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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Harmony Gold-USA, Inc., alleges claims against Defendant Hasbro, Inc., and DOES 1 through 10 (hereinafter collectively "Defendants") as follows:

### THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff Harmony Gold-USA, Inc., is a California corporation having offices and its principal place of business at 7655 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90046. It is doing business within the jurisdiction of this Court. Harmony Gold, Ltd., a Hong Kong corporation, entered into some of the agreements referred to in this Complaint and assigned all of its rights in said agreements, with the exception of certain foreign television broadcast rights not relevant to this Complaint, to Harmony Gold-USA, Inc. In this Complaint, "Harmony Gold" is used to refer to Harmony Gold-USA, Inc. itself or as the assignee in place and stead of Harmony Gold, Ltd.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant Hasbro, Inc. ("Hasbro") is and was at all times relevant hereto a Rhode Island corporation. Hasbro is doing business within the jurisdiction of this Court.
- 3. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate or otherwise, of defendants named herein as DOES 1 through 10 are presently unknown to Harmony Gold, who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Harmony Gold will seek to amend this complaint to allege the true names and capacities of said defendants when it has ascertained such information. Harmony Gold is informed and believes and on the basis of such information and

belief alleges that each defendant DOE 1 through 10 has participated in some or all of the acts or conduct herein alleged and is liable to Harmony Gold by reason thereof

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This is an action for copyright infringement under the Copyright Act of 1976, as amended, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*, and related claims for unfair competition under the laws of the State of California and the common law. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, 1338, and 1367. By this action, Harmony Gold seeks injunctive relief and damages against all Defendants.
- 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants Hasbro and DOES 1 through 10 because they conduct continuous, systematic, and routine business within the State and within the County of Los Angeles. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendants as they have committed tortious acts within the State, and/or have committed tortious acts outside California causing injury within the State and derive substantial revenue from interstate commerce.
- 6. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c).

### **FACTS**

7. This action involves an infringement of Harmony Gold's rights –
including the right to prepare derivative works, such as toys and other
merchandise - in and to three animated television series that originated in Japan
between 1982 and 1984. The subject television series (collectively, the "Series") are
entitled: Macross, Episodes 1-36, which was telecast in 1982-83; Mospeada,
Episodes 1-25, which was telecast in 1983-84; and The Southern Cross, Episodes
1-23, which was also telecast in 1983-84. The Series featured futuristic animation
and mechanical robot characters, vehicles, and weaponry for extraterrestrial combat
including without limitation a vehicle known as the Veritech Fighter VF-1.
Tatsunoko Production Company, Ltd. ("Tatsunoko"), a Japanese corporation, is the
exclusive author and owner of all worldwide copyrights, moral rights, and rights of
publication of the Series, except for certain limited rights not related to this action
which Tatsunoko granted to third parties. By agreement dated October 1, 1982, the
three companies that originally contributed to the creation of the Series in Japan -
K.K. Studio Nue, K.K. Big West, and Tatsunoko – agreed that with respect to the
sale of the Series outside Japan, and all merchandising rights outside Japan,
Tatsunoko was entitled to such sale and exploitation and was to be entitled to any
and all proceeds by exploitation of such rights.

8. By agreement dated September 11, 1984 (the "1984 Agreement"),
Tatsunoko granted to Harmony Gold, subject to certain exceptions not relevant to

novels, games, and apparel.

exploit the copyrights in the Series in the United States and certain other countries, including but not limited to television broadcasting, merchandising exploitation, theatrical and nontheatrical exploitation, video devices, sound recording devices and publications, and to prepare derivative works based on, advertise, and otherwise dispose of and exploit, the Series, and any and all versions, characters, stories, settings, titles, music, sound track and effects, animation, artwork and all other components thereof. The initial term of the 1984 Agreement was seven years.

9. After acquiring the rights to the Series from Tatsunoko in 1984, Harmony Gold combined the three programs comprising the Series, and marketed

them to United States audiences under the title "Robotech."

Harmony Gold's claims asserted herein, exclusively and irrevocably the rights to

- 10. Since 1984, Harmony Gold has used and exploited, and continues to use and exploit, its rights in the Series in interstate commerce throughout the United States and certain other territories throughout the world, directly and indirectly through licensees, through among other things, television broadcasting; distribution of videos; manufacture and sale of merchandise, including comic books, toys,
- 11. On March 28, 1985, Tatsunoko and Harmony Gold registered the Series for copyright with the U.S. Copyright Office.
- 12. On May 28, 1985, Harmony Gold recorded in the U.S. Copyright Office a Short Form Assignment dated May 15, 1985 made subject to and in

confirmation of the exclusive and irrevocable rights granted to it in the 1984

Agreement. By so doing, Harmony Gold put all persons on constructive notice of its rights in and to the Series.

- 13. By agreement dated March 15, 1991 (the "1991 Agreement")
  Tatsunoko renewed the grant to Harmony Gold of the rights granted in the 1984
  Agreement for an additional initial term of ten years, to include all worldwide territories excluding only Japan and all other Asian territories.
- 14. On August 6, 1998, Tatsunoko and Harmony Gold entered into a contract called Amendment to Main Agreement which renewed the grant to Harmony Gold of the rights granted in the 1991 Agreement for a renewal term through and including March 14, 2011.
- 15. From and after 1985, from time to time, Harmony Gold, together with licensees, created and expressed derivative works in the form of toys based on the Series and the Veritech VF-1 that appeared in the Series. Hereinafter the toys so created and expressed and the Series, including without limitation the depiction and expression of the Veritech VF-1 in the Series, are referred to collectively as the "Copyrighted Works." Harmony Gold is the sole and exclusive owner of all rights of copyright in the Copyrighted Works in the United States, and Harmony Gold's licensees own no rights of copyright in the Copyrighted Works.
- 16. On March 20, 2008, Tatsunoko and Harmony Gold entered into a contract called Amendment to Original Agreement which renewed the grant to

Harmony Gold of the rights granted in the 1991 Agreement for a renewal term through and including March 14, 2021.

### **CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# (Copyright Infringement Under 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. Against All Defendants)

- 17. Harmony Gold repeats and incorporates the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 16 of this Complaint as though fully and completely set forth herein.
- 18. Without Harmony Gold's authorization or consent, Defendants have sold and distributed and continue to sell and distribute in the United States a toy in a box labeled, "G.I. Joe and the Transformers ... The Epic Conclusion" (the "Hasbro Toy") which infringes Harmony Gold's copyrights in the Copyrighted Works.
- 19. Unless permanently enjoined by Order of this Court, Defendants have and will continue to offer for sale and distribution toys that infringe Harmony Gold's rights, all to Harmony Gold's irreparable injury. As a result of Defendants' acts of infringement, Harmony Gold is without an adequate remedy at law in that damages are difficult to ascertain and, unless injunctive relief is granted as prayed for herein, Harmony Gold will be required to pursue a multiplicity of actions.

20. Harmony Gold has sustained, and will continue to sustain, substantial pecuniary damage to the value of its exclusive rights in and to the Copyrighted Works in that the previously described activities of Defendants have diminished and will continue to diminish the revenues that Harmony Gold otherwise would receive.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Harmony Gold-USA, Inc. prays for relief against Defendants, including without limitation Defendant Hasbro, Inc., as follows:

- A. That Defendants, their agents, servants and employees and all persons acting in concert with them be restrained and enjoined permanently from selling, marketing, distributing, or otherwise disposing of any unauthorized toys or other products that are based on the Copyrighted Works.
- B. That Defendants be required to deliver upon oath all toys or other products in their possession, held for sale or distribution, or otherwise under their control, which infringe or which may have been used to infringe Harmony Gold's exclusive rights under copyright to the Copyrighted Works; and that Orders for Seizure in respect of the foregoing be issued out of this Court and that at the conclusion of this action, the Court shall order all such material so held to be surrendered to Harmony Gold or to be destroyed under 17 U.S.C. § 503, whichever shall seem to this Court to be most just and proper.

	C.	That Defendants be required to recall from any person or entity known
to the	m who	purchased or received from Defendants any copies of any unauthorized
toys o	r other	products based on the Copyrighted Works.

- D. That Defendants be required to account for all gains, profits and advantages derived from their acts of infringement and for their other violations of law.
- E. That Defendants be required to pay over to Harmony Gold the actual damages suffered by Harmony Gold as a result of the infringement of Harmony Gold's copyrights, and any profits of Defendants attributable to the sale or distribution of toys and merchandise that infringes Harmony Gold's copyrights, and to pay such damages to Harmony Gold as this Court shall deem to be just and proper within the provisions of the Copyright Act or, in the alternative, at Harmony Gold's election, statutory damages as set forth in 17 U.S.C. § 504.
- F. For exemplary damages against Defendants in an amount sufficient to punish and make a public example of Defendants, and to deter such wrongful conduct in the future.
  - G. That Harmony Gold recover prejudgment interest.
  - H. That Harmony Gold recover its costs of suit incurred herein.
  - I. That Harmony Gold recover its attorneys' fees incurred in this action.

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