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17 18	LOGIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT LLC, a Florida			
18	limited liability company, and DOE 5, Inclusive,	ES 1-		
20	Defendant.			
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1	For its Complaint against Defendant LOGIC TECHNOLOGY
2	DEVELOPMENT LLC ("Defendant"), Plaintiff Fontem Ventures B.V. ("Fontem
3	Ventures") and Plaintiff Fontem Holdings 1 B.V. ("Fontem Holdings") allege as
4	follows:
5	JURISDICTION AND VENUE
6	1. This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the patent
7	laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq., and in particular § 271.
8	2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this patent infringement
9	action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
10	3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because it solicits
11	and conducts business in California, including the provision of goods over the
12	Internet, derives revenue from goods sold in California and within this judicial
13	district, and has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district.
14	4. Venue lies in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and
15	(c), and 1400(b).
16	PARTIES
17	5. Plaintiff Fontem Ventures is a company organized and existing under
18	the laws of the Netherlands, with its principal place of business at 12th Floor, 101
19	Barbara Strozzilaan, 1083 HN Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Fontem Ventures is
20	in the business of developing innovative non-tobacco products, including electronic
21	cigarettes.
22	6. Plaintiff Fontem Holdings is a company organized and existing under
23	the laws of the Netherlands, with its principal place of business at 12th Floor, 101
24	Barbara Strozzilaan, 1083 HN Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
25	7. Plaintiffs Fontem Ventures and Fontem Holdings (together, "the
26	Plaintiffs") are informed and believe that: Defendant LOGIC TECHNOLOGY
27	DEVELOPMENT LLC. ("LOGIC") is a limited liability company organized and
28	existing under the laws of the State of Florida, having its principal place of business
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1 at 2004 N.W. 25th Ave., Pompano Beach, Florida, 33069, USA. LOGIC is doing business in this judicial district related to the claims asserted in this Complaint. 2 3 The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, 8. 4 associate, or otherwise of defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 5, inclusive, 5 are unknown to the Plaintiffs at the present time, and the Plaintiffs therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. The Plaintiffs, after obtaining leave of 6 7 court, if necessary, will amend this Complaint to show such true names and 8 capacities when the same have been ascertained. 9 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION 10 (Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,365,742) 9. The Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in 11 12 paragraphs 1-8 above. Plaintiff Fontem Holdings is the owner of the entire right, title, and 13 10. 14 interest in and to United States Patent No. 8,365,742 ("the '742 Patent") and 15 Plaintiff Fontem Ventures is the exclusive licensee of the '742 Patent. The '742 16 Patent was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent Office on February 5, 2013 and is valid, subsisting, and in full force and effect. A copy of the '742 17 Patent is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit A. 18 19 The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has had 11. 20 knowledge of the '742 Patent, and of the Plaintiffs' rights therein, at least as of 21 February 13, 2014. On that date, a Joint Status Report containing an assignment 22 document identifying Plaintiff Fontem Holdings as the owner of the '742 Patent was filed in a related case.¹ The Joint Status Report was reviewed and signed by 23 24 ¹See Joint Status Report filed February 13, 2014 (Dkt. No. 63, Exh. A) in *Ruyan Investment Holdings Limited v. Sottera, Inc.*, Case No. CV 12-05454 GAF (FFMx) (C.D. Cal.), which is consolidated for purposes of discovery with Case Nos. CV 12-05455 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05456 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05466 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05468 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05472 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05477 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05482 GAF (FFMx), and CV 25 26 27 28 12-06268 GÁF (FFMx).

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Defendant's counsel. Defendant shall have additional knowledge of the '742 Patent
 as of the date of service for the present Complaint.

3 12. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has directly infringed the '742 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by, itself and/or 4 5 through its agents, unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, offering to 6 sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette products embodying one or more of the 7 inventions claimed in the '742 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 8 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined 9 by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette products that directly infringe the 10 '742 Patent include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Rechargeable Electronic Cigarettes as found in the LOGIC Power Series Starter Kit, (2) LOGIC Refill 11 12 Cartomizers, including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; 13 14 (3) LOGIC Power Series Batteries; (4) LOGIC Disposable Electronic Cigarettes, 15 including LOGIC Black Label Disposable, LOGIC Platinum Label Disposable, 16 LOGIC Gold Label Disposable, and LOGIC Zero Label Disposable; (5) LOGIC 17 OnePack Disposable Electronic Cigarettes; and (6) LOGIC "The Cuban" ECigar. 18 Such products infringe at least claims 2 and 3 of the '742 Patent.

19 The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has contributed 13. 20 to the infringement of the '742 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) by, 21 itself and/or through its agents, contributing to the direct infringement of the '742 22 Patent by its customers by unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, 23 offering to sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette components having no 24 substantially non-infringing use, which, when purchased and/or used by its 25 customers, result in direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the 26 inventions claimed in the '742 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 27 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined 28 by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette components that have no substantial

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1 noninfringing uses and that contribute to the direct infringement of the '742 Patent include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Refill Cartomizers ("LOGIC E-Cig 2 3 Cartomizers"), including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; 4 5 and (2) LOGIC Power Series Batteries ("LOGIC E-Cig Batteries").

6 14 The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Having knowledge of the 7 '742 Patent, Defendant has been aware that its LOGIC E-Cig Cartomizers and 8 LOGIC E-Cig Batteries, when purchased and/or used by its customers, result in 9 direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the inventions claimed in the '742 Patent. Defendant states on its website that to use LOGIC's electronic 10 cigarettes, a user should "remove the battery and cartridge from [the] packaging, 11 12 remove two plastic end caps on each end of the small cartridge, and twist the small cartridge onto the battery."² Further, each 5-Pack of LOGIC Refill Cartomizer is 13 "equivalent to a carton of cigarettes and offer[s] consumers a large savings and a 14 smarter way to smoke."³ The website also states that "[o]nce you charge [the 15 16 battery] 200+ times, you will need to purchase a new battery...directly on the Website."⁴ Moreover, Defendant's website states that the LOGIC E-Cig Batteries 17 "can be used with only the Power Series Line of cartomizers (Black Label, 18 Platinum, Gold and Zero)."⁵ As such, Defendant knows that its LOGIC E-Cig 19 20 Cartomizers and LOGIC E-Cig Batteries that are sold separately from its Power 21 Series Starter Kit have no substantial non-infringing uses other than to provide 22 users with the ability to assemble and use an electronic cigarette that infringes at

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- ² See, e.g., https://store.logicecig.com/faqs/#rechargeable ("How do I use Logic?") (last visited March 5, 2014).
 ³ See, e.g., https://store.logicecig.com/faqs/#rechargeable ("Why Rechargeable Logic Power Series?") (last visited March 5, 2014).
 ⁴ See, e.g., https://store.logicecig.com/faqs/#rechargeable ("Will my power series last forever or will I need to get more?") (last visited March 5, 2014).
 ⁵ See, e.g., http://store.logicecig.com/logic-power-series-battery/ (last visited March 5, 2014). 26 27 28

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1	least claims 2 and 3 of the '742 Patent, and therefore that they are especially made
2	or adapted for use in infringement of the '742 Patent.
3	15. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts of Defendant,
4	the Plaintiffs have suffered, and are entitled to, monetary damages in an amount not
5	yet determined. The Plaintiffs are also entitled to their costs of suit and interest.
6	16. Defendant's continuing infringement has inflicted and, unless
7	restrained by this court, will continue to inflict great and irreparable harm upon the
8	Plaintiffs. The Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. The Plaintiffs are
9	entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctions enjoining Defendant from
10	engaging in further acts of infringement.
11	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
12	(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,375,957)
13	17. The Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in
14	paragraphs 1-8 above.
15	18. Fontem Holdings is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in
16	and to United States Patent No. 8,375,957 ("the '957 Patent") and Fontem Ventures
17	is the exclusive licensee of the '957 Patent. The '957 Patent was duly and legally
18	issued by the United States Patent Office on February 19, 2013 and is valid,
19	subsisting, and in full force and effect. A copy of the '957 Patent is attached to the
20	Complaint as Exhibit B.
21	19. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has had
22	knowledge of the '957 Patent, and of the Plaintiffs' rights therein, at least as of
23	February 13, 2014. On that date, a Joint Status Report containing an assignment
24	document identifying Plaintiff Fontem Holdings as the owner of the '957 Patent
25	was filed in a related case. ⁶ The Joint Status Report was reviewed and signed by
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27	⁶ See Joint Status Report filed February 13, 2014 (Dkt. No. 63, Exh. A) in Ruyan Investment Holdings Limited v. Sottera, Inc., Case No. CV 12-05454 GAF (FEMr) (C.D. Cal.) which is consolidated for purposes of discovery with Case
28	Ruyan Investment Holdings Limited v. Sottera, Inc., Case No. CV 12-05454 GAF (FFMx) (C.D. Cal.), which is consolidated for purposes of discovery with Case Nos. CV 12-05455 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05456 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05462 GAF
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Defendant's counsel. Defendant shall have additional knowledge of the '957 Patent
 as of the date of service for the present Complaint.

3 The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has directly 20. infringed the '957 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by, itself and/or 4 5 through its agents, unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, offering to 6 sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette products embodying one or more of the 7 inventions claimed in the '957 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 8 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined 9 by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette products that directly infringe the 10 '957 Patent include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Rechargeable Electronic Cigarettes as found in the LOGIC Power Series Starter Kit, (2) LOGIC Refill 11 12 Cartomizers, including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label 13 Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; (3) LOGIC Power Series Batteries; and (4) LOGIC Disposable Electronic 14 15 Cigarettes, including LOGIC Black Label Disposable, LOGIC Platinum Label 16 Disposable, LOGIC Gold Label Disposable, and LOGIC Zero Label Disposable. 17 Such products infringe at least claims 1, 10, and 23 of the '957 Patent. 21. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has contributed 18 19 to the infringement of the '957 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) by, 20 itself and/or through its agents, contributing to the direct infringement of the '957 21 Patent by its customers by unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, 22 offering to sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette components having no 23 substantially non-infringing use, which, when purchased and/or used by its 24 customers, result in direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the 25 inventions claimed in the '957 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 26

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1 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette components that have no substantial 2 3 noninfringing uses and that contribute to the direct infringement of the '957 Patent 4 include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Refill Cartomizers ("LOGIC E-Cig 5 Cartomizers"), including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; 6 7 and (2) LOGIC Power Series Batteries ("LOGIC E-Cig Batteries").

8 22. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Having knowledge of the 9 '957 Patent, Defendant has been aware that its LOGIC E-Cig Cartomizers and LOGIC E-Cig Batteries, when purchased and/or used by its customers, result in 10 direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the inventions claimed in the 11 12 '957 Patent. Defendant states on its website that to use LOGIC's electronic cigarettes, a user should "remove the battery and cartridge from [the] packaging, 13 14 remove two plastic end caps on each end of the small cartridge, and twist the small cartridge onto the battery."⁷ Further, each 5-Pack of LOGIC Refill Cartomizer is 15 16 "equivalent to a carton of cigarettes and offer[s] consumers a large savings and a smarter way to smoke."⁸ The website also states that "[o]nce you charge [the 17 battery] 200+ times, you will need to purchase a new battery...directly on the 18 Website."⁹ Moreover, Defendant's website states that the LOGIC E-Cig Batteries 19 20 "can be used with only the Power Series Line of cartomizers (Black Label, Platinum, Gold and Zero)."¹⁰ As such, Defendant knows that its LOGIC E-Cig 21 22 Cartomizers and LOGIC E-Cig Batteries that are sold separately from its Power 23 Series Starter Kit have no substantial non-infringing uses other than to provide 24 ⁷ See, e.g., https://store.logicecig.com/faqs/#rechargeable ("How do I use Logic?") (last visited March 5, 2014).
⁸ See, e.g., https://store.logicecig.com/faqs/#rechargeable ("Why Rechargeable Logic Power Series?") (last visited March 5, 2014).
⁶ See, e.g., https://store.logicecig.com/faqs/#rechargeable ("Will my power series last forever or will I need to get more?") (last visited March 5, 2014).
⁶ See, e.g., http://store.logicecig.com/logic-power-series-battery/ (last visited March 5, 2014). 25 26

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users with the ability to assemble and use an electronic cigarette that infringes at
 least claims 1, 10, and 23 of the '957 Patent, and therefore that they are especially
 made or adapted for use in infringement of the '957 Patent.

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23. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts of Defendant, the Plaintiffs have suffered, and are entitled to, monetary damages in an amount not yet determined. The Plaintiffs are also entitled to their costs of suit and interest.

7 24. Defendant's continuing infringement has inflicted and, unless
8 restrained by this court, will continue to inflict great and irreparable harm upon the
9 Plaintiffs. The Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. The Plaintiffs are
10 entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctions enjoining Defendant from
11 engaging in further acts of infringement.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,393,331)

14 25. The Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in15 paragraphs 1-8 above.

16 26. Fontem Holdings is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in
17 and to United States Patent No. 8,393,331 ("the '331 Patent") and Fontem Ventures
18 is the exclusive licensee of the '331 Patent. The '331 Patent was duly and legally
19 issued by the United States Patent Office on March 12, 2013 and is valid,
20 subsisting, and in full force and effect. A copy of the '331 Patent is attached to the
21 Complaint as Exhibit C.

22 27. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has had
23 knowledge of the '331 Patent, and of the Plaintiffs' rights therein, at least as of
24 February 13, 2014. On that date, a Joint Status Report containing an assignment
25 document identifying Plaintiff Fontem Holdings as the owner of the '331 Patent
26 was filed in a related case.¹¹ The Joint Status Report was reviewed and signed by

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¹¹See Joint Status Report filed February 13, 2014 (Dkt. No. 63, Exh. A) in Ruyan Investment Holdings Limited v. Sottera, Inc., Case No. CV 12-05454 GAF

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Defendant's counsel. Defendant shall have additional knowledge of the '331 Patent 1 2 as of the date of service for the present Complaint.

3 28. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has directly 4 infringed the '331 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by, itself and/or 5 through its agents, unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, offering to 6 sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette products embodying one or more of the 7 inventions claimed in the '331 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 8 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined 9 by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette products that directly infringe the 10 '331 Patent include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Rechargeable Electronic Cigarettes as found in the LOGIC Power Series Starter Kit, (2) LOGIC Refill 11 12 Cartomizers, including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label 13 Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; 14 (3) LOGIC Power Series Batteries; (4) LOGIC Disposable Electronic Cigarettes, 15 including LOGIC Black Label Disposable, LOGIC Platinum Label Disposable, 16 LOGIC Gold Label Disposable, and LOGIC Zero Label Disposable; (5) LOGIC OnePack Disposable Electronic Cigarettes; and (6) LOGIC "The Cuban" ECigar. 17 Such products infringe at least claims 1 and 2 of the '331 Patent. 18 19 29. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has contributed 20 to the infringement of the '331 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) by, 21 itself and/or through its agents, contributing to the direct infringement of the '331 22 Patent by its customers by unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, 23 offering to sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette components having no 24 substantially non-infringing use, which, when purchased and/or used by its 25 (FFMx) (C.D. Cal.), which is consolidated for purposes of discovery with Case Nos. CV 12-05455 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05456 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05462 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05466 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05468 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05472 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05477 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05482 GAF (FFMx), and CV 26 27

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1 customers, result in direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the inventions claimed in the '331 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 2 3 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined 4 by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette components that have no substantial 5 noninfringing uses and that contribute to the direct infringement of the '331 Patent include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Refill Cartomizers ("LOGIC E-Cig 6 7 Cartomizers"), including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label 8 Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; 9 and (2) LOGIC Power Series Batteries ("LOGIC E-Cig Batteries"). The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Having knowledge of the 10 30. '331 Patent, Defendant has been aware that its LOGIC E-Cig Cartomizers and 11 12 LOGIC E-Cig Batteries, when purchased and/or used by its customers, result in 13 direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the inventions claimed in the 14 '331 Patent. Defendant states on its website that to use LOGIC's electronic 15 cigarettes, a user should "remove the battery and cartridge from [the] packaging, 16 remove two plastic end caps on each end of the small cartridge, and twist the small cartridge onto the battery."¹² Further, each 5-Pack of LOGIC Refill Cartomizer is 17 "equivalent to a carton of cigarettes and offer[s] consumers a large savings and a 18 smarter way to smoke."¹³ The website also states that "[o]nce you charge [the 19 20 battery] 200+ times, you will need to purchase a new battery...directly on the Website."¹⁴ Moreover, Defendant's website states that the LOGIC E-Cig Batteries 21 "can be used with only the Power Series Line of cartomizers (Black Label, 22 Platinum, Gold and Zero)."¹⁵ As such, Defendant knows that its LOGIC E-Cig 23 24 25

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See, e.g., https://store.logicecig.com/faqs/#rechargeable ("Will my power
series last forever or will I need to get more?") (last visited March 5, 2014).
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Cartomizers and LOGIC E-Cig Batteries that are sold separately from its Power
 Series Starter Kit have no substantial non-infringing uses other than to provide
 users with the ability to assemble and use an electronic cigarette that infringes at
 least at least claims 1 and 2 of the '331 Patent, and therefore that they are especially
 made or adapted for use in infringement of the '331 Patent.

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31. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts of Defendant, the Plaintiffs have suffered, and are entitled to, monetary damages in an amount not yet determined. The Plaintiffs are also entitled to their costs of suit and interest.

9 32. Defendant's continuing infringement has inflicted and, unless
restrained by this court, will continue to inflict great and irreparable harm upon the
Plaintiffs. The Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. The Plaintiffs are
entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctions enjoining Defendant from
engaging in further acts of infringement.

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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,490,628)

33. The Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-8 above.

34. Fontem Holdings is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in
and to United States Patent No. 8,490,628 ("the '628 Patent") and Fontem Ventures
is the exclusive licensee of the '628 Patent. The '628 Patent was duly and legally
issued by the United States Patent Office on July 23, 2013 and is valid, subsisting,
and in full force and effect. A copy of the '628 Patent is attached to the Complaint
as Exhibit D.

35. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has had
knowledge of the '628 Patent, and of the Plaintiffs' rights therein, at least as of
February 13, 2014. On that date, a Joint Status Report containing an assignment
document identifying Plaintiff Fontem Holdings as the owner of the '628 Patent

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was filed in a related case.¹⁶ The Joint Status Report was reviewed and signed by 1 2 Defendant's counsel. Defendant shall have additional knowledge of the '628 Patent 3 as of the date of service for the present Complaint.

4 36 The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has directly infringed the '628 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by, itself and/or 5 through its agents, unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, offering to 6 7 sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette products embodying one or more of the 8 inventions claimed in the '628 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 9 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette products that directly infringe the 10 '628 Patent include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Rechargeable Electronic 11 12 Cigarettes as found in the LOGIC Power Series Starter Kit, (2) LOGIC Refill 13 Cartomizers, including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label 14 Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; 15 (3) LOGIC Power Series Batteries; (4) LOGIC Disposable Electronic Cigarettes, 16 including LOGIC Black Label Disposable, LOGIC Platinum Label Disposable, 17 LOGIC Gold Label Disposable, and LOGIC Zero Label Disposable; (5) LOGIC OnePack Disposable Electronic Cigarettes; and (6) LOGIC "The Cuban" ECigar. 18 19 Such products infringe at least claims 1, 7, and 8 of the '628 Patent. 20 37. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Defendant has contributed to the infringement of the '628 Patent in violation of at least 35 U.S.C. § 271(c) by, 21 22 itself and/or through its agents, contributing to the direct infringement of the '628 23 Patent by its customers by unlawfully and wrongfully making, using, importing, 24 ¹⁶See Joint Status Report filed February 13, 2014 (Dkt. No. 63, Exh. A) in *Ruyan Investment Holdings Limited v. Sottera, Inc.*, Case No. CV 12-05454 GAF (FFMx) (C.D. Cal.), which is consolidated for purposes of discovery with Case Nos. CV 12-05455 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05456 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05462 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05466 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05468 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05472 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05477 GAF (FFMx), CV 12-05482 GAF (FFMx), and CV 25

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1 offering to sell, and/or selling electronic cigarette components having no substantially non-infringing use, which, when purchased and/or used by its 2 3 customers, result in direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the 4 inventions claimed in the '628 Patent, within and/or from the United States without 5 permission or license from the Plaintiffs, and will continue to do so unless enjoined by this Court. Examples of electronic cigarette components that have no substantial 6 7 noninfringing uses and that contribute to the direct infringement of the '628 Patent 8 include, but are not limited to, (1) LOGIC Refill Cartomizers ("LOGIC E-Cig 9 Cartomizers"), including LOGIC Black Label Cartomizers, LOGIC Platinum Label 10 Cartomizers, LOGIC Gold Label Cartomizers, and LOGIC Zero Label Cartomizers; and (2) LOGIC Power Series Batteries ("LOGIC E-Cig Batteries"). 11

12 38. The Plaintiffs are informed and believe that: Having knowledge of the '628 Patent, Defendant has been aware that its LOGIC E-Cig Cartomizers and 13 14 LOGIC E-Cig Batteries, when purchased and/or used by its customers, result in 15 direct infringement of one or more embodiments of the inventions claimed in the 16 '628 Patent. Defendant states on its website that to use LOGIC's electronic 17 cigarettes, a user should "remove the battery and cartridge from [the] packaging, 18 remove two plastic end caps on each end of the small cartridge, and twist the small cartridge onto the battery."¹⁷ Further, each 5-Pack of LOGIC Refill Cartomizer is 19 20 "equivalent to a carton of cigarettes and offer[s] consumers a large savings and a smarter way to smoke."¹⁸ The website also states that "[o]nce you charge [the 21 22 battery] 200+ times, you will need to purchase a new battery...directly on the Website."¹⁹ Moreover, Defendant's website states that the LOGIC E-Cig Batteries 23 24 "can be used with only the Power Series Line of cartomizers (Black Label,

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Platinum, Gold and Zero).²⁰ As such, Defendant knows that its LOGIC E-Cig
 Cartomizers and LOGIC E-Cig Batteries that are sold separately from its Power
 Series Starter Kit have no substantial non-infringing uses other than to provide
 users with the ability to assemble and use an electronic cigarette that infringes at
 least claims 1, 7, and 8 of the '628 Patent, and therefore that they are especially
 made or adapted for use in infringement of the '628 Patent.

39. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts of Defendant, the
Plaintiffs have suffered, and are entitled to, monetary damages in an amount not yet
determined. The Plaintiffs are also entitled to their costs of suit and interest.

40. Defendant's continuing infringement has inflicted and, unless
restrained by this court, will continue to inflict great and irreparable harm upon the
Plaintiffs. The Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. The Plaintiffs are
entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctions enjoining Defendant from
engaging in further acts of infringement.

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	PRAYER FOR RELIEF		
2	The Plaintiffs request entry of judgment that:		
3	A. The '742 Patent, the '957 Patent, the '331 Patent, and the '628 Patent		
4	are valid and enforceable;		
5	B. Defendant is liable for infringement of the '742 Patent, the '957 Patent,		
6	the '331 Patent, and the '628 Patent under at least the provisions of 35 U.S.C.		
7	§ 271(a) and/or (c);		
8	C. Defendant and all affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, employees, agents,		
9	representatives, licensees, successors, assigns, and all those acting in concert with,		
0	or for or on behalf of Defendant, shall be enjoined from infringing the '742 Patent,		
1	the '957 Patent, the '331 Patent, and the '628 Patent;		
2	D. Defendant shall pay damages to the Plaintiffs resulting from		
3	Defendant's patent infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;		
4	E. The Plaintiffs be entitled to prejudgment interest and post-judgment		
5	interest on the damages; and		
6	F. The Plaintiffs be awarded such other and further relief, in law or in		
7	equity, as the Court deems just, equitable or appropriate.		
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9	DATED: March 5, 2014 Respectfully submitted,		
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1	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL		
2	Plaintiffs Fontem Ventures and Fontem Holdings hereby demand a trial by		
3	jury of all issues triable by a jury.		
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