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Re: *HID GLOBAL CORPORATION's Intellectual Property*

Dear 

Please be advised that HID Global Corporation RFID reader and card technology are protected by *United States Patent nos. 5,041,826 and 5,166,67*.

It has come to our attention that you and IOActive have published, on the internet, and likely elsewhere, information regarding a "spoofers" which purportedly "clones" HID cards. Based on our understanding of how your "spoofers" works, we believe your conduct may constitute direct infringement of HID's patents under 35 U.S.C § 271(a). We also believe your conduct may subject you to liability for inducing and/or contributory infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) and (c).

We understand from reviewing IOActive's Web page that you intend to publicly present and publish additional information about your spoofers at the Black Hat convention in Washington, D.C. on February 28, 2007. We believe such presentation will subject you to further liability for infringement of HID's intellectual property.

We urge you to refrain from publishing any further information regarding the improper use of HID's intellectual property and hereby demand that you refrain from publishing any information at any public forum, including the upcoming Black Hat convention, that violates HID's intellectual property or induces others to do so.

It is unfortunate that I have had to contact you in this way. First impressions of your company through your Web site would have us believe that you have good intentions as honest brokers intent on providing independent, professional security systems counseling and audit services in a fast-changing data driven world. It is a business we understand and wholeheartedly support.

We're disappointed that you did not seek our comments before conducting your public cloning demonstration. If you had contacted us first, you would have discovered that both our cards and readers are not only protected under the law, but that HID's products are in use in thousands of secure, reliable access control systems worldwide today, and where cloning is simply not a credible threat – for example, the simple use of two-factor authentication can solve this perceived threat immediately – and some of our installed systems have this additional security feature, where there is a requirement.



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Indeed, for a company purporting to be interested in promoting the service and awareness of security as independent consultants, you have demonstrated your lack of knowledge of the physical access control industry, and, perhaps, the law. We feel that you have done a great disservice to yourselves and your clients, in addition to damaging HID's reputation.

Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can resolve this issue in a timely and cordial manner. We look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

