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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

KINEKT DESIGN, LLC, : CIVIL CASE NO.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff,

Vs.

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ONE MOMENT IN TIME, LLC,
MORMON GIFT SHOP,
LATTER DAY PRODUCTS, LLC d/b/a

LATTER DAY PRODUCTS, LDS PRODUCTS:

and LDS BOOKSTORE,
CTR RING SHOP,

CTR RING SALES,

MORONI BOOKS AND GIFTS a/k/a :
MORONIBOOKS, BOOKS AND THINGS, :
KENNETH HALTERMAN a/k/a K. ROCKY :

HALTERMAN, MICHAEL LAMB, BRANDON YOUNG,

NORMA MILLER,

BRYCE MORTIMER and LYLE MORTIMER,

Defendants.

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COMPLAINT FOR PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff, Kinekt Design, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability corporation, by and through its attorney, by way of

Verified Complaint against the Defendants, One Moment In Time, LLC, Mormon Gift Shop, Latter Day Products, LLC d/b/a LDS Products and LDS Bookstore, CTR Ring Shop, CTR Ring Sales, Moroni Books and Gifts a/k/a Moronibooks, Books and Things, Kenneth Halterman a/k/a K. Rocky Halterman, Michael Lamb, Brandon Young, Norma Miller, Bryce Mortimer and Lyle Mortimer, says as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This is an action for patent, trademark and copyright infringement, injunctive relief and damages pursuant to 15 <u>U.S.C.</u> §1114, 15 <u>U.S.C.</u> §1125, 35 <u>U.S.C.</u> §271, et seq. and 17 <u>U.S.C.</u> 501, et seq. Subject matter jurisdiction is therefore conferred upon this Court pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 28 U.S.C. §1338.
- 2. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because Defendants direct their business activities towards, and conduct business with, consumers within this judicial district through fully interactive, commercial Internet websites, and the products that are the subject of this action were, and continue to be, sold to consumers in the State of New Jersey.
- 3. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 <u>U.S.C.</u> §1391, as a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this district, Defendants have sold, and

continue to sell, products that infringe upon Plaintiff's patent and trademark within this district, Defendants conduct infringing activities and cause harm within this district and the property that is the subject of this action, the patent, the trademark and the copyright, are situated in this district.

THE PATENT, TRADEMARK AND COPYRIGHT

- 4. On June 7, 2011, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued United States Patent No. D639,199 (hereinafter referred to as the "Patent") to Glen Liberman and Ben Hopson for the design of an ornamental gear ring (hereinafter referred to as the "Gear Ring®"). Mr. Hopson assigned all right, title and interest to the Patent to Kinekt Design, LLC. A photographic exemplar of the Gear Ring® is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and the Patent is attached hereto as "Exhibit B."
- 5. Plaintiff has placed a notice of said Patent on marketing and other informational material related to the Gear Ring®.
- 6. Plaintiff has an additional utility patent pending for the Gear Ring® (Rotational education entertainment and therapeutic device), which has received notice of publication of application from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 7. On June 12, 2011, the United States Patent and Trademark Office duly and legally issued trademark Registration

Number 4157820 to Kinekt Design, LLC for the Gear Ring® (hereinafter referred to as the "Trademark"). On May 1, 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office also duly and legally issued trademark Registration Number 4134362 to Kinekt Design, LLC for "Kinekt®". "Kinekt" has also been submitted for Customs and Border Patrol protection under CBP Recordation Number TMK 12-00693.

- 8. Plaintiff has also submitted the Gear Ring® registered trademark to the United States Customs and Border Protection ("CBP"), Intellectual Property Rights Branch, and was assigned CBP Recordation Number TMK-12-00687 effective July 6, 2012, as well as submitted the Gear Ring® mark and the Kinekt® mark pursuant to the WIPO Madrid Protocol.
- 9. On August 31, 2012, Plaintiff obtained a registered copyright, Registration Number TX0007566733, through the United States Copyright Office of all the content contained on Kinektdesign.com, which includes images of the Gear Ring® (hereinafter referred to as the "Copyright").
- 10. Plaintiff has followed each and every legal avenue available to it to protect its intellectual property rights.

THE PARTIES

11. Plaintiff, Kinekt Design, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Kinekt" or the "Plaintiff") is a limited liability company of the State of New Jersey with its principal place of business

located at 184 South Livingston Avenue, Suite 9-239, Livingston, New Jersey 07039.

- 12. Defendant, One Moment In Time, LLC, is manufacturer and distributor of LDS (latter day saint) gifts, jewelry and other products, including CTR rings. A CTR ring is a symbol of the Mormon faith which stands for "Choose the Right." Defendant One Moment In Time acts as a wholesaler of these CTR rings and either manufactures them and/or purchases them in bulk, then sells and distributes them to various other companies and entities. One of the products offered for sale by Defendant One Moment In Time is a CTR "gear ring" identical to Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, the only difference being the inscription "CTR" on the ring.
- 13. Defendant, Mormon Gift Shop, is owned by, and affiliated with, Defendant One Moment in Time. Defendant One Moment in Time/Defendant Mormon Gift Shop owns and operates the websites known as Mormongifts.com and Mormongiftshop.com.
- 14. Defendant Kenneth Halterman a/k/a K. Rocky Halterman, is the Manager and Registered Agent of Defendant One Moment In Time. However, Defendant Michael Lamb is listed as the contact person for Defendant One Moment in Time and Defendant Mormon Gift Shop.
- 15. Defendant, Latter Day Products, LLC d/b/a Latter Day Products, LDS Products and LDS Bookstore, operates and manages

websites selling CTR rings and LDS gifts and jewelry, including LatterDayProducts.com, LDSBookstore.com, CTRRingShop.com and LDSJewelry.com, among others. Defendant Latter Day Products markets itself as a provider of "One Moment in Time" brand jewelry, and offers One Moment In Time CTR "gear rings" for sale on its various websites which are identical to Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and which have been purchased or otherwise acquired from Defendant One Moment In Time.

- 16. Defendant Brandon Young is the owner of Defendant Latter Day Products and its websites.
- 17. Defendant, CTR Ring Sales, is another provider of One Moment In Time CTR rings, and owns and operates the website known as CTRRingSales.com. Defendant CTR Ring Sales offers CTR "gear rings" for sale on its website which are identical to Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and which have been purchased or otherwise acquired from Defendant One Moment In Time.
- 18. Defendant, Michael Lamb, is the owner and/or operator of Defendant CTR Ring Sales.
- 19. Defendant Moroni Books and Gifts a/k/a Moronibooks, likewise provides One Moment in Time CTR rings, and owns and operates the website known as Moronibooks.com. Defendant Moroni Books and Gifts offers CTR "gear rings" for sale on its website which are identical to Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and

which have been purchased or otherwise acquired from Defendant One Moment In Time.

- 20. Defendant, Norma Miller, is the owner and/or operator of Defendant Moroni Books and Gifts.
- 21. Defendant Books and Things also provides One Moment in Time CTR rings, and owns and operates several websites including booksandthings.com, theldsbookstore.com and cedarfort.com, among others. Defendant Books and Gifts offers CTR "gear rings" for sale on its websites which are identical to Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and which have been purchased or otherwise acquired from Defendant One Moment In Time.
- 22. Defendants, Lyle Mortimer and Bryce Mortimer, are the owners and/or operators of Defendant Books and Things. Defendant, Lyle Mortimer, also hosts Defendant Norma Miller's website, known as moronibooks.com, along with many other websites.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

23. Plaintiff has expended a significant amount of time, money and other resources to develop, produce, advertise and otherwise promote the Gear Ring® and has taken any and all steps necessary to protect its rights and interests in and to the Gear Ring®, both in this country and internationally. Plaintiff has extensively marketed and promoted the Gear Ring® for many years and each and every Gear Ring® product, as well as all

promotional materials, advise of the fact that the Gear Ring is protected by the Patent and Trademark, and Plaintiff's website clearly indicates that all Gear Ring® images are protected by the Copyright.

- 24. Plaintiff is a small, start-up company seeking to grow its business based on its ingenuity in inventing the Gear Ring®, as well as its expenditure of significant resources to protect its invention, but has thus far, failed to reach its full business profit potential because of constant unlawful copying of Plaintiff's design and name, manufacturing of counterfeit products which duplicate Plaintiff's patented design, and sales of counterfeit products.
- 25. Plaintiff has been using the Gear Ring® mark in interstate commerce to identify and distinguish Plaintiff's product and the mark has never been assigned or licensed to any third party. Plaintiff prides itself on its use of high quality materials and attention to detail in the manufacture of the Gear Ring®, and because of its uniqueness and the superior quality of the materials used to construct the Gear Ring®, Plaintiff sells the Gear Ring® at a price of One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$165.00) per ring.
- 26. Unfortunately, other individuals and entities have discovered what a unique and interesting product the Gear Ring® is and how much of a demand there is for the product and have

decided to capitalize on Plaintiff's efforts in inventing and developing the Gear Ring®. In particular, there are several factories in China that have found a way to duplicate Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, using inferior materials and shoddy construction. These factories sell these counterfeit "gear ring" products on the Internet, oftentimes in batches, for one-tenth (1/10) the cost of a genuine Gear Ring®. The majority these sales take place through the websites Aliexpress.com and/or Alibaba.com, which are online marketplace e-commerce sites catering to predominantly Chinese or manufacturers. Third parties, in this case, the factories, post and advertise their products on Aliexpress or Alibaba, and the sales are processed by the operators Aliexpress or Alibaba and/or their payment processor, known as The orders are then fulfilled and the products Alipay. delivered by the third parties advertising the products.

27. Purchasers of these counterfeit "gear ring" products, which were manufactured by the Chinese factories and advertised on, and purchased from, Aliexpress and Alibaba, then re-sell the counterfeit products on United States-based online marketplace or e-commerce sites, such as eBay, Google, iOffer, Amazon, etc., or re-sell the counterfeit products directly to retailers, for less than half the price of a genuine Gear Ring®.

- 28. Because of the prevalence of infringement of Plaintiff's product and the resultant damage being suffered by Plaintiff, Plaintiff is vigilant in searching for unlawful copying of its product design and sales of these counterfeit products. Not only does Plaintiff conduct daily Internet searches to determine whether any websites are selling counterfeit gear ring jewelry, but it also utilizes the services of "secret shoppers" to make purchases from these websites, as well as shop various physical store locations in an effort to determine the source of the infringement.
- 29. Since the introduction of the Gear Ring®, Plaintiff has discovered numerous instances of infringement, many of which are large-scale wholesale/retail operations involving many parties, large numbers of counterfeit products and a significant amount of monetary and non-monetary damage. This is one of the larger infringement schemes uncovered by Plaintiff.
- 30. In early October 2012, Plaintiff discovered a "Spinning Gear CTR Ring" being offered for sale on the website known as CTRRingShop.com. The ring being offered for sale was an exact duplicate of Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and the image included in the advertisement was one of Plaintiff's copyrighted images. The only discernible difference between Plaintiff's patented product and the counterfeit product being offered for sale on CTRRingShop.com was the engraving of the

letters "CTR" on the ring. The ring brand was listed as "One Moment In Time," and the ring was being offered for sale for Thirty Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$34.95). In addition, the advertisement offered customers the option of selecting their appropriate size, which indicated that CTR Ring Shop had many different sizes, and therefore, rings, available for purchase. A copy of the screen print of this advertisement is attached hereto as "Exhibit C."

- 31. Plaintiff conducted a search of CTRRingShop.com, which revealed that the website was registered to Defendant Latter Day Products and the contact person was Defendant Brandon Young. A more detailed search revealed that Defendant Latter Day Products, LLC was also doing business as LDS Products and LDS Bookstore, and that it owned CTR Ring Shop, among many other websites. The registered agent for the company was Defendant Brandon Young.
- 32. Plaintiff then researched the brand "One Moment In Time" and determined that there was a company known as One Moment In Time, LLC, which was also doing business as and/or had an affiliate company known as Mormon Gift Shop. Defendant One Moment in Time and Defendant Mormon Gift Shop own and operate the websites known as Mormongiftshop.com and Mormongifts.com. The contact person for Defendant One Moment In Time was listed

as Defendant Michael Lamb, and the contact information listed for him was through the website known as Mormongifts.com.

- 33. A business entity search of Defendant One Moment in Time, LLC listed the Registered Agent and Manager as K. Rocky Halterman. A separate business entity search of Defendant One Moment In Time, LLC listed the Registered Agent as Defendant Kenneth L. Halterman.
- Moment In Time or Defendant Latter Day Products was advertising an "LDS Mens Spinning Gear CTR Ring for Boys" on the website known as Amazon.com. Again, this ring was an exact duplicate of Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and the image included in the advertisement was a copyrighted image from Plaintiff's website. Like the ring on CTRRingShop.com, this ring also contained the engraving of the letters "CTR" on the ring, but was otherwise identical to Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®. The ring was again being offered for sale for Thirty Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$34.95). A copy of the screen print of this advertisement is attached hereto as "Exhibit D."
- 35. Plaintiff subsequently discovered three (3) separate listings on Amazon.com offering the counterfeit products for sale. It appears that there was a separate advertisement for each size ring being offered. The advertisements were identical, except for the ring size, and the three (3) listing

identifications were ASIN B009M9M30K, ASIN B009M9M13E and ASIN B009M9LYEQ. The ring brand was listed as "One Moment In Time," however, it is unclear whether Defendant One Moment In Time or Defendant Latter Day Products was responsible for the advertisements.

- 36. Whichever Defendant was responsible for the Amazon.com advertisements also used a blog to syndicate and/or distribute their advertisements to Twitter.com, Pinterest.com and other websites, and direct traffic to the Amazon.com advertisements and their individual websites.
- And Ninety-Five Cents (\$34.95). This ring was also an exact duplicate of Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring® and was using a copyrighted image from Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring® and the only different between Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring® and the counterfeit ring being sold on CTRRingSales.com was the only of the letters "CTR" on the ring. The advertisement

also stated that the rings were available in sizes 8-13, indicating that CTR Ring Sales had numerous rings in many different sizes available for sale. A copy of the screen print of this advertisement is attached hereto as "Exhibit E." The advertisement on CTRRingSales.com was also "pinned" on Pinterest.com as a means of promoting the advertisement.

- 38. In late October 2012, Plaintiff discovered a "Top Gear-Stainless Steel-Ring" by One Moment In Time being offered for sale on the website known as Moronibooks.com. The ring being offered for sale was an exact duplicate of Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and the image included in the advertisement was the copyrighted image from Plaintiff's website. As with the other rings referenced above, the only discernible difference between Plaintiff's patented product and the counterfeit product being offered for sale on Moronibooks.com was the engraving of the letters "CTR" on the ring. The ring was being offered for sale for Thirty Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$34.95). A copy of the screen print of this advertisement is attached hereto as "Exhibit F."
- 39. A search of Moronibooks.com revealed that the website was owned by Defendant Moroni Books and Gifts, which was owned by Defendant Norma Miller.
- 40. At about the same time, Plaintiff noticed another website, known as Booksandthings.com, offering the same "Top

Gear-Stainless Steel-Ring" for sale for Thirty-Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$34.95). Again, the ring was an exact duplicate of Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and the image included in the advertisement was a copyrighted image from Plaintiff's website. This ring likewise contained the "CTR" engraving and, while the advertisement did not state that it was a "One Moment In Time brand" ring, the ring was in all respects identical to the One Moment In Time brand rings being offered for sale on the other websites. The advertisement stated that the ring was available in sizes eight (8) to thirteen (13). A copy of the screen print of this advertisement is attached hereto as "Exhibit G."

- 41. A search of Booksandthings.com revealed that the website was owned by Defendant Books & Things, which was owned by Defendants Lyle and Bryce Mortimer.
- 42. Further investigation revealed that Defendant Lyle Mortimer was also hosting Defendant Norma Miller's website.
- 43. As such, Defendant One Moment In Time appeared to be the "wholesale" distributor of counterfeit "gear ring" products and was supplying these counterfeit products to at least four (4) separate "retailers", all of which had many different websites offering the counterfeit gear ring products for sale.

 More specifically, CTRRingSales.com, CTRRingShop.com,

Moronibooks.com, Booksandthings.com and Amazon.com were all offering "One Moment In Time" brand "gear rings" for sale.

- 44. There appeared to be a significant number of counterfeit rings being manufactured and/or distributed by Defendant One Moment In Time since CTRRingShop.com, Amazon.com, CTRRingSales.com, Moronibooks.com and Booksandthings.com all had many rings available for purchase in all different sizes.
- 45. Upon encountering this infringement enterprise, as Plaintiff does in all such circumstances, Plaintiff instituted an infringement complaint with Amazon.com, Paypal.com and Pinterest.com. As a result of its infringement complaint, the advertisements were removed by these websites.
- 46. Also, on or about October 6, 2012, Plaintiff's attorney sent a letter to Defendants Kenneth Halterman, Brandon Young and Michael Lamb demanding that they immediately cease and desist their infringing activities, provide Plaintiff with an accounting of any and all sales of the counterfeit "gear rings", provide Plaintiff with all the "gear rings" in their possession, remove all postings advertising any "gear ring" products, confirm that they would never again market, advertise, offer for sale or otherwise commercially promote any "gear ring" products and provide Plaintiff with the name and contact information of the individual or entity from whom they were purchasing the counterfeit products.

- 47. Defendant Kenneth Halterman responded by stating that they got the idea to make a "gear ring" with the CTR logo from the website known as Aliexpress.com and thereafter "went ahead with the purchase and production making sizes 8-13 50 pc each." Mr. Halterman stated that he was then informed by Paypal that they were infringing upon Plaintiff's patent and, upon receiving this information, they recalled the rings from all their vendors and removed all advertisements. Mr. Halterman also claimed that no rings were ever sold, that all remaining rings had been destroyed and that CTRringshop.com, Mormon Giftshop, One Moment In Time and all affiliate websites had permanently removed the advertisements. Finally, Mr. Halterman advised that the rings had been purchased from Aliexpress.com.
- 48. Defendant Brandon Young provided a similar response, stating that all advertisements had been removed and no rings were ever sold. In addition, Mr. Young stated that the counterfeit rings had been purchased from Defendant One Moment In Time.
- 49. Defendant Michael Lamb never responded to the cease and desist letter.
- 50. On or about October 26, 2012, similar cease and desist letters were sent to Defendants Norma Miller, Lyle Mortimer and Bryce Mortimer. No response was ever received by any of those Defendants.

Defendant Halterman's claims that One Moment In Time had not sold any rings and that all advertisements had been removed are false. There are at least four (4) retailers that sell One Moment In Time brand counterfeit rings. These are the retailers that Plaintiff has proof of, and there is no telling how many other retailers One Moment In Time supplies and/or has supplied with the counterfeit gear rings. Each of these retailers operates one (1) or more websites, each of which offers the counterfeit gear rings for sale. addition, at least one of these retailers also advertise the counterfeit One Moment In Time gear rings on Amazon.com, as well as promote the counterfeit gear rings through a blog that then directs purchasers to the website where the rings are offered Many of the websites indicate that the rings went for sale. into circulation and were available for purchase as of September It is difficult to believe that with such a large 1, 2012. enterprise and hundreds of rings being advertised for sale, not one (1) single ring was ever sold. More importantly, one (1) of Plaintiff's secret shoppers actually purchased one of the counterfeit One Moment In Time "gear rings" from Amazon.com, so at least one ring was, in fact, sold. It seems apparent that this was not the only ring ever purchased, and in any case, evidences the fact that Defendant Halterman's claim that no rings were ever sold is false.

- 52. In addition, as of November 26, 2012, Booksandthings.com and Moronibooks.com were still offering the counterfeit One Moment In Time gear rings for sale.
- 53. Furthermore, as of November 26, 2012, the counterfeit One Moment in Time gear ring image is being hosted on the Ctrringshop.com website, which means that any potential customers can e-mail the website to purchase the ring, as opposed to simply clicking on the advertisement to purchase the ring.
- 54. Defendant Halterman's and Defendant Young's assurances that no rings had ever been sold, that all rings had been recalled and that all advertisements had been removed were simply not true. Upon information and belief, Defendants made these assurances in an effort to avoid providing Plaintiff with an accounting of all sales as requested in the cease and desist letter, and to prevent Plaintiff from taking further action.
- 55. Defendant One Moment In Time has therefore been infringing, and is continuing to infringe, upon Plaintiff's Patent by purchasing counterfeit "gear ring" products from China through Aliexpress.com, engraving them with the "CTR" mark and then re-selling them at wholesale to the other Defendants named in this suit, as well as other retailers.
- 56. The remaining Defendants, individually and/or collectively, have also been infringing, and are continuing to

infringe, upon Plaintiff's Patent by purchasing the counterfeit gear ring products from One Moment in Time at "wholesale" cost and then marketing, advertising, offering for sale, selling and distributing these counterfeit products through their websites and other various shopping or online marketplace websites to customers throughout the United States and in this judicial district. These counterfeit products are exact duplicates of Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®, and are being manufactured, advertised, marketed, sold and distributed without Plaintiff's authorization or consent.

- 57. The Defendants have also been infringing upon Plaintiff's Trademark by selling, offering for sale, distributing, marketing and/or advertising "gear ring" products using the registered "Gear Ring®" name.
- 58. Defendants have also been infringing upon Plaintiff's Copyright by selling, offering for sale, distributing, marketing and/or advertising "gear ring" products using copyrighted images taken from Plaintiff's website.
- 59. Defendants have engaged in these infringing activities willfully, intentionally and with knowledge of the existence of Plaintiff's Patent, Trademark and Copyright, and the fact that they were committing illegal acts.

- 60. Defendants have received written notice of their infringement, yet Defendants continue to sell the counterfeit "gear ring" products.
- 61. Defendants' infringement of the Patent is in violation of 35 <u>U.S.C.</u> §271, is willful and deliberate, and upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to infringe on said Patent and continue to cause Plaintiff immediate, continuing and irreparable harm unless permanently enjoined by this Court.
- 62. Defendants' infringement of the Trademark is in violation of 15 <u>U.S.C.</u> §1114, is willful and deliberate, and upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to infringe on said Trademark and continue to cause Plaintiff immediate, continuing and irreparable harm unless permanently enjoined by this Court.
- of the Copyright is in violation of 17 <u>U.S.C.</u> §501, is willful and deliberate, and upon information and belief, Defendants will continue to infringe on said Copyright and continue to cause Plaintiff immediate, continuing and irreparable harm unless permanently enjoined by this Court.
- 64. Plaintiff has suffered injury and damages that have been directly and proximately caused by Defendants' wrongful

sale, offer of sale, distribution, marketing and advertisement of goods that infringe upon Plaintiff's Patent and Trademark.

- 65. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
- 66. Plaintiff has retained undersigned counsel to represent it in this matter and is obligated to pay said counsel a reasonable fee for such representation.

COUNT I

Patent Infringement

- 67. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 66 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 68. Defendants have marketed, advertised, used, offered to sell and sold Plaintiff's patented invention within the United States during the term of the Patent without Plaintiff's authority or consent in violation of 35 U.S.C. §271.
- G9. Defendant One Moment In Time has purchased counterfeit "gear rings" from China, through the Aliexpress.com website, which are exact duplicates of Plaintiff's patented invention, and then re-sold these counterfeit products to various retailers for sale on their websites and elsewhere. Defendant One Moment In Time has been made aware of its infringement by written notice and despite maintaining that all products have been recalled and all advertisements removed, the counterfeit products have been sold and continue to be sold by the various

retailers. It is not clear whether Defendant One Moment in Time continues to purchase the counterfeit products from China and/or sell the counterfeit products to retailers.

- 70. The remaining Defendants have been made aware of their infringement by written notice, yet Defendants have infringed, and continue to infringe, upon Plaintiff's Patent by marketing, advertising, using, offering for sale and selling the counterfeit "gear ring" products, which are exact duplicates of Plaintiff's patented design, in the United States and in this judicial district.
- 71. Defendants' repeated and continuous violation of Plaintiff's Patent, despite notice of the infringement, is willful and intentional.
- 72. Defendants' unlawful actions have caused and are continuing to cause unquantifiable damages to Plaintiff.
- 73. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's Patent if the Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT II

Trademark Infringement

74. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 73 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.

- 75. Plaintiff's Trademark is a federally registered mark.
- 76. Defendants have used the name Gear Ring® to designate their products in connection with the sale, offer for sale, distribution, marketing and advertising of counterfeit goods for their own financial gain.
- 77. Plaintiff has not authorized Defendants' use of Plaintiff's Trademark.
- 78. Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's Trademark in connection with the sale, offer for sale, distribution, marketing and advertising of counterfeit goods constitutes Defendants' use of Plaintiff's registered trademark in commerce.
- 79. Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's Trademark is likely to cause and actually is causing confusion, mistake and deception among consumers and/or is causing consumers to believe that Defendants' counterfeit goods originate from Plaintiff or that Plaintiff has authorized, approved or otherwise associated itself with Defendants' counterfeit goods that bear Plaintiff's Trademark.
- 80. Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's Trademark has resulted in Defendants unfairly, illegally and improperly benefitting from Plaintiff's name and goodwill.
- 81. Defendants have therefore infringed Plaintiff's Trademark in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1114.

- 82. Defendants' repeated and continuous violation of Plaintiff's Trademark, despite notice of the infringement, is willful and intentional and therefore, this constitutes and exceptional case.
- 83. Defendants' unlawful actions have caused and are continuing to cause unquantifiable damages to Plaintiff.
- 84. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's Trademark if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT III

Copyright Infringement

- 85. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 84 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.
 - 86. Plaintiff's Copyright is a federally registered mark.
- 87. Defendants have taken a copyrighted image from Plaintiff's website and used it to advertise, market and promote their counterfeit products. Defendants have misappropriated this copyrighted content and interfered with Plaintiff's exclusive right to use the copyrighted content for its own commercial advantage and financial gain.
- 88. Plaintiff has not authorized or consented to Defendants' use of Plaintiff's Copyright.

- 89. Defendants have therefore infringed Plaintiff's Copyright in violation of 17 U.S.C. §501, et. seq.
- 90. Defendants' repeated and continuous violation of Plaintiff's Copyright, despite notice of the infringement, is willful and intentional.
- 91. Defendants' unlawful actions have caused and are continuing to cause unquantifiable damages to Plaintiff.
- 92. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to Defendants' infringement of Plaintiff's Copyright if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT IV

False Designation of Origin

- 93. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 92 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 94. Defendants' unauthorized use in interstate commerce of Plaintiff's Trademark constitutes infringement, as well as the use of false descriptions and representations and false designation of origin in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1125(a).
- 95. Defendants' use in commerce of such false designations of origin and false or misleading descriptions and representations is likely to cause confusion in consumers as to the connection of Defendants with Plaintiff and the origin of

Defendants' goods, and actually is causing such confusion among consumers.

- 96. Defendants' repeated and continuous sale of infringing and counterfeit goods, despite the fact that they have been notified of the infringement, is willful and intentional.
- 97. Defendants' unlawful actions have caused and are continuing to cause unquantifiable damages to Plaintiff.
- 98. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to the Defendants' false designation of origin and their false descriptions and representations if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT V

Deceptive Trade Practices

- 99. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 98 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 100. Defendants' use of the "Gear Ring®" name in connection with the sale, offer for sale, distribution, marketing and advertising of their infringing and counterfeit products is fraudulent, misleading and deceptive, and made with the intention that consumers rely on such misrepresentation and believe that the product being offered for sale is a true "Gear Ring®" product.

- 101. Defendants' use of the "Gear Ring®" name in connection with the sale, offer for sale, distribution, marketing and advertising of their infringing and counterfeit products constitutes fraud in connection with the sale or advertisement of goods in violation of N.J.S.A. 56:8-2.
- 102. Defendants' unlawful fraud and deception has caused and is continuing to cause unquantifiable damages to Plaintiff.
- 103. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to the Defendants' deceptive trade practices if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT VI

Unfair Competition

- 104. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 103 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 105. Defendants have engaged in fraudulent, misleading and unlawful conduct in attempting to pass off their counterfeit gear ring products as Plaintiff's products.
- 106. Defendants have committed these acts willfully and with conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights.
- 107. Defendants have therefore engaged in unfair competition in violation of the common law of the State of New Jersey.

- 108. Defendants' unlawful fraud and deception has caused and is continuing to cause unquantifiable damages to Plaintiff.
- 109. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to the Defendants' unfair competition if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT VII

Interference With Prospective Economic Advantage

- 110. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 109 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 111. Plaintiff has expended a significant amount of time, money and other resources in developing, patenting, trademarking, copyrighting, advertising and marketing the Gear Ring® and expects to gain a significant economic advantage from its efforts.
- 112. Defendants have interfered with this economic advantage by selling, offering to sell, distributing, marketing and advertising counterfeit gear ring products that have purchased from China.
- 113. Defendants' sale and advertising of counterfeit gear ring products and their interference with Plaintiff's prospective economic advantage has been done without justification or excuse.

- 114. If Defendants were not selling counterfeit gear ring products, all consumers wishing to purchase a Gear Ring® would do so from Plaintiff, the rightful and true owner of the Gear Ring® Patent and Trademark, and Plaintiff would thereby gain all these customers and an economic advantage.
- 115. As a result of Defendants' interference with Plaintiff's prospective economic advantage, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer unquantifiable damages.
- 116. Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to the Defendants' interference with prospective economic advantage if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined from such conduct.

COUNT VIII

Unjust Enrichment

- 117. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 116 above and incorporates them as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 118. Defendants profit from the sale, offer for sale, distribution, marketing and advertising of counterfeit gear ring products that are exact duplicates of Plaintiff's patented Gear Ring®.
- 119. Defendants therefore receive a benefit from the duplication and sale of Plaintiff's patented product, use of the

trademarked "Gear Ring®" name and misappropriation of Plaintiff's copyrighted images.

- 120. Defendants have been unjustly enriched by their sale of counterfeit products, use of the Gear Ring® name and use of Plaintiff's images, all to the detriment of Plaintiff.
- 121. It would be unjust for Defendants to retain this benefit and Defendants should not be permitted to reap the benefits of this wrongful conduct.
- 122. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer unquantifiable damages.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF ON ALL COUNTS

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief against Defendants as follows:

- a. Adjudging the Plaintiff's Patent, Trademark and Copyright to be valid and enforceable;
- b. Adjudging that the Defendants have infringed Plaintiff's Patent, Trademark and Copyright and engaged in the other wrongful conduct set forth above;
- c. Adjudging that Defendants' conduct was willful and intentional;
- d. That Defendants, and all persons or entities acting in concert or participation with Defendants, either directly or indirectly, be permanently enjoined from infringing, contributing to the infringement of, and/or inducing the

infringement of the Patent, Trademark and/or Copyright, in the United States or in any other country or jurisdiction, specifically from directly or indirectly manufacturing, making, using, marketing, distributing, selling or offering for sale in the United States or in any other country or jurisdiction, any product embodying the design of the Patent during the life of the Patent, regardless of the name being used for such product, without the express written authority of the Plaintiff and from using the name "Gear Ring" or any similar name, or any of Plaintiff's copyrighted images in connection with the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, marketing and/or advertising;

e. That Defendants, and all persons or entities acting in concert or participation with Defendants, either directly or indirectly, whether in the United States or any other country or jurisdiction, be required to immediately remove all uses of, references to, depictions of, offers for sale and advertising of the Gear Ring® product, regardless of the name by which it is called, and all uses of the Gear Ring® name or Plaintiff's copyrighted images, from any and all websites and/or URLs where such may appear including, but not limited to, Mormongifts.com, Mormongiftshop.com, eBay.com, Amazon.com, CTRRingShop.com, CTRRingSales.com, Moronibooks.com, iOffer.com, Google.com, Booksandthings.com, LDSJewelry.com and LDSProducts.com;

f. That any Internet service providers, merchant account providers, online marketplace and shopping search engines and websites, as well as third-party processors and search engines, including, but not limited to, Aliexpress.com, Alibaba.com, Amazon.com, Craigslist.com, eBay.com, Google.com and Yahoo.com, as well as any social media websites including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Digg, Reddit, Pinterest, Youtube and Myspace, must, upon request of Plaintiff, immediately remove any and all listings by Defendants and/or links to listings where counterfeit "gear ring" products and/or use of the Gear Ring® name are being used, offered for sale, marketed and/or advertised and that all such listings be de-indexed so that they no longer appear on any search and/or removed from any search results page; and that all such Internet service providers, merchant account providers, online marketplace and shopping search engines and websites, as well as third-party processors and search engines, must, upon request of Plaintiff, immediately remove any and all listings by future infringers and/or links to their sites where counterfeit "gear products and/or use of the Gear Ring® name are being used, offered for sale, marketed and/or advertised, upon proof by Plaintiff that the future infringer is using, offering for sale, marketing and/or advertising a product that is an exact

duplicate of Plaintiff's Gear Ring® and/or using the Gear Ring® name;

- g. That Defendants, individually, provide an accounting of all profits derived from their patent, trademark and/or copyright infringement and sales of gear ring jewelry, and that Defendants pay such profits to Plaintiff, along with actual damages suffered by Plaintiff, trebled;
- h. Alternatively, that Plaintiff be awarded damages in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00);
- i. That Defendants be prohibited from destroying, altering, removing, hiding or otherwise tampering with any books or records that contain any information relating to the importation, distribution, sale, marketing and/or advertising of all products that infringe on Plaintiff's Patent, Trademark and/or Copyright;
- j. That any third party providing payment and related services for Defendants' sale of infringing "gear ring" products, including merchant account providers, credit card companies, payment providers and/or third party payment processors including, but not limited to, Paypal and Alipay, as well as any other payment processor used by Defendants whose identity is discovered during the course of the proceedings in this matter, immediately cease rendering such services to Defendants for purchase or sales of gear ring products and

shall, upon receiving notice of an applicable Order, deliver to Plaintiff, or its representative, copies of all documents and records relating to Defendants' purchase or sale of "gear ring" products;

- k. That Defendants pay Plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1117(a);
 - 1. Adjudging that this case be deemed exceptional;
- m. Adjudging that Defendants be ordered to deliver to Plaintiff, for destruction at Plaintiff's option, all products that infringe the Patent; and,
 - n. Such other relief as the court deems just and proper.

Dated: December 7, 2012

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/s Angela Vidal

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LOCAL CIVIL RULE 11.2 CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other pending or anticipated litigation in any court or arbitration proceeding, nor are there any non-parties known to Plaintiff that should be joined in this action. In addition, I recognize a continuing obligation during the course of this litigation to file and to serve on all other parties and with the Court an amended certification if there is a change in the facts stated in this original certification.

Dated: December 7, 2012

Angela Vidal, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff, Kinekt Design, LLC

/s Angela Vidal
By: Angela Vidal, Esq.

LOCAL CIVIL RULE 201.1 CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-captioned matter is not subject to compulsory arbitration in that declaratory and injunctive relief is sought.

Dated: December 7, 2012

Angela Vidal, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff, Kinekt Design, LLC

/s Angela Vidal
By: Angela Vidal, Esq.