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Mike Lothian
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Unauthorized Implementation of Synaptics' Patented DisplayLink Technology

Dear Mr. Lothian:

I am following up on my letter of August 17th and my email of September 18th concerning your publicly announced efforts to reverse engineer DisplayLink technology and develop and distribute an open-source Linux driver implementing DisplayLink protocols.

As you previously requested, I have enclosed two claim charts mapping claim 11 of DisplayLink GB Patent No. 2484736 and claim 11 of DisplayLink GB Patent No. 2485613 to your Vino driver source code. Both patents are fundamental to DisplayLink's proprietary technology. The enclosed claims charts provide explicit evidence and detailed documentation of your existing and ongoing patent infringement. These are but two examples of your continuing violations of Synaptics' DisplayLink intellectual property.

Given the documented evidence of your infringement, Synaptics reiterates its demands that you **immediately**:

1. **Cease all development, testing, use, publication, distribution, submission, promotion, and maintenance of any software or other implementation that infringes any Synaptics patent or otherwise violates Synaptics' intellectual property rights relating to its DisplayLink technology.**
2. **Remove and permanently disable public access to all infringing or potentially infringing DisplayLink implementations under your possession or control**, including source code, object code, binaries, patches, branches, forks, pull requests, merge requests, kernel submissions, packages, repositories, technical documentation, protocol descriptions, test utilities, and implementation instructions.
3. **Withdraw all submissions of such materials** made to Linux kernel maintainers, mailing lists, code-hosting platforms, package maintainers, distributions, or any other person or organization.
4. **Cease encouraging, assisting, inducing, or facilitating third parties** to develop, obtain, compile, distribute, install, test, or use any unauthorized implementation of patented DisplayLink technology.

5. **Identify in writing every location in which the relevant materials have been published, submitted, stored, or distributed**, including all repositories, forks, branches, mailing-list submissions, patches, mirrors, archives, packages, and websites.
6. **Identify all persons and organizations to whom you have supplied the relevant source code, binaries, technical information, or development assistance**, other than persons who merely accessed an entirely public repository without direct communication from you.
7. **Preserve all documents and electronically stored information relevant to your DisplayLink activities in an off-line, non-public storage medium**, including source code, development histories, commits, branches, forks, messages, emails, chat communications, technical notes, captures, logs, test results, device information, communications with kernel maintainers or contributors, and records concerning the publication or distribution of your work. You must not delete, modify, conceal, overwrite, or destroy any such preserved materials.

You are to provide Synaptics, **no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on October 11, 2026**, with a signed written undertaking confirming that you have complied fully with these demands and will not resume any activity infringing Synaptics' DisplayLink patent rights.

For the avoidance of doubt, merely making a repository private or deleting its current public-facing version will not constitute complete compliance if the materials remain available elsewhere, have been submitted for upstream inclusion, or continue to be distributed by persons acting with your assistance or encouragement. You must take all reasonable steps within your control to secure the withdrawal and removal of the materials from each location to which you submitted or distributed them.

If you fail to comply with our demands by the specified deadline, Synaptics will seek monetary compensation from you in the amount of **US$25,000** to recoup the costs and effort required to create the attached documentation of your infringing acts. This amount will increase by *at least* **US$25,000** per week until you comply with our demands to cease and desist your infringing activities. In addition, we will not hesitate to instruct our UK patent counsel to file for an interim injunction against you to stop and prevent the immediate, irreparable harm to DisplayLink and Synaptics. We will pursue any and all further legal remedies in the UK if and as necessary to stop your ongoing infringement.

For nearly two months, Synaptics has sought your prompt cessation of conduct that it has unequivocally demonstrated infringes its patent rights. You have never received any patent license, covenant not to sue, authorization, or other permission from Synaptics to implement or distribute Synaptics' patented DisplayLink technology. To date, you have not complied with *any* of our demands, but, rather, have chosen to continue infringing.

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In addition, as I have previously made clear to you, by open sourcing our proprietary DisplayLink technology for whatever personal reasons you may have as a "hobbyist," you would be single-handedly *eviscerating* DisplayLink's competitive advantage in this crowded market by educating our competitors and other third parties as to how we implement our market-leading proprietary technology. We have gone to great lengths and great expense to prevent such disclosures and protect our market space. Your actions are potentially putting *tens of millions of dollars* of yearly corporate revenue at risk.

In short, by your ongoing actions, you are effectively making a significant, dramatic, and grave business decision on behalf of Synaptics and DisplayLink that you have absolutely no authority to make. Given the magnitude of the potential damages at stake, we cannot and will not let this happen. We demand your immediate cessation of your infringing activities, and we will continue to escalate this matter through every available legal channel if you fail to comply.

Nothing in this letter constitutes a complete statement of the facts, Synaptics' patents, the claims implicated by your activities, or Synaptics' legal rights and remedies. Synaptics expressly reserves all rights, claims, causes of action, and remedies, whether arising under patent law or otherwise. No delay or omission by Synaptics in exercising any right will operate as a waiver.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Respectfully,



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