

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**RPOST HOLDINGS, INC., RPOST  
COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED, and  
RMAIL LIMITED,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, and  
ECHOSIGN, INC.,**

Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION NO.**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**ORIGINAL COMPLAINT**

In this Complaint against Defendants Adobe Systems Incorporated and Echosign, Inc., Plaintiffs RPost Holdings, Inc., RPost Communications Limited, and RMail Limited allege, based on their own knowledge with respect to their own actions and based on information and belief with respect to all other actions, as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This action for willful patent infringement arises under the Patent Laws of the United States, namely, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq.

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff RPost Communications Limited (“RPC”) is a corporation organized under the laws of the Nation of Bermuda. It is the owner of United States Patent No. 7,707,624 (“the ’624 patent”) entitled “System for, and Method of, Proving the Transmission, Receipt, and Content of a Reply to an Electronic Message.” RPC is also the owner of United States Patent No. 7,865,557 (“the ’557 patent”) entitled “System and Method for Verifying Delivery and

Integrity of Electronic Messages.” RPC is also the owner of United States Patent No. 7,966,372 (“the ’372 patent”) entitled “System and Method for Verifying Delivery and Integrity of Electronic Messages.” The ’624, ’557, and ’372 patents were duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 27, 2010; January 4, 2011; and June 21, 2011 respectively, after full and fair examination. The ’624, ’557, and ’372 patents are valid and enforceable. True and correct copies of the ’624, ’557, and ’372 patents are attached as Exhibits A, B, and C respectively.

3. Plaintiff RMail Limited (“RMail”) is a corporation organized under the laws of the Nation of Bermuda. It is the owner of United States Patent Nos. 6,182,219 (“the ’219 patent”) and 6,571,334 (“the ’334 patent”). The ’219 and ’334 patents, entitled “Apparatus and Method for Authenticating the Dispatch and Contents of Documents,” are generally directed to novel apparatuses and methods for authenticating that a sender has electronically transmitted certain information via a dispatcher to a recipient. The ’219 and ’334 patents were duly and legally issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 30, 2001 and May 27, 2003, respectively, after full and fair examination. The ’219 and ’334 patents are valid and enforceable. True and correct copies of the ’219 and ’334 patents are attached as Exhibits D and E respectively.

4. Plaintiff RPost Holdings, Inc. (“RPH”) is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware having a place of business at 555 Republic Drive #200 Plano, Texas 75074. It is an exclusive licensee, from RMail, of the ’219 and ’334 patents and an exclusive licensee from RPC of the ’624, ’557, and ’372 patents.

5. On information and belief, Defendant Echosign, Inc. is a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 635 High Street, Palo Alto, California 94301. Echosign

provides technologies that allow users to securely send, receive, and sign electronic documents, including but not limited to Echosign's online electronic signature service. Echosign has committed acts of infringement and other unlawful acts in this judicial district and does regular business in this judicial district, including providing the technologies accused of infringement in this judicial district.

6. On information and belief, Echosign is a nonresident of Texas who engages in business in this state, but does not maintain a regular place of business in this state or a designated agent for service of process in this state. On information and belief, Echosign resides in this jurisdiction within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). This proceeding arises, in part, out of business done in this state. Upon information and belief, Echosign has appointed Jason Lemkin, 635 High Street, Palo Alto, California 94301 as its agent for service of process.

7. On information and belief, Adobe Systems Incorporated is a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 345 Park Avenue, San Jose, California 95110-2740. On information and belief, Adobe acquired Echosign on or about July 18, 2011. Through its acquisition of Echosign, Adobe provides technologies that allow users to securely send, receive, and sign electronic documents, including but not limited to Echosign's online electronic signature service. Adobe has committed acts of infringement and other unlawful acts in this judicial district and does regular business in this judicial district, including providing the technologies accused of infringement in this judicial district.

8. On information and belief, Adobe is a nonresident of Texas who engages in business in this state, but does not maintain a regular place of business in this state or a designated agent for service of process in this state. On information and belief, Adobe resides in this jurisdiction within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b). This proceeding arises, in part, out

of business done in this state. Upon information and belief, Adobe has appointed Karen Cottle 345 Park Avenue, Mailstop A15-TAX, San Jose, California 95110 as its agent for service of process.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

9. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (federal question jurisdiction) and 1338(a) (patent infringement).

10. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(2), (c), (d) and/or 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendants conduct business in this district, the claims alleged in this Complaint arise in this district, and the acts of infringement have taken place and are continuing to take place in this district.

11. On information and belief, Defendants are subject to this Court's general and specific personal jurisdiction because Defendants have minimum contacts within the State of Texas and the Eastern District of Texas, including via the website [www.echosign.com](http://www.echosign.com), under due process and/or the Texas Long Arm Statute, Defendants have purposefully availed itself of the privileges of conducting business in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas; Defendants regularly conduct and solicit business within the State of Texas and within the Eastern District of Texas; and Plaintiffs' causes of action arise directly from Defendants' business contacts and other activities in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas.

12. More specifically, Defendants directly and/or through intermediaries make, offer for sale, sell, and/or advertise (including the provision of an interactive website) products and services in the United States, the State of Texas, and the Eastern District of Texas. On information and belief, Defendants have committed acts of infringement in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas. Defendants solicit customers in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas. On information and belief, Defendants have paying customers

who are residents of the State of Texas and the Eastern District of Texas and who use Defendants products and services in the State of Texas and in the Eastern District of Texas.

**COUNT I**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,182,219**

13. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth in this Count.

14. On information and belief, Defendants have been and now are infringing the '219 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by making, using, importing, selling and/or offering for sell products and services that authenticate that a sender has electronically transmitted certain information via a dispatcher to a recipient, including but not limited to Echosign's online electronic signature service. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the '219 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

15. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement of the '219 patent has been and/or is willful.

16. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the '219 patent, Plaintiffs have suffered monetary damages in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

17. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, representatives, affiliates, and all others acting on in active concert with Defendants from infringing the '219 patent, Plaintiffs will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

**COUNT II**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,571,334**

18. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth in this Count.

19. On information and belief, Defendants have been and now are infringing the '334 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by making, using, importing, selling and/or offering for sell products and services that authenticate that a sender has electronically transmitted certain information via a dispatcher to a recipient, including but not limited to Echosign's online electronic signature service. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the '334 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

20. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement of the '334 patent has been and/or is willful.

21. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the '334 patent, Plaintiffs have suffered monetary damages in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

22. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, representatives, affiliates, and all others acting on in active concert with Defendants from infringing the '334 patent, Plaintiffs will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

**COUNT III**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,707,624**

23. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth in this Count.

24. On information and belief, Defendants have been and now are infringing the '624 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by making, using, importing, selling and/or offering for sell products and services that prove the transmission, receipt, and content of a reply to an electronic message, including but not limited to Echosign's online electronic signature service. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the '624 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

25. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement of the '624 patent has been and/or is willful.

26. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the '624 patent, Plaintiffs have suffered monetary damages in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

27. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, representatives, affiliates, and all others acting on in active concert with Defendants from infringing the '624 patent, Plaintiffs will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

**COUNT IV**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,865,557**

28. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth in this Count.

29. On information and belief, Defendants have been and now are infringing the '557 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by making, using, importing, selling and/or offering for sell products and services that authenticate that a sender has electronically transmitted certain information via a dispatcher to a recipient, including but not limited to Echosign's online electronic signature service. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the '557 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

30. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement of the '557 patent has been and/or is willful.

31. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the '557 patent, Plaintiffs have suffered monetary damages in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

32. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, representatives, affiliates, and all others acting on in active concert with Defendants from infringing the '557 patent, Plaintiffs will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

**COUNT V**  
**INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,966,372**

33. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth in this Count.

34. On information and belief, Defendants have been and now are infringing the '372 patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States by making, using, importing, selling and/or offering for sell products and services that authenticate that a sender has electronically transmitted certain information via a dispatcher to a recipient, including but not limited to Echosign's online electronic signature service. Defendants are thus liable for infringement of the '372 patent under 35 U.S.C. § 271.

35. On information and belief, Defendants' infringement of the '372 patent has been and/or is willful.

36. As a result of Defendants' infringement of the '372 patent, Plaintiffs have suffered monetary damages in an amount not yet determined, and will continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendants' infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

37. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, representatives, affiliates, and all others acting on in active concert with Defendants from infringing the '372 patent, Plaintiffs will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter:

1. A judgment in favor of Plaintiffs that Defendants have infringed the '219, '334, '624, '557, and '372 patents, and that such infringement has been and is willful;
2. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants and their officers, directors, agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert with Defendants from infringing the '219, '334, '624, '557, and '372 patents;
3. A judgment and order requiring Defendants to pay Plaintiffs its damages, costs, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for Defendants' infringement of the '219, '334, '624, '557, and '372 patents as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
4. An award to Plaintiffs for enhanced damages resulting from the knowing, deliberate, and willful nature of Defendants' prohibited conduct with notice being made at least as early as the date of the filing of this Complaint, as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
5. A judgment and order finding that this is an exceptional case within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding to Plaintiffs its reasonable attorneys' fees; and
6. Any and all other relief that the Court or the jury may deem proper and just.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs, RPost Holdings, Inc., RPost Communications Limited, and RMail Limited under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, request a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF FILING**

I certify that on July 18, 2011, I electronically filed the foregoing Original Complaint with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system.

/s/ Winston O. Huff