Microsoft Corporation v. TIVO Inc

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Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District, has sold, offered to sell and/or imported products and services at issue in and into this District and has committed acts of infringement in this District.

The Parties

- 4. Microsoft is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business in Redmond, Washington. Microsoft is a long-time leader in the development and innovation of software technologies, including technologies for digital home entertainment.
- 5. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant TiVo is a Delaware corporation that maintains its principal place of business and corporate headquarters in Alviso, California. Defendant offers for sale, sells, distributes and imports products and services in and into the United States for use in audio-video home entertainment systems. Such products and services include set-top boxes known as digital video recorders or "DVRs," and subscription services provided through network connections between such set-top boxes and computer servers. Defendant's subscriber base includes approximately 1.3 million households. Defendant further licenses and provides software for use in set-top boxes and servers that are used, sold and/or distributed by or through media content providers. Defendant's set-top box products and subscription services permit users to obtain, control and watch television, videos, movies, pictures and other content from cable, broadcast, broadband, satellite and/or other sources.

Count 1: Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,585,838

6. Microsoft incorporates by this reference the allegations set out in paragraphs 1-5 above.

- 7. Microsoft owns by assignment all the right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,585,838 ("the '838 patent") entitled "Program Time Guide." The '838 patent issued on December 17, 1996, based on Application No. 08/435,968 filed on May 5, 1995 by inventors Frank A. Lawler and Joseph H. Mathews, III. A certified copy of the patent is attached as Exhibit A.
- 8. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '838 patent by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products, systems, services and/or processes in or into the United States, and within the scope of one or more claims of the '838 patent, without license or authority. Such infringing products, systems, services and/or processes include (without limitation)

 Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.
- 9. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has induced and/or contributed to and continues to induce and/or contribute to the infringement of the '838 patent by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing systems, services, processes, products or components of products that constitute a material part of the invention(s) claimed in the '838 patent, without license or authority, knowing that such systems, services, processes, products or components of products are especially made or especially adapted for use in practicing the invention(s) claimed in the '838 patent and not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing uses. Such systems, services, processes, products or components of products include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription service and software.
- 10. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed the '838 patent by supplying or causing to be supplied in or from the United States, without license or authority, components or products that are combined and/or used outside the United States in a manner that falls within the scope of one or more claims of the '838 patent. Such products or

components include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.

- 11. Defendant's infringement, inducement and contributory infringement of the '838 patent is ongoing. Unless enjoined, Defendant will continue to infringe the '838 patent, and Microsoft will suffer irreparable injury as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct.
- 12. Microsoft has been damaged by Defendant's conduct, and until an injunction issues, will continue to be damaged in an amount yet to be determined.

Count 2: Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,731,844

- 13. Microsoft incorporates by this reference the allegations set out in paragraphs 1-12 above.
- 14. Microsoft owns by assignment all the right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,731,844 ("the '844 patent") entitled "Television Scheduling System for Displaying a Grid Representing Scheduled Layout and Selecting a Programming Parameter for Displaying or Recording." The '844 patent issued on March 24, 1998, based on Application No. 08/713,588 filed on August 13, 1996 by inventors Adam Christopher Rauch, Gregory Riker, Nathan Paul Myhrvold, and Edwin Thorne, III. A certified copy of the '844 patent is attached as Exhibit B hereto.
- 15. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '844 patent by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products, systems, services and/or processes in or into the United States, and within the scope of one or more claims of the '844 patent, without license or authority. Such infringing products, systems, services and/or processes include (without limitation) Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.

- 16. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has induced and/or contributed to and continues to induce and/or contribute to the infringement of the '844 patent by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing systems, services, processes, products or components of products that constitute a material part of the invention(s) claimed in the '844 patent, without license or authority, knowing that such systems, services, processes, products or components of products are especially made or especially adapted for use in practicing the invention(s) claimed in the '844 patent and not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing uses. Such systems, services, processes, products or components of products include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.
- 17. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed the '844 patent by supplying or causing to be supplied in or from the United States, without license or authority, components or products that are combined and/or used outside the United States in a manner that falls within the scope of one or more claims of the '844 patent. Such products or components include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription service and software.
- 18. Defendant's infringement, inducement and contributory infringement of the '844 patent is ongoing. Unless enjoined, Defendant will continue to infringe the '844 patent, and Microsoft will suffer irreparable injury as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct.
- 19. Microsoft has been damaged by Defendant's conduct, and until an injunction issues, will continue to be damaged in an amount yet to be determined.

Count 3: Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,028,604

- 20. Microsoft incorporates by this reference the allegations set out in paragraphs 1-19 above.
- 21. Microsoft owns by assignment all the right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,028,604 ("the '604 patent") entitled "User Friendly Remote System Interface Providing Previews of Applications." The '604 patent issued on February 22, 2000, based on Application No. 08/917,739 filed on August 27, 1997, by inventors Joseph Matthews, III, David Wm. Plummer, and David A. Barnes. A certified copy of the patent is attached as Exhibit C hereto.
- 22. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '604 patent by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing products, systems, services and/or processes in or into the United States, and within the scope of one or more claims of the '604 patent, without license or authority. Such infringing products, systems, services and/or processes include (without limitation)

 Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.
- 23. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has induced and/or contributed to and continues to induce and/or contribute to the infringement of the '604 patent by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing systems, services, processes, products or components of products that constitute a material part of the invention(s) claimed in the '604 patent, without license or authority, knowing that such systems, services, processes, products or components of products are especially made or especially adapted for use in practicing the invention(s) claimed in the '604 patent and not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing uses. Such systems, services, processes, products or

components of products include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription service and software.

- 25. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed the '604 patent by supplying or causing to be supplied in or from the United States, without license or authority, components or products that are combined and/or used outside the United States in a manner that falls within the scope of one or more claims of the '604 patent. Such products or components include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.
- 26. Defendant's infringement, inducement and contributory infringement of the '604 patent is ongoing. Unless enjoined, Defendant will continue to infringe the '604 patent, and Microsoft will suffer irreparable injury as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct.
- 27. Microsoft has been damaged by Defendant's conduct, and until an injunction issues, will continue to be damaged in an amount yet to be determined.

Count 4: Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 5,758,258

- 28. Microsoft incorporates by this reference the allegations set out in paragraphs 1-27 above.
- 29. Microsoft owns by assignment all the right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,758,258 ("the '258 patent") entitled "Selective Delivery of Programming for Interactive Televideo System." The '258 patent issued on May 26, 1998, based on Application No. 08/517,939 filed on August 21, 1995, by inventors Daniel J. Shoff and Joseph H. Matthews, III. A certified copy of the patent is attached as Exhibit D.
- 30. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed, either literally and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '258 patent by using, offering for sale, selling,

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and/or importing products, systems, services and/or processes in or into the United States, and within the scope of one or more claims of the '258 patent, without license or authority. Such infringing products, systems, services and/or processes include (without limitation) Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.

- 31. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has induced and/or contributed to and continues to induce and/or contribute to the infringement of the '258 patent by using, offering for sale, selling, and/or importing systems, services, processes, products or components of products that constitute a material part of the invention(s) claimed in the '258 patent, without license or authority, knowing that such systems, services, processes, products or components of products are especially made or especially adapted for use in practicing the invention(s) claimed in the '258 patent and not staple articles or commodities of commerce suitable for substantial noninfringing uses. Such systems, services, processes, products or components of products include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription services and software.
- 32. Microsoft is informed and believes that: Defendant has infringed the '258 patent by supplying or causing to be supplied in or from the United States, without license or authority, components or products that are combined and/or used outside the United States in a manner that falls within the scope of one or more claims of the '258 patent. Such products or components include (without limitation) those associated with Defendant's set-top box products, subscription service and software.
- 33. Defendant's infringement, inducement and contributory infringement of the '258 patent is ongoing. Unless enjoined, Defendant will continue to infringe the '258 patent, and Microsoft will suffer irreparable injury as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct.

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