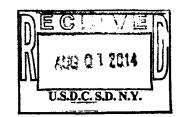
# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE RAKOFF SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



Microsoft Corporation and Microsoft Licensing GP,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT (Redacted)

No.

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Plaintiffs Microsoft Corporation and Microsoft Licensing GP (collectively referred to hereinafter as "Microsoft"), by and through their attorneys, for their Complaint against Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (hereinafter "Samsung"), allege as follows:

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

- - 2. Samsung breached the License Agreement last fall by refusing to make its Fiscal

Year 2 royalty payment on time and then refusing to pay interest on its late payment, and is threatening to breach the License Agreement again with respect to its ongoing royalty payment obligations, because (Samsung claims) of Microsoft's recent acquisition of the Nokia Devices & Services Business (the "Nokia Acquisition"). In this action, Microsoft seeks, among other things, a declaratory judgment that (a) the license rights granted by Samsung under the Agreement cover the entities and business units/divisions acquired through the Nokia Acquisition, (b) Microsoft's acquisition of the Nokia Devices & Services Business does not constitute a breach of the License Agreement or of a separate Confidential Business Collaboration Agreement between the parties under which the parties agreed to cooperate in the development and marketing of Windows smartphones (referred to herein as the "Collaboration Agreement" or the "BCA"), (c) Microsoft's acquisition of the Nokia Devices & Services Business does not give Samsung the right to terminate the License-Agreement or relieve Samsung of its ongoing obligation to make future royalty payments to Microsoft under that Agreement pursuant to its terms, and (d) that disputes concerning the validity, construction or performance of the License Agreement shall be resolved under U.S. law in this Court, Microsoft also seeks to enjoin Samsung from seeking, through a lawsuit or otherwise, damages for infringement, royalty payments from Microsoft, or any other relief, to the extent such claims or requests for royalties or other relief are based on the Nokia Acquisition, and from attempting to terminate or modify the License Agreement due to the Nokia Acquisition.

- 4. Microsoft has filed this action in this Court because it has diversity jurisdiction and
- 5. Microsoft is a worldwide leader in computer software, services, and solutions for businesses and consumers. Among other things, it develops and licenses operating systems (such as "Windows") and other software for a broad array of computing devices, including, but not limited to, smartphones and computer tablets.
- 6. Microsoft's continued success depends in substantial part on its ability to maintain and protect the proprietary technology it creates through its investments in research and development. It has developed innovative licensing programs whereby competitors and others may license Microsoft's patent-protected technology in return for royalty payments, other consideration, or both.
- 7. One such program is the Android patent licensing program. Android, which is operating system software designed for mobile devices, infringes many Microsoft patents that were obtained by Microsoft in the United States and elsewhere well before Android was launched. Rather than exercise its legal right to exclude Android-based devices from practicing that technology, Microsoft licenses its patent portfolio to companies that utilize Android, including Samsung the world's largest producer of Android-based smartphones and tablets.
- 8. Samsung is a multinational corporation that, among other things, develops, manufactures, distributes and sells, in this jurisdiction and throughout the world, mobile devices, related software, and various components used in mobile devices. Samsung is the world's

largest producer of smartphones and tablets that use the Android operating system, and it also manufactures and sells a relatively small number of smartphones that use Microsoft's Windows operating system.

9. In September 2011, after sustained arms-length negotiations, Samsung and
Microsoft entered into the License Agreement. In exchange for a license to use Microsoft's
patents in Samsung's Android-based smartphones and tablets, Samsung agreed to pay Microsoft
royalties for a period of the control of the contro
Also, under the License Agreement, Microsoft agreed to provide Samsung with
, including a royalty for a license to use certain of Samsung's patents during the
same period.
10. During the first Fiscal Year of the License Agreement, Samsung made the royalty
payments required by the License Agreement,
For Fiscal Year 2 of the License Agreement, Samsung reported to

- payments required by the License Agreement,

  For Fiscal Year 2 of the License Agreement, Samsung reported to Microsoft,

  in royalties under the Agreement. Microsoft agreed; the FY2 net royalty payment owed by Samsung was therefore undisputed.
- 11. Microsoft publicly announced its intention to acquire the Nokia Corporation's Devices & Services Business on September 3, 2013, which was after Samsung's FY2 Royalty Report was submitted to Microsoft but before the due date for Samsung's payment of its undisputed FY2 royalties under the License Agreement. The Nokia Acquisition, which followed a pre-existing cooperation arrangement between Nokia and Microsoft, will enable Microsoft (and its subsidiaries and business units/divisions) to manufacture Windows-based smartphones.

12. Upon hearing the formal announcement of Microsoft's intended Nokia
Acquisition, which had been the subject of industry press speculation for more than two years,
Samsung claimed that Microsoft's agreement to acquire Nokia's Devices & Services Business
had breached the License Agreement in various ways. Samsung also refused to make the
undisputed FY2 royalty payment it owed to Microsoft on the state of the date it was due.
13. On November 29, 2013, Samsung finally paid Microsoft the previously agreed-to
FY2 net royalty amount meaning the second of the legal
positions. However, despite Microsoft's repeated requests for management interest on
the undisputed FY2 net royalty amount owed to Microsoft, Samsung has refused to make the
interest payment it owes, which amounts to
14. In addition, both before Samsung made its late FY2 payment to Microsoft under
the License Agreement, and to this day, Samsung has claimed that smartphone products made or
sold by Microsoft and its subsidiaries after the Nokia Acquisition are not covered by the License
Agreement and that Samsung is therefore entitled to seek damages for infringement (including
royalties) from Microsoft following the close of the Nokia Acquisition. To the contrary, as
Microsoft has repeatedly reminded Samsung, the License Agreement contains
15. Further, both before Samsung made its late FY2 payment to Microsoft under the
License Agreement, and to this day, Samsung has claimed that the Nokia Acquisition breaches

the

Agreements between the parties, which

	. To the contra	ry, as Microsoft has rep	eatedly reminded Samsung:
(a) the Nokia Ac	equisition is exactly the kind of	of acquisition that is	
	, (b) it does not	breach the	
License Agreen	nent or the Collaboration	Agreement	
			,
and (c) it does r	not give Samsung the right to	o terminate or modify	the License Agreement and
thus avoid	contractually-	negotiated future royalt	y payments to Microsoft for
Samsung's And	droid-based products that	would otherwise infi	ringe Microsoft's patents.
Nevertheless, be	ecause of Samsung's refusal t	to abandon its erroneou	is legal positions, Microsoft
faces the threat of	of unilateral termination of the	E License Agreement by	Samsung at any time.
16. M	Moreover, Samsung has taken	extraordinary steps to	avoid its future obligations
to pay the patent	t licensing royalties to Micros	soft that it agreed to pay	r in the License Agreement.
Instead of askin	ng this Court to construe its	post-Nokia Acquisitio	n rights and patent royalty
payment obligati	ions under its Agreements wi	th Microsoft -	
	- Samsung has asked the K	orean competition author	orities to change the parties'
private contract	by reducing or eliminating	Samsung's contractuall	y-mandated Android patent
royalty payment	s for Microsoft's patents, ala	nost all of which were	granted by countries other
than Korea and	l used in products sold to c	consumers in countries	other than Korea. Thus,
Samsung is atter	mpting to convert a commer	cial contract dispute go	overned by U.S. law into a
Korean regulato	ory issue. Microsoft,		
	, instead is inv	oking the	jurisdiction of this Court to
enforce the clear	r contractual provisions of the	License Agreement th	at Samsung is attempting to
disregard an a	action that is ripe and necess	ary due to Samsung's	repeated assertions that the

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Nokia Acquisition breaches the License Agreement and relieves Samsung of its ongoing payment obligations.

#### **PARTIES**

- 17. Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation is a Washington corporation, with its principal place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052.
- 18. Plaintiff Microsoft Licensing GP is a Nevada general partnership, with its principal place of business at 6100 Neil Road, Suite 100, Reno, Nevada 89511.
- 19. Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. is a Korean corporation, with its principal place of business at 416, Maetan-3-dong, Yeongtong-gu, Suwon-si, Gyeongigi-do, 443-742, South Korea.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 20. The Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, excluding interest and costs, and this action is between Plaintiffs, citizens of the United States, and Defendant, a citizen of Korea. In addition, under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202, a current, actual and justiciable controversy exists between the parties, making a declaratory judgment action appropriate.
- 21. Venue is proper within this District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(1) and (c)(2).

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 22. An important reason for Microsoft's success in the technology industry is its annual investment of billions of dollars in research and development. Microsoft's efforts have yielded one of the world's largest and most valuable patent portfolios.
- 23. Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2013, Microsoft invested approximately \$29 billion in research and development, including mobile-related technology. As of June 30, 2013, Microsoft had more than 73,000 issued and pending patents worldwide.
- 24. In 2003, Microsoft launched a licensing program that allows licensees access to this patent portfolio. Since then, Microsoft has entered into more than 1,100 license agreements and continues to develop licensing programs that allow customers, partners, and competitors access to its patent portfolio.

#### **Android Patent Licensing Program**

- 25. Android is operating system software for mobile devices that was commercially launched in 2008 and is distributed by Google, Inc. (hereinafter "Google"). Android-based smartphones and tablets, related software, and various components infringe many of Microsoft's patents.
- 26. As a result, Microsoft established an Android patent licensing program through which companies using the Android operating system may license Microsoft's patent portfolio. The first company to enter into a license under that program was HTC Corp. on April 27, 2010. Today, Samsung and more than 25 other companies participate in the Android patent licensing program, including: Acer Inc.; Alutrek, Inc.; Barnes & Noble, Inc.; Coby Electronics Corp.; Compal Electronics, Inc.; EINS SE; General Dynamics Itronix; Hoeft & Wessel AG; Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.; Nikon Corp.; Onkyo Corp.; Pegatron Corp.; Quanta Computer Inc.;

Velocity Micro, Inc.; ViewSonic Corp.; Wistron Corp.; and ZTE Corp. By virtue of the Android patent licensing program, approximately 80% of Android-based smartphones sold in the U.S. are licensed to use Microsoft's patents.

27. Since the commencement of the Android patent licensing program, the number of Android-based mobile devices has risen sharply. As of June 30, 2013, Android-based smartphones represented nearly 80% of all smartphones worldwide.

#### The Samsung/Microsoft License Agreement and Collaboration Agreement

- 28. Samsung's first Android-based smartphone, Galaxy I7500, was launched in 2009. That device, as well as subsequent Android-based smartphones and tablets in Samsung's Galaxy series, relied upon the Android platform and thus infringe Microsoft's patents.
- 29. On or about September 28, 2011, in order to settle Microsoft's claims for patent infringement without the necessity of litigation and to establish a broad cross-license between the parties going forward, Samsung and Microsoft entered into the License Agreement, effective as of July 1, 2011.

  Both Microsoft and Samsung, which are highly sophisticated businesses, were represented by skilled counsel throughout the process of negotiating, drafting, and executing the License Agreement. Moreover, at the time the parties entered into the License Agreement, Microsoft had publicly announced a strategic partnership with Nokia as described below.
- 30. Under the License Agreement, Microsoft licensed its patents to Samsung for so that Samsung could lawfully sell Android smartphones and tablets, which would otherwise infringe Microsoft's patents.
  - 31. The license covers

32.	In return for access to Microsoft's proprietary technology, Samsung agreed to pay
Microsoft ro	oyalties. Samsung paid the Fiscal Year 1 royalty
as agreed. I	For Fiscal Years 2 through , the parties agreed that the amount of royalties owed by
Samsung w	ras (and is) to be determined by
33.	The License Agreement requires that Samsung
34.	The License Agreement also contains a cross-license. Samsung-licensed its
patents to M	Microsoft for use in Microsoft's software, products, and services.
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35.	On the same day that Samsung and Microsoft executed the License Agreement,
they also en	tered into a business Collaboration Agreement, or BCA.

	. Both Microsoft and Samsung were
represented by	skilled counsel throughout the process of negotiating, drafting, and executing the
Collaboration A	agreement.
36.	
37.	Both the License Agreement and the Collaboration Agreement contain
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#### Microsoft's Acquisition of the Nokia Devices & Services Business

38. In February 2011 (more than six months before the License Agreement was signed), Microsoft announced a strategic partnership with Nokia, through which the two companies would work closely together to develop, produce and sell Windows smartphones and

related software, services and applications.

39. On September 3, 2013, Microsoft announced its intention to acquire substantially all of Nokia Corporation's Devices & Services Business, as a next step in the publicly announced strategic partnership with Nokia. The announced Nokia Acquisition included only certain of Nokia's businesses -- namely the Nokia Devices & Services business -- and did not include other substantial portions of Nokia (which remains a fully-operational and distinct corporation). The Nokia Acquisition was accomplished through a stock and asset acquisition (as opposed to a merger). Following the closing of that transaction on April 25, 2014, the entities formerly owned by Nokia became "Subsidiaries" of Microsoft within the meaning of the License Agreement.

40.	Under	the Microsoft/Samsung	License	Agreement,	
	The License Agreemen	t also contains			
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41. The entities and business units formerly owned by Nokia and acquired in the Nokia Acquisition are plainly covered by

42.	The License Agreement also contains
	Because the Nokia
Acquisition d	lid not breach the License Agreement, Samsung has no right to terminate or modify
the License A	Agreement due to the Nokia Acquisition.
43.	The Collaboration Agreement also contains
	But the Nokia Acquisition did not
<b></b>	and neither that provision, nor any other provision of the Collaboration Agreement,
is breached in	f a party merely acquires a new subsidiary or business unit/division through a stock
	ourchase. To the contrary,
44.	Because the acquisition of the Nokia Devices & Services Business did not breach
	the Collaboration Agreement, Samsung may not terminate the Collaboration
Agreement	due to that Acquisition.
1 igi coment	due to that Aequisition.
•	In short, no provision of either the License Agreement or the Collaboration
Agreement g	rives Samsung the right to terminate the License Agreement due to the Nokia
Acquisition.	

## Samsung's 2013 Breach of the License Agreement by Failing to Pay Interest Owed 45. On or about Report to Microsoft

- 46. Microsoft did not, and does not, dispute Samsung's 2013 Report.

  Accordingly, on Microsoft provided Samsung with the 2013 Invoice agreeing with Samsung's stated amount due and requesting payment in the amount of Samsung was required to make this payment to Microsoft no later than days from receipt of the 2013 Invoice i.e., by
- At no time prior to or accompanying its 2013 Report did Samsung raise any objection to its obligation to pay the royalties to Microsoft that Samsung determined it owed. Shortly after Microsoft's announcement of the Nokia Acquisition, however, Samsung began to assert an ever-expanding list of reasons why the announced acquisition allegedly violated the License Agreement and/or the Collaboration Agreement. In fact, allegedly due to the Nokia Acquisition, Samsung did not pay the undisputed FY2 royalty amount due on as required. Instead, for thereafter, Samsung refused to make the payment and continued to assert baseless justifications for its failure to pay. Microsoft repeatedly demanded full payment of the FY2 amount owed, with

Samsung paid the undisputed FY2 amount owed (with a reservation of its
legal rights and positions), seemen and seem
demanded by Microsoft, and still has not made that
interest payment.
48. The License Agreement states that
Samsung's FY2 net royalty payment of \$ was due on was due on was
not made until days late (and it did not include any interest).
Consequently, the unpaid interest due is \$

### Samsung's Continuing Meritless Claims Concerning the Nokia Acquisition and Its Ongoing Obligation to Pay Royalties Under the License Agreement

- 49. Two days before Samsung made its payment of the FY2 net royalty amount (without interest), it sent Microsoft a letter, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in which it set forth its positions (described in paragraphs 14-15 above) on the legal issues raised in this Complaint, which are sharply contested by Microsoft. Samsung has reaffirmed those positions in subsequent communications this year, including through letters dated April 25, 2014 and June 13, 2014.
- 50. Microsoft has informed Samsung that its positions are incorrect as to the critical contract interpretation issues concerning the effect of the Nokia Acquisition on the parties? rights and obligations under the License Agreement and the Collaboration Agreement. Recently, for example, Microsoft sent Samsung a letter, dated April 17, 2014, that reiterated Microsoft's demand for interest on Samsung's FY2 net royalty payment and stated, in relevant part, that it remains Microsoft's position that (a)

Nokia Acquisition, and Samsung has no right to seek infringement damages, a reduction in future royalties owed, or any other relief from Microsoft as the result of the closing of the Nokia Acquisition, (b) the Nokia Acquisition is not prohibited by the Collaboration Agreement or by any provision of the License Agreement, and its closing does not give Samsung the right to terminate the License Agreement or the right to any other legal remedy, and (c) the current arrangements under the License Agreement (including royalty payments) will continue following the closing of the Nokia Acquisition (unless modified by a future agreement).

51. To date, the parties remain in sharp disagreement concerning their rights and obligations under the License Agreement and the relevant provisions of the License Agreement and the Collaboration Agreement. As a result, absent declaratory and injunctive relief from this Court, Microsoft is threatened with patent infiringement claims by Samsung relating to the Nokia Acquisition (despite and with a prohibited unilateral termination of the License Agreement by Samsung (with no basis and with a prohibited unilateral termination of the applicable language of the Agreements in order to escape the remaining years of royalty payments — that it owes or will owe to Microsoft under the License Agreement for

#### **COUNT ONE: BREACH OF CONTRACT**

52. Microsoft incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein each of its allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 to 51 above.

Patent infringement claims by Samsung against Microsoft for the acquired Nokia products would be without merit for reasons other than and Microsoft preserves its right to assert all defenses to such claims if, Samsung asserts them.

53. As described above, Samsung entered into a License Agreement with Microsoft	ſt,
whereby Samsung agreed to make a royalty payment for Fiscal Year 2 by a specified da	ıte
54. Microsoft fully complied with its obligations under the License Agreement duri	ng
Fiscal Year 2, Microsoft did not dispute Samsung's 20	13
Report containing Samsung's statement of the amount due, namely \$	<b>,</b>
and accordingly issued the 2013 Invoice in the same amount on	<b>,</b>
which made Samsung's payment due no later than same same. Samsung failed to ma	ke
its undisputed FY 2 royalty payment on second second . The payment was finally made	le,
on leading to the second secon	
55. The License Agreement explicitly provides	
. Samsung w	as
days late in its FY 2 payment, resulting in interest due of \$ Microsoft h	as
demanded payment of the interest due	as
not made the payment.	
56. By failing to pay the interest due on its late royalty payment for Fiscal Year	2,
Samsung	
57. As a direct and proximate cause of Samsung's conduct, Microsoft has be	en
damaged in the amount of \$ 100000000000000000000000000000000000	
58. Microsoft is not terminating or rescinding the License Agreement, but rather se	es
to recover the losses suffered from Samsung's	

#### COUNT TWO: DECLARATORY JUDGMENT (28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2202)

59.	Microsoft incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein each of its
allegations se	t forth in Paragraphs 1 to 58 above.
60.	As described in Paragraphs 49-51 above, an actual and justiciable controversy
exists between	n Microsoft and Samsung with respect to their rights and obligations, in light of the
Nokia Acquis	ition, under the License Agreement and under the
	provisions of the License Agreement and the Collaboration
Agreement.	
61.	Absent the declaratory and injunctive relief requested from this Court, Microsoft
faces the im	minent risk of patent infringement claims by Samsung relating to the Nokia
Acquisition (	despite and of
a	termination of the License Agreement by Samsung-(with no-basis
	), as part of Samsung's efforts to
escape	contractually-required royalty payments payments that will
amount to	
62.	Microsoft therefore seeks entry of a judgment declaring that:
(a)	pursuant to pursua
business unit	s/divisions acquired in the Nokia Acquisition are
	covered by the license granted in the License Agreement;
(b)	with respect to the Samsung patents licensed in the License Agreement, the Nokia
Acquisition d	loes not give Samsung any basis to assert against Microsoft or any of its subsidiaries

any patent infringement claims or to seek injunctive relief or additional royalties beyond those

specified in the License Agreement;

(c) the Nokia Acquisition does not violate
License Agreement or the Collaboration Agreement;
(d) neither the Collaboration Agreement, nor any provision
of that Agreement or the License Agreement, provides Samsung with the right to terminate of
modify the License Agreement due to the Nokia Acquisition;
(e) the License Agreement shall remain in effect following the Nokia Acquisition
and Samsung therefore owes or will owe Microsoft all royalty payments required by the Licens
Agreement (
until th
License Agreement expires; and
(f) the validity; construction an
performance of the License Agreement, including its ongoing royalty payment obligations, sha
be governed by and construed first in accordance with the federal laws of the United States to the
extent federal subject matter exists, and second in accordance with the laws of the state of New
York, exclusive of its choice of law rules.
PRAYER FOR RELIEF
WHEREFORE, by virtue of the acts complained of above, Microsoft demands judgmer
in the Course and a serious Course on

in its favor and against Samsung:

awarding \$ awarding in damages for Samsung's breach of its a. obligation to pay Microsoft interest on its late FY 2 net royalty payment;

b.	declaring that
	the entities and business units/divisions acquired in the
	Nokia Acquisition are
	covered by the license granted in the
	License Agreement;
c.	declaring that with respect to the Samsung patents licensed in the
	License Agreement, the Nokia Acquisition does not give Samsung
	any basis to assert against Microsoft or any of its subsidiaries any
	patent infringement claims or to seek injunctive relief or additional
	royalties beyond those specified in the License Agreement, and
	enjoining Samsung from doing so;
d.	declaring that the Nokia Acquisition does not violate
	the License Agreement or the
	Collaboration Agreement;
e.	declaring that neither the Collaboration
	Agreement, nor any provision of that Agreement or the License
	Agreement, provides Samsung with the right to terminate or
	modify the License Agreement due to the Nokia Acquisition, and
	enjoining Samsung from terminating or attempting to modify the
	License Agreement on any of these grounds;
f.	declaring that the License Agreement shall remain in effect
	following the Nokia Acquisition, and Samsung therefore owes or
	will owe Microsoft all royalty payments required by the License

Agreement (

until the License Agreement expires;

g. declaring that, ]

the validity, construction and performance of the License Agreement, including its ongoing royalty payment obligations, shall be governed by and construed first in accordance with the federal laws of the United States to the extent federal subject matter exists, and second in accordance with the laws of the state of New York, exclusive of its choice of law rules;

- h. awarding costs and disbursements of this action;
- i. awarding prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and
- j. awarding such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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