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COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Palmchip Corporation ("Palmchip") brings this Complaint against Defendants Ralink Technology Corporation (Taiwan) ("Ralink Taiwan"), Ralink Technology Corporation (USA) ("Ralink USA"), MediaTek, Inc. ("MediaTek Taiwan") and MediaTek USA, Inc. ("MediaTek USA") (wherein, Ralink Taiwan and Ralink USA shall be referred to collectively as "Ralink", MediaTek Taiwan and MediaTek USA shall be referred to collectively as "MediaTek" and the four together shall be referred to collectively as "Defendants") and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 et seq. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
- 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendants have purposely transacted business involving its accused products in this judicial district, have committed acts of infringement in this judicial district, and continue to commit acts of infringement in this district.

PARTIES

3. Palmchip is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 41743 Enterprise Circle North, Suite 209, Temecula, CA 92590. Palmchip is in the business of designing, developing and licensing technology used in the semiconductor industry. Palmchip's technology is typically licensed for integration into the design of highspeed computer processors integrated circuits, commonly referred to as "semiconductor chips" or "chips".

- 4. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant Ralink Technology Corporation (Taiwan) is a corporation organized under the laws of Taiwan (Republic of China), with a principal place of business at 5F, No.5, Tai-Yuen 1st St., Jhubei City, Hsinchu Hsien 30265, Taiwan, R.O.C., and with an additional address at 4F, No. 2, Technology 5th Road, Science-Based Park, Hsinchu, Taiwan, R.O.C. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that Ralink Taiwan is in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing and selling semiconductor chips used for wireless networking.
- 5. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant Ralink Technology Corporation (USA) is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business at 2860 Junction Ave, San Jose, CA 95134. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that Ralink USA is in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing, selling and importing semiconductor chips used for wireless networking.
- 6. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant MediaTek, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Taiwan (Republic of China), with a principal place of business at No. 1, Dusing 1st Rd., Hsinchu Science Park, Hsinchu City 30078, Taiwan, R.O.C. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that MediaTek Taiwan is in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing and selling semiconductor chips used for wireless networking.
- 7. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant MediaTek, USA Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business at 2860 Junction Ave, San Jose, CA 95134. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that MediaTek USA is in the business of designing, developing, manufacturing, selling and importing semiconductor chips used for wireless networking.

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- 8. In a transaction effective in or about March 2011, MediaTek purchased Ralink in its entirety, including all assets and obligations. The press release issued on March 16, 2011 by Mediatek announcing the merger described Mediatek as "the surviving entity" of the merger.
- 9. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that (1) Ralink USA and Ralink Taiwan presently exist only as "shell" entities; (2) as part of the transaction for the purchase of Ralink by Mediatek, Mediatek expressly or impliedly agreed to assume Ralink's liabilities;(3) the transaction was in sum and substance a merger or consolidation of the entities, with the consideration paid by Mediatek consisting wholly of Mediatek stock and with no proceeds made available to satisfy Ralink's creditors; (4) Mediatek is merely a continuation of Ralink; and (5) the transaction was entered into fraudulently to escape liability for Ralink's debts.
- 10. Further, Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that, as a result of the purchase, there is such unity of interest and ownership among Defendants that they are alter-egos of one another and that no separation among them actually exists. In particular, their assets have been comingled, ownership of stock resides in a single entity, and Ralink operates, if at all, as a mere shell. Therefore, if Ralink's' acts are considered to be its alone, there shall be inequitable results.
- 11. Palmchip is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants have committed acts of infringement alleged herein within this judicial district.

PALMCHIP'S PATENTS-IN-SUIT

The '126 Patent

12. Palmchip is the original owner of the entire right, title and interest in United States Patent No. 6,601,126 ("the '126 patent"), entitled "Chip-Core Framework for Systems-on-a-Chip" which was duly and legally issued by the

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United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 29, 2003, and remained the original owner of all such rights for the period relevant to the issue of infringement alleged in this Complaint. A true and correct copy of the '126 patent is attached as Exhibit A to this Complaint and is incorporated herein by reference.

- The '126 patent describes, inter alia, and claims an interconnection 13. system for integrating multiple electronic components making up a "system-on-achip."
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- 15. Palmchip has the right to sue and recover damages for any and all infringements during the relevant period.

The '046 Patent

- 16. Palmchip is the original owner of the entire right, title and interest in United States Patent No. 6,769,046 ("the '046 patent"), entitled "System-Resource Router" which was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 27, 2004, and remained the original owner of all such rights for the period relevant to the issue of infringement alleged in this Complaint. A true and correct copy of the '046 patent is attached as Exhibit B to this Complaint and is incorporated herein by reference.
- The '046 patent describes, inter alia, and claims a system-resource 17. router interconnecting multiple components of a chip with each other and with external peripheral interfaces and designed in part by use of a computer-aideddesign program.
- Palmchip has the right to sue and recover damages for any and all such 18. infringements during the relevant period.

The '376 Patent

19. Palmchip is the original owner of the entire right, title and interest in United States Patent No. 7,124,376 ("the '376 patent"), entitled "Design Tool for Systems-on-a-Chip" which was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 17, 2006, and remained the original owner of all such rights for the period relevant to the issue of infringement alleged in this Complaint. A true and correct copy of the '376 patent is attached as Exhibit C to this Complaint and is incorporated herein by reference.

20. Palmchip has the right to sue and recover damages for any and all infringements during the relevant period.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of the '126 Patent – 35 U.S.C. § 271(a))

- 21. Palmchip incorporates by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs, as if fully repeated herein.
- 22. Defendants, without authority or license from Palmchip, during the relevant period have unlawfully and wrongfully made, used, sold, offered for sale, distributed in the United States, and/or imported into the United States electronic components that are covered by one or more claims of the '126 patent, including, but not limited to, the chips designated RT2880b, RT3050, RT3052, RT3352, RT3883, RT3662, RT5350, RT6855 and RT6856 ("the Accused Products").
- 23. Defendants' unauthorized and wrongful making, using, selling, offering for sale, distributing, and/or importing of the Accused Products within the United States and within this judicial district during the relevant period, constitutes infringement of at least one claim of the '126 patent, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 et seq.
- 24. Palmchip has given Defendants notice of their infringement of the '126 patent.
- 25. Palmchip is entitled to damages resulting from Defendants' infringing activities under 35 U.S.C. §287.
- 26. By reason of Defendants' infringing activities, Palmchip has suffered, and will continue to suffer, substantial damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of the '046 Patent – 35 U.S.C. § 271(a))

- 27. Palmchip incorporates by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs, as if fully repeated herein.
- 28. Defendants, without authority or license from Palmchip, during the relevant period have unlawfully and wrongfully made, used, sold, offered for sale, distributed in the United States, and/or imported into the United States electronic components that are covered by one or more claims of the '046 patent, including, but not limited to, the Accused Products.
- 29. Defendants' unauthorized and wrongful making, using, selling, offering for sale, distributing, and/or importing of the Accused Products within the United States and within this judicial district during the relevant period, constitutes infringement of at least one claim of the '046 patent, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 et seq.
- 30. Palmchip has given Defendants notice of their infringement of the '046 patent.
- 31. Palmchip is entitled to damages resulting from Defendants' infringing activities under 35 U.S.C. §287.
- 32. By reason of Defendants' infringing activities, Palmchip has suffered, and will continue to suffer, substantial damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Infringement of the '376 Patent – 35 U.S.C. § 271(a))

- 33. Palmchip incorporates by reference the allegations of the preceding paragraphs, as if fully repeated herein.
- 34. Defendants, without authority or license from Palmchip, during the relevant period have unlawfully and wrongfully made, used, sold, offered for sale, distributed in the United States, and/or imported into the United States electronic components that are covered by one or more claims of the '376 patent, including, but not limited to, the Accused Products.

35. Defendants' unauthorized and wrongful making, using, selling, offering for sale, distributing, and/or importing of the Accused Products within the United States and within this judicial district during the relevant period, constitutes infringement of at least one claim of the '376 patent, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271 et seq.

- 36. Palmchip has given Defendants notice of their infringement of the '376 patent.
- 37. Palmchip is entitled to damages resulting from Defendants' infringing activities under 35 U.S.C. §287.
- 38. By reason of Defendants' infringing activities, Palmchip has suffered, and will continue to suffer, substantial damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Palmchip respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Enter judgment in favor of Palmchip that Defendants have infringed the '126, '046 and '376 patents;
- B. Declare that Defendants' acts and conduct infringed the '126, '046 and '376 patents and the exclusive rights in said patent held by Palmchip;
- C. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §284, award Palmchip damages adequate to compensate for the infringement, but, in no event, less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs;
- D. Grant an accounting of damages resulting from Defendants' infringement of the '126, '046 and '376 patents;
- E. Award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

F. Grant such other and further relief as the equity of the case may require and as this Court may deem just and proper, together with costs and disbursements of this action.

DATED: August 29, 2013

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JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiff PALMCHIP CORPORATION, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), demands a trial by jury on all issues herein that are so triable.

DATED: August 29, 2013

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