Georgia-Pacific Factors for Determining Reasonable Royalty

- 1. Royalties patentee receives for licensing the patent in suit
- 2. Rates licensee pays for use of other patents comparable to the patent in suit
- 3. Nature and scope of license in terms of exclusivity and territory / customer restrictions
- 4. Licensor's established policy and marketing program to maintain patent monopoly by not licensing others to use the invention
- 5. Commercial relationship between licensor and licensee, such as whether they are competitors or inventor and promoter
- 6. Effect of selling the patented specialty in promoting sales of other products of the licensee; the existing value of the invention to the licensor as a generator of sales of his non-patented items; and the extent of such derivative or convoyed sales
- 7. Duration of patent and term of license
- 8. Established profitability of the products made under the patent, its commercial success and its current popularity
- 9. Utility and advantages of patent property over old modes and devices
- 10. The nature of the patented invention; the character of the commercial embodiment of it as owned and produced by the licensor; and the benefit of those who have used the invention
- 11. The extent to which the infringer has made use of the invention and the value of such use
- 12. The portion of profit or selling price customarily allowed for the use of the invention
- 13. The portion of realizable profit attributable to the invention as distinguished from non-patented elements, significant features / improvements added by the infringer, the manufacturing process or business risks
- 14. Opinion testimony of qualified experts
- 15. Outcome from hypothetical arm's length negotiation at the time of infringement began

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