

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

CIAN IP LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

PICKERING INTERFACES LTD. and  
PICKERING INTERFACES INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 3:11-cv-3354

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

This is an action for patent infringement in which Plaintiff Cian IP LLC (“Cian IP”) makes the following allegations against Defendants Pickering Interfaces Ltd. and Pickering Interfaces Inc. (collectively, “Pickering”).

**BACKGROUND**

1. Cian IP is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 5,659,680 (“the ’680 Patent”) entitled “PC Compatible Modular Based Diagnostic System.”
2. This is a patent infringement action alleging that Pickering has infringed and continues to infringe the ’680 Patent without a license.
3. Cian IP seeks monetary damages of no less than a reasonable royalty pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284. Cian IP also seeks injunctive relief to prevent further infringement of the ’680 Patent.

**PARTIES**

4. Plaintiff Cian IP LLC is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business at 3301 W. Marshall Avenue, Suite 303, Longview, Texas 75604.

5. On information and belief, Defendant Pickering Interfaces Ltd. is a company organized under the laws of the United Kingdom with its company headquarters and principal place of business at Stephenson Road, Gorse Lane Industrial Estate, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 4NL and its registered address at 335 City Road, London, EC1V 1LG. Pickering Interfaces Ltd. may be served via the Hague Convention.

6. On information and belief, Defendant Pickering Interfaces Inc. is an Oregon corporation with its corporate headquarters and principal place of business at 2900 NW Vine Street, Suite D, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526. Pickering Interfaces Inc. may be served via its registered agent for service of process, Michael Lynch, 221 Stewart Avenue #301, Medford, Oregon 97501.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Pickering. Pickering has conducted and does conduct business within the State of Texas. Pickering, directly and/or through intermediaries (including other Pickering entities, subsidiaries, distributors, sales agents, and others), ships, distributes, offers for sale, sells, and/or advertises its products (including, but not limited to, the products that are accused of infringement in this lawsuit) in the United States, the State of Texas, and the Northern District of Texas. Pickering (directly and/or through intermediaries, including other Pickering entities, subsidiaries, distributors, sales agents, and others) has purposefully and voluntarily placed one or more of its products (including, but not limited to, the products that are accused of infringement in this lawsuit), as described below in Count 1, into the stream of commerce with the expectation that they will be purchased by

customers in the Northern District of Texas. These infringing products have been and continue to be purchased by customers in the Northern District of Texas. Pickering has committed the tort of patent infringement within the State of Texas, and, more particularly, within the Northern District of Texas as alleged in more detail below.

9. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and 1400(b).

### **COUNT I**

#### **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,659,680**

10. Cian IP refers to and incorporates herein the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 9 above.

11. United States Patent No. 5,659,680 (“the ’680 Patent”), entitled “PC Compatible Modular Based Diagnostic System,” was duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 19, 1997 after a full and fair examination. A true and correct copy of the ’680 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

12. Cian IP is the sole assignee of the ’680 Patent and has the exclusive right to sue for infringement and recover damages.

13. Pickering has infringed and continues to infringe the ’680 Patent by making, using, offering to sell, selling (directly or through intermediaries or authorized agents under Pickering’s control), and/or importing, in this judicial district and elsewhere in the United States, certain PC based modular test systems that use and embody the patented inventions claimed in the ’680 Patent. The infringing PC based modular test systems include, without limitation, systems sold under the following product family names: Pickering PXI Chassis products and Pickering LXI Chassis products. Upon information and belief, Pickering’s infringing systems may be made, used, sold, offered for sale, and/or imported under other product names, product

family names, and/or model numbers. Pickering is thus liable for direct infringement of the '680 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271(a).

14. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §284, Cian IP is entitled to recover from Pickering the damages sustained by Cian IP as a result of Pickering's wrongful acts in an amount subject to proof at trial, no less than a reasonable royalty.

15. Pickering's infringement of the '680 Patent will continue to damage Cian IP, causing irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, unless Pickering is enjoined by this Court.

**JURY DEMAND**

16. Cian IP hereby requests a trial by jury pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

17. Plaintiff Cian IP LLC respectfully requests this Court to enter judgment in its favor against Pickering, granting the following relief:

- A. An adjudication that Pickering has infringed and continues to infringe the '680 Patent;
- B. An award to Cian IP of damages adequate to compensate it for Pickering's acts of infringement, no less than a reasonable royalty, together with prejudgment interest;
- C. An award of Cian IP's costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 due to the exceptional nature of this case, or as otherwise permitted by law;
- D. A grant of permanent injunction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283, enjoining Pickering from further acts of infringement; and

E. Any further relief that this Court deems just and proper.

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