

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

DATATREASURY CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, et al.

Defendants.

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Case No. 2-06-CV-72

**DEFENDANTS NATIONAL CITY BANK’S AND NATIONAL CITY CORPORATION’S
ANSWER TO DATATREASURY CORPORATION’S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Defendants National City Bank and National City Corporation (collectively, “National City”) state for their Answer to Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint for Patent Infringement, as follows:

THE PARTIES

1. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 1 of Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint for Patent Infringement (“First Amended Complaint”) and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

2. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 2 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

3. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 3 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

4. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 4 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

5. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 5 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

6. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 6 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

7. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 7 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

8. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 8 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

9. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 9 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

10. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 10 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

11. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 11 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

12. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 12 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

13. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 13 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

14. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 14 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

15. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 15 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

16. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 16 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

17. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 17 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

18. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 18 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

19. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 19 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

20. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 20 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

21. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 21 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

22. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 22 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

23. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 23 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

24. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 24 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

25. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 25 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

26. National City admits that defendant National City Corporation is a Delaware corporation, maintains its principal place of business at 1900 East Ninth Street, Room 647, Cleveland, OH 44144, and has designated C.T. Corporation System, 36 East Seventh Street, Suite 2400, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 as its registered agent for service of process. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 26 of the First Amended Complaint.

27. National City admits that defendant National City Bank is a wholly owned banking subsidiary of defendant National City Corporation. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 27 of the First Amended Complaint.

28. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 28 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

29. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 29 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

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33. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 33 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

34. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 34 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

35. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 35 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

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37. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 37 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

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47. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 47 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

48. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 48 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

49. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 49 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

50. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 50 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

51. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 51 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

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54. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 54 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

55. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 55 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

56. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 56 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

57. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 57 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

58. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 58 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

59. National City admits that this action is brought under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 59 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and,

accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 59 of the First Amended Complaint.

60. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 60 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 60 of the First Amended Complaint.

61. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 61 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 61 of the First Amended Complaint.

62. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 62 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City admits that National City is a user of Viewpointe Archive Services, LLC. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 62 of the First Amended Complaint.

63. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 63 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City admits that a related litigation involving DataTreasury and Viewpointe Archive

Services, LLC is pending in this District, Case No. 2:05-CV-290. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 63 of the First Amended Complaint.

64. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 64 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City admits that National City is an owner of services provided by The Clearing House Payments Company, LLC. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 64 of the First Amended Complaint.

65. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 65 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 65 of the First Amended Complaint.

PATENT INFRINGEMENT

66. National City admits that U.S. Patent No. 5,910,988 (“the ‘988 patent”) appears, on its face, to have issued on June 8, 1999 and identifies Claudio Ballard as the named inventor. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 66 of the First Amended Complaint.

67. National City admits that U.S. Patent No. 6,032,137 (“the ‘137 patent”) appears, on its face, to have issued on February 29, 2000 and identifies Claudio Ballard as the named inventor. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 67 of the First Amended Complaint.

68. National City admits that U.S. Patent No. 5,265,007 (“the ‘007 patent”) appears, on its face, to have issued on November 23, 1993 and identifies John L. Barnhard, Jr., Thomas

K. Bown, Terry L. Geer, and John W. Liebersbach as the named inventors. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 68 of the First Amended Complaint.

69. National City admits that U.S. Patent No. 5,583,759 (“the ‘759 patent’”) appears, on its face, to have issued on December 10, 1996 and identifies Terry L. Geer as the named inventor. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 69 of the First Amended Complaint.

70. National City admits that U.S. Patent No. 5,717,868 (“the ‘868 patent’”) appears, on its face, to have issued on February 10, 1998 and identifies David L. James as the named inventor. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 70 of the First Amended Complaint.

71. National City admits that U.S. Patent No. 5,930,778 (“the ‘778 patent’”) appears, on its face, to have issued on July 27, 1999 and identifies Terry L. Geer as the named inventor. National City denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 71 of the First Amended Complaint.

72. National City denies the allegation in paragraph 72 of the First Amended Complaint.

COUNT ONE – THE ‘988 DEFENDANTS

73. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 73 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 73 of the First Amended Complaint.

74. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 74 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each

defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 74 of the First Amended Complaint.

75. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 75 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 75 of the First Amended Complaint.

76. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 76 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

COUNT TWO – THE ‘137 DEFENDANTS

77. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 77 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 77 of the First Amended Complaint.

78. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 78 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 78 of the First Amended Complaint.

79. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 79 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each

defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 79 of the First Amended Complaint.

80. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 80 of the First Amended Complaint and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph.

COUNT THREE – THE ‘007 DEFENDANTS

81. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 81 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 81 of the First Amended Complaint.

82. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 82 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 82 of the First Amended Complaint.

83. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 83 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 83 of the First Amended Complaint.

COUNT FOUR – THE ‘759 DEFENDANTS

84. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 84 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 84 of the First Amended Complaint.

85. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 85 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 85 of the First Amended Complaint.

86. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 86 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 86 of the First Amended Complaint.

COUNT FIVE – THE ‘868 DEFENDANTS

87. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 87 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 87 of the First Amended Complaint.

88. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 88 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each

defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 88 of the First Amended Complaint.

89. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 89 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 89 of the First Amended Complaint.

COUNT SIX – THE ‘778 DEFENDANTS

90. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 90 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 90 of the First Amended Complaint.

91. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 91 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 91 of the First Amended Complaint.

92. National City is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in paragraph 92 of the First Amended Complaint with respect to each defendant other than National City and, accordingly, denies the allegations in this paragraph. National City further denies each and every remaining allegation in paragraph 92 of the First Amended Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(NON-INFRINGEMENT)

1. National City does not directly infringe, contributorily infringe, or induce infringement of any valid and enforceable claim of the '988, '137, '007 or '868 patent, either literally or by the application of the doctrine of equivalents.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(INVALIDITY)

2. The asserted claims of the '988, '137, '007 and '868 patent are invalid and/or unenforceable on the grounds that the purported invention claimed therein fails to meet the conditions of patentability specified in Title 35 of the United States Code, including, without limitation, Sections 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS)

3. To the extent DataTreasury seeks recovery for any alleged infringement committed more than six years prior to the filing of the complaint, such recovery is barred by 35 U.S.C. § 286.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(NOTICE REQUIREMENT)

4. To the extent DataTreasury seeks damages for any alleged infringement committed by National City, such claim for damages for patent infringement is limited by 35 U.S.C. § 287 to those damages occurring only after notice of infringement.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION)

5. The Eastern District of Texas lacks personal jurisdiction over National City.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(IMPROPER VENUE)

6. Venue is not proper in the Eastern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1400 and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c) because National City does not maintain any contacts within this district.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(LACHES)

7. The relief sought by DataTreasury is barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of laches.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(NO ALTER EGO LIABILITY)

8. National City is not the alter ego of Viewpointe Archive Services, LLC, Small Value Payments Company, LLC and/or The Clearing House Payments Company, LLC and, accordingly, is not responsible for their actions.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
(LICENSE)

9. On information and belief, National City holds actual and/or implied licenses to the '988, '137, '007 and/or '868 patents.

COUNTERCLAIMS

National City allege as its Counterclaims as follows:

1. Counterclaim Plaintiff National City Corporation is a Delaware corporation and has a place of business in Cleveland, Ohio.

2. Counterclaim Plaintiff National City Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of National City Corporation and has a place of business in Cleveland, Ohio. National City Corporation and National City Bank are referred to collectively as “National City.”

3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Counterclaim pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 1331, 1338(a), 2201 and 2202.

4. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b).

5. In its First Amended Complaint for Patent Infringement, Plaintiff DataTreasury Corporation (“DataTreasury”) alleges that it is the owner of the right, title and interest to the ‘988, ‘137, ‘007, ‘759, ‘868 and ‘778 patents. DataTreasury further alleges that National City has infringed the ‘988, ‘137, ‘007 and ‘868 patents.

6. An actual controversy exists between DataTreasury and National City by virtue of the allegations in Plaintiff’s Complaint in this action.

7. The asserted claims of the ‘988, ‘137, ‘007, and ‘868 patents are invalid for failure to comply with one or more of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § § 102, 103, and/or 112.

8. National City has not directly infringed, contributorily infringed, or induced infringement of any valid and enforceable claim of the ‘988, ‘137, ‘007 or ‘868 patents.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, National City prays for:

A. A judgment declaring each asserted claim of the ‘988, ‘137, ‘007 and ‘868 patents invalid.

B. A judgment declaring that National City has not directly infringed, contributorily infringed, or induced infringement of any valid and enforceable claim of the ‘988, ‘137, ‘007 and ‘868 patents.

C. A judgment deeming this to be an exceptional case under 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding National City their attorney fees, expenses and costs in this action.

D. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: February 12, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 12, 2007, all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of the foregoing instrument via the Court's CM/ECF filing system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3).

/s/ Anthony H. Son
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