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VERASONICS FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST SUPERSONIC IMAGINE

SEATTLE, WA — March 7, 2018 — Verasonics, Inc. has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington against French ultrasound equipment manufacturer Supersonic Imagine, S.A. The complaint, filed on November 22, 2017, alleges that Supersonic Imagine willfully infringed, and continues to infringe, Verasonics' patents directed to its software beamforming architecture, through its use and sales of its Aixplorer ultrasound systems. Verasonics also maintains that Supersonic Imagine misappropriated Verasonics' trade secrets in connection with the development, use and sale of its Aixplorer platform.

Verasonics' proprietary software beamforming architecture has enabled new ultrasound clinical features like quantitative Doppler measurements to assess blood flow, whole breast imaging to screen women with dense breasts, and novel imaging techniques to evaluate and quantitatively measure tissue stiffness of possible cancers.

"We will always protect our intellectual property," said Lauren Pflugrath, President and CEO of Verasonics. "Verasonics values the collaborations we have with companies around the globe, but we must stand up against anyone infringing on our IP."

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Supersonic Imagine was licensed to use certain of Verasonics' proprietary technology, but the license expired on December 31, 2014. Verasonics alleges that Supersonic Imagine continued to use its patented and trade secret technology without a license from Verasonics. Verasonics seeks monetary damages and injunctive relief, including an injunction prohibiting further marketing, sales and development of products based on the Aixplorer platform.

Hundreds of researchers located around the world use Verasonics' technology for biomedical research to evaluate new technologies like preclinical functional brain imaging, super resolution imaging, high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU), methods of drug delivery and 3D ultrasound imaging.

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About Verasonics, Inc.:

Verasonics is a privately held company founded in 2001, with headquarters in Kirkland, Washington, USA. Verasonics is the leader in research ultrasound and is focused on providing researchers and developers with the most advanced and flexible tools enabling them to develop new algorithms and products used in biomedical ultrasound, materials science, earth sciences, and the physics of acoustics and ultrasonics. Verasonics also licenses its technology to companies for use in their commercial products. Verasonics has customers located in nearly 30 countries across North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia.