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## New Line, Others Sued Over Video Indexing Patent

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Law360, New York (March 11, 2010) -- InMotion Imagery Technologies LLC has accused nearly a dozen film companies — including Buena Vista Home Entertainment Inc., New Line Home Entertainment Inc. and The Weinstein Co. — of infringing a patent for video indexing technology.

Marshall, Texas-based InMotion filed a complaint Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, seeking damages it allegedly suffered due to infringement by the defendants.

According to the complaint, the defendants' video indexing programs and services infringe U.S. Patent Number 6,526,219, which was issued in 2003 and covers a picture-based indexing system.

The patent describes a method for using thumbnail images that are representative of recorded programming to assist viewers in determining the content of a video without having to view the program itself. The cataloging aide is especially handy in vast video libraries, according to InMotion.

Warner Bros. Home Entertainment, Anchor Bay Entertainment LLC, Penthouse Digital Media Productions Inc., Magnolia Pictures LLC, Vivid Entertainment Group, PHE Inc., Bang Productions, Inc. and DNA Movies LLC are also named as defendants in the suit.

The plaintiff has asked the court for an injunction enjoining the defendants from using or selling any system that infringes the patent, as well as damages for infringement.

InMotion is also seeking treble damages and a judgment that "one or more of the defendants' acts of infringement be found to be willful."

Attorneys for InMotion and representatives for the defendants could not immediately be reached for comment.

The patent-in-suit is U.S. Patent Number 6,526,219.

InMotion is represented by Ward & Olivo, Heninger Garrison Davis LLC and the Davis Firm PC.

Counsel information for the defendants was not immediately available.

The case is InMotion Imagery Technologies LLC v. Penthouse Digital Media Productions Inc. et al., case number 2:10-cv-00084, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

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