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# **Marathon Patent Group's Wholly Owned Subsidiary, Sampo IP, Files Patent Infringement Lawsuit Against Starbucks Corporation, E\*Trade Financial, Hewlett-Packard Company, and Others**

ALEXANDRIA, VA--(Marketwired - May 6, 2013) - Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (OTCBB: MARA) ("Marathon"), an intellectual property services and patent licensing company, announced today that its subsidiary Sampo IP, LLC ("Sampo") has filed a patent infringement lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas against E\*Trade Financial Corporate Services Inc., Liberty Mutual Group Inc., Aetna Inc., Avon Products Inc., Starbucks Corporation, Yum! Brands Inc., Hewlett-Packard Company, and Alcatel-Lucent USA Inc., (the "Defendants").

Sampo is asserting three causes of action involving patent infringement related to U.S. Patent numbers 6,161,149, 6,772,229, and 8,015,495, all entitled Centrifugal Communication and Collaboration Method. The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants have infringed, and continue to infringe, the claims of the patents in suit by using the accused communications systems and methods covered by the claims of the Sampo patents.

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