



Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell_{LLP}

Attorneys & Counselors

Contact: Julie Gilbert
Chief Communications &
Marketing Officer
T: 713-226-1140
jgilbert@lockelord.com
www.lockelord.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LOCKE LORD HOUSTON ATTORNEYS SECURE \$25 MILLION VERDICT FOR ION GEOPHYSICAL CORP. AGAINST SERCEL INC.

(Houston) February 2, 2010 – A team of attorneys at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell – led by the Firm’s Intellectual Property Department Chair Michael Sutton – has received a favorable jury verdict on behalf of Houston-based ION Geophysical Corp. in a patent infringement lawsuit filed by ION against seismic equipment provider Sercel Inc. Late last week, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in Texarkana found that Sercel infringed on the ION patent and awarded ION \$25.2 million – the amount asked for – in past compensatory damages. Also on Locke Lord’s trial team and integral in the case were attorneys Matthew Reeves and Tanya Chaney, also of the Houston office.

ION intends to ask the court to issue a permanent injunction to prohibit Sercel from making, using, selling, offering for sale or importing any infringing products into the United States. ION filed the lawsuit in 2006, alleging that Sercel’s 408, 428 and SeaRay digital seismic sensor units infringe ION’s United States Patent No. 5,852,242, which is incorporated in ION’s VectorSeis[®] sensor technology.

The attorneys in Locke Lord’s nationwide IP litigation practice have a longstanding record in all aspects of protecting intellectual assets against infringement. They have tried some of the most complex IP cases, and their clients span from Fortune 500 companies to mid- and small- cap enterprises, to Internet start-ups.

Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP is a full-service, national law firm with offices in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Sacramento, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. With a vast geographic scope, and a national reputation in complex litigation, regulatory and transactional work, Locke Lord is focused on achieving client success as a team. Among Locke Lord’s many strong practice areas are appellate, aviation, corporate, class action litigation, employee benefits, energy, environmental, financial services, health care, insurance and reinsurance industries, intellectual property, labor and employment, public law, real estate, REIT, tax and technology.