l, Ltd.*, 556 F.3d 459, 465 (6th Cir. 2009) (“federal courts have a duty to consider their subject matter jurisdiction in regard to every case and may raise the issue *sua sponte*”).

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Jurisdiction lies in the Federal Circuit because Halpern's "patent rights" claim seeks to enjoin the exercise of provisional patent rights conferred by 35 U.S.C. § 154(d) and asks the district court to determine under the patent law his right to enjoin the exercise of provisional patent rights, patent-pending marketing, and patent-pending testing. Consequently, the Federal Circuit has exclusive jurisdiction over this appeal. This Court may, in the interests of justice, transfer the appeal for want of jurisdiction to a court where the appeal could have been brought if it were timely filed. 28 U.S.C. § 1631. The interests of justice favor transferring Halpern's appeal because it was not brought in bad faith and would also be time-barred if dismissed.

Accordingly, the appeal is transferred to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 28 U.S.C. § 1631. The clerk of this court is directed to transmit the record and briefs to the clerk of that court.