UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN TONER SUPPLY CONTAINERS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF (I)

Inv. No. 337-TA-1259

NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION

Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on March 8, 2021, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Canon Inc. of Japan; Canon U.S.A., Inc. of Melville, New York; and Canon Virginia, Inc. of Newport News, Virginia. A supplement was filed on March 26, 2021. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain toner supply containers and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,209,667 ("the '667 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,289,060 ("the '060 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,289,061 ("the '061 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,295,957 ("the '957 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,488,814 ("the '814 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,496,032 ("the '032 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,496,033 ("the '033 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,514,654 ("the '654 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,520,881 ("the '881 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,520,882 ("the '882 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 8,565,649 ("the '649 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 9,354,551 ("the '551 patent"); and U.S. Patent No. 9,753,402 ("the '402 patent"). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order, or in the alternative a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000.

General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at https://www.usitc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10 (2020).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on April 7, 2021, ORDERED THAT –

- (1) Pursuant to section 210.10(a)(6) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10(a)(6), two separate investigations be instituted based on the complaint to further efficient adjudication, one of which is instituted by this notice of investigation.
- (2) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (3) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1, 3, 6-8, and 11 of the '667 patent; claims 1, 2, and 6-8 of the '060 patent; claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11 of the '061 patent; claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9 and 12 of the '957 patent; claims 1, 4, 7-9, and 12 of the '814 patent; claims 1, 4, 7-9, 12, 50, 53, 56-58, and 61 of the '032 patent; claims 1, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 18, 21-23, and 26 of the '033 patent; claims 1, 3-5, 46, and 48-50 of the '654 patent; claims 1, 5, 8-10, and 13 of the '881 patent; and claims 1 and 6-8 of the '882 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;
- (3) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is "certain toner supply containers and components thereof that are sold as replacements for Canon toner supply containers used in Canon copy machines";
- (4) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:
 - (a) The complainants are:

Canon Inc. 30-2, Shimomaruko 3-chome Ohta-ku, Tokyo 146-8501, Japan

Canon U.S.A., Inc. One Canon Park Melville, New York 11747

Canon Virginia, Inc. 12000 Canon Boulevard Newport News, Virginia 23606

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Ninestar Corporation No. 3883, Zhuhai Avenue Xiangzhou District Zhuhai Guangdong, China 519060

Ninestar Image Tech Limited No. 3883, Zhuhai Avenue Xiangzhou District Zhuhai Guangdong, China 519060

Ninestar Technology Company, Ltd. 13875 Ramona Avenue Chino, California 91710

Static Control Components, Inc. 3010 Lee Avenue Sanford, North Carolina 27332-6210

General Plastic Industrial Co. Ltd. No. 50, Tzu-Chiang Road Wu-Chi Dist. Taichung, Taiwan 43547

Katun Corporation 10951 Bush Lake Road Minneapolis, Minnesota 55438-2391

Sichuan XingDian Technology Co., Ltd. 23B/24A, East Building, New Century Computer Mall Wuhou District Chengdu Sichuan, China 610041 Sichuan Wiztoner Technology Co., Ltd. No.2666, 4th Section of Konggang Road, Southwest Airlines Economic Development Zone Chengdu Sichuan, China 610200

Anhuiyatengshangmaoyouxiangongsi Xiaokoucun Haitouzhen Ganyuqu, China 222002

ChengDuXiangChangNanShiYouSheBeiYouXianGongSi ShaWanLu63Hao1Dong2DanYuan5Lou1HaoFu7Hao JinNiuQu ChengDuShi SiChuanSheng, China 610000

Copier Repair Specialists, Inc. P.O. Box. 127 Lewisville, Texas 75067-0127

Digital Marketing Corporation d/b/a Digital Buyer Marketing Company 155 W. Washington Blvd.
Suite 306
Los Angeles, California 90015

Do It Wiser LLC d/b/a Image Toner 3422 Old Capitol Trail, #747 Wilmington, Delaware 19808

Easy Group, LLC 4981 Irwindale Ave. Suite 200 Irwindale, California 91706

Hefeierlandianzishangwuyouxiangongsi Xuefushequhuanchengdongluyiduan193 195ha Piduqutuanjiezhen Chengdushi, China 610000

Ink Technologies Printer Supplies, LLC 7600 McEwen Road Dayton, Ohio 45459

Kuhlmann Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Precision Roller 2102 W. Quail Avenue, Suite 1 Phoenix, Arizona 85027

LD Products, Inc. 3700 Cover Street Long Beach, California 90808

NAR Cartridges 1011 Capuchino Ave. Burlingame, California 94010-3649

Shenzhenshi Keluodeng Kejiyouxiangognsi Yangguanghuayuan 6dong601 Bujijiedao, Longgangqu Shenzhen Guangdong, China 518112

Sun Data Supply, Inc. 3250 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1620 Los Angeles, California 90010

The Supplies Guys, Inc. 590 Centerville Road #388 Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601

MITOCOLOR INC. 18351 Colima Road, Suite A #2810 Rowland Heights, California 91748

Xianshi yanliangqu canqiubaihuodianshanghang Yanliangqu XinhualujiedaobanbeizhushichangX-572 Xianshi Shanxisheng, China 710089

Zhuhai Henyun Image Co., Ltd. No. 76, Nanping Technology Industrial Park Xiangzhou District Zhuhai, China 519000

Zinyaw LLC d/b/a TonerPirate.com and Supply District 1321 Upland Drive #1359 Houston, Texas 77043

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436; and

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 Fed. Reg. 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainants of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondents, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondents.

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton

Secretary to the Commission

Issued: April 7, 2021