	Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document	177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 1 of 58
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	James R. Batchelder (CSB # 136347) David S. Chun (CSB # 315958) ROPES & GRAY LLP 1900 University Ave. Sixth Floor East Palo Alto, CA 94303–2284 Tel: (650) 617–4000 Fax: (650) 617–4090 james.batchelder@ropesgray.com david.chun@ropesgray.com Mark S. Popofsky (CSB # 175476) Anne Johnson Palmer (CSB # 302235) ROPES & GRAY LLP Three Embarcadero Center San Francisco, CA 94111–4006 Tel: (415) 315–6350 mark.popofsky@ropesgray.com anne.johnsonpalmer@ropesgray.com	Peter M. Brody ( <i>pro hac vice</i> ) ROPES & GRAY LLP 2099 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20006–6807 Tel: (202) 508–4600 Fax: (202) 508–4650 peter.brody@ropesgray.com <i>Attorneys for Plaintiff</i> <i>BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY</i>
12		DISTRICT COURT
13	NORTHERN DISTR	ICT OF CALIFORNIA
14	SAN FRANCI	ISCO DIVISION
15	BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY,	) C.A. No. 3:18-cv-00933-MMC
16	Plaintiff,	) THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT
17	v.	<ul> <li>1. VIOLATION OF DEFEND TRADE</li> <li>SECRETS ACT</li> </ul>
18	CYTEK BIOSCIENCES INC., MING YAN, ALFRED RILEY, DAVID VRANE,	<ul> <li>AIDING AND ABETTING</li> <li>VIOLATION OF THE DEFEND</li> </ul>
19	ZHENYU ZHANG, ZHENXIANG GONG, ALEX ZHONG, MARIA JAIMES, GIL	<ul> <li>) TRADE SECRETS ACT</li> <li>) 3. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA</li> </ul>
20	REININ, and JANELLE SHOOK,	<ul> <li>) J. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA</li> <li>) UNIFORM TRADE SECRET ACT</li> <li>) 4. BREACH OF CONTRACT</li> </ul>
21	Defendants.	<ul> <li>AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)</li> <li>5. BREACH OF CONTRACT</li> </ul>
22		<ul> <li>) (AGAINST CYTEK)</li> <li>) 6. VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS &amp;</li> </ul>
23		<ul> <li>PROF. CODE SECTION 17200</li> <li>7. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT</li> </ul>
24		) DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
25		) )
26		) )
27		_·
28		
	THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT	CASE No. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

This is a civil action by Plaintiff Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD," or "Plaintiff"), by
and through their attorneys, arising out of unfair competition and the misappropriation of BD's
property, including confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information, by Cytek Biosciences Inc.
("Cytek") and former BD employees Ming Yan ("Yan"), Alfred Riley ("Riley"), David Vrane
("Vrane"), Zhenyu Zhang ("Zhang"), Zhenxiang Gong ("Gong"), Alex Zhong ("Zhong"), Maria
Jaimes ("Jaimes"), Gil Reinin ("Reinin"), and Janelle Shook ("Shook"), as well as Cytek's
infringement of certain of BD's registered, copyrighted works, and its breach of license agreements
related to certain of those works. Plaintiff hereby alleges as follows upon information and belief:

9 This lawsuit arises from the theft of BD's secret technical specifications, source code, and
10 designs related to the field of flow cytometry, as well as the unauthorized copying, reproduction, and
11 distribution of, and the unauthorized preparation of derivative works based on, certain copyrighted
12 materials authored and owned by BD—namely, software products and documentation for those and
13 other products involving the field of flow cytometry—and the breach of license agreements relating
14 to those software products.

15 Formerly a small company that serviced BD products, Cytek hired away nearly a dozen 16 scientists, engineers, and businesspeople from BD and employed them to develop products that compete unfairly with their former company's product lines. When they left BD to work for Cytek 17 18 and thereafter, those employees, upon information and belief, improperly took, retained, and misused 19 BD's valuable, highly confidential, proprietary information and copyrighted content, including 20 thousands of confidential and valuable technical files that they had downloaded from BD's computer 21 systems onto removable storage media while employed by BD. Despite BD's diligent efforts to 22 recover those devices and files, and its inquiries to Cytek and the former employees—indeed, BD 23 gave Cytek a list of serial numbers of the unrecovered storage media known to have been used by 24 the employees—the vast majority of the storage devices and files have not been recovered. Cytek 25 has not disclosed the extent to which it and its employees have or have shared BD's confidential 26 information and copyrighted works, and how any such information or works have been used, forcing 27 BD to file this case to safeguard its trade secrets, copyright rights, and other valuable property.

1

# **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

2 1. BD is a world-renowned medical technology company founded in 1897 that serves 3 healthcare institutions, life science researchers, clinical laboratories, industry, and the general public. 4 With more than a century of experience, BD manufactures and sells a broad range of medical 5 supplies, devices, laboratory equipment, and diagnostic products to enable medical research and 6 assist clinical laboratories. Research, development, and innovation for new technologies and 7 products are at the core of BD's mission and corporate identity and are critical to BD's competitive 8 advantages in the marketplace. Among other products, the BD Biosciences business unit of the 9 company has for decades researched, developed, and produced flow cytometers. These complex and 10 sophisticated instruments, the fruit of years of research and development ("R&D"), use lasers to 11 count and detect the properties of human cells, assisting research and clinical practice.

12 2. In roughly 2012, BD started development on a spectral flow cytometer, a new type of 13 || flow cytometer that analyzes the light detected by a flow cytometer differently to optimize sensitivity 14 and flexibility. This project was known internally as "Project Newton." Defendant Yan headed up 15 Project Newton, dedicating to it the majority of his time over approximately two years. Defendants 16 Yan, Riley, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook (the "Individual Defendants") 17 worked on Project Newton and/or other confidential flow cytometer products. Their collective 18 exposure to BD's confidential information spanned the areas of physics, chemistry, biology, fluidics, 19 optics, electrical engineering, and computer science, as well as BD's marketing, finances, and 20 competitive strategy. Each of these former BD employees had access to BD's confidential 21 information related to Project Newton, and numerous other trade secrets and copyrighted BD works 22 involving flow cytometry.

3. Formed in the early 1990s, Cytek is a small company that had not produced flow
cytometers of its own, but rather serviced and customized BD flow cytometers. Starting in 2014,
Cytek began hiring current and former BD employees for the purposes of developing flow
cytometers, including each of the Individual Defendants. In particular, after BD prioritized other
products over Project Newton, Yan left BD and joined Cytek as its Chief Technology Officer. Cytek
and Yan then proceeded to recruit other Individual Defendants to join Cytek, each of whom had

-3-

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

#### Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 4 of 58

worked on flow cytometers at BD. In March 2017, less than two years after it began hiring this
 group of BD employees, Cytek—which for two decades had never developed or sold a flow
 cytometer—began selling its own flow cytometer products under the Athena<sup>TM</sup> name. In June 2017,
 Cytek introduced the Aurora<sup>TM</sup> line of spectral flow cytometers. Cytek has said that its products
 would compete against BD products, among others, in the United States and worldwide.

6 4. Before leaving BD, each of the Individual Defendants downloaded proprietary BD 7 files to removable storage media devices. BD's own forensic analysis revealed that these devices 8 contained thousands of BD files, with confidential, trade secret information about the hardware and 9 software of BD's designs, including Project Newton. Only a handful of these removable storage 10 drives have been found after diligent efforts to locate them. From the day each employee joins the 11 company, BD expressly warns its associates not to take confidential information if and when they 12 leave BD and *never* to give it to, or use it for the benefit of, unaffiliated third parties. BD's employee 13 agreements, training, annual certifications, and other forms instruct employees to maintain the 14 confidentiality of sensitive company information. Upon information and belief, each of the Individual Defendants, having taken these removable storage media devices from BD, brought them 15 16 to Cytek along with the BD proprietary, confidential, and trade secret information they contained.

17 5. The Individual Defendants improperly downloaded, removed from BD's premises, 18 took to Cytek, and failed to return thousands of files with BD's valuable, highly confidential, 19 proprietary information and copyrighted content before departing to Cytek, which then immediately 20 launched its own cytometers and substantially similar products within a shortened time frame—a 21 feat that was aided by Cytek's improper access to and misuse of BD's confidential, proprietary 22 information and copyrighted content. Those former employees had years—sometimes decades—of 23 access to BD's proprietary product designs, software, manuals, and research data in flow cytometry. 24 Judicial intervention is required to hold Cytek and the Individual Defendants responsible for this 25 theft of BD's critical trade secrets, for their unfair acts designed to harm BD's R&D efforts and 26 induce the Individual Defendants to breach their contractual obligations to BD, and to prevent Cytek 27 from continuing its development and sale of competing products and unauthorized service, repair, 28 and upgrade of BD products, through wrongful, improper, and illegal means, as well as to hold Cytek

1 responsible for its unauthorized copying, reproduction, and distribution of, and its unauthorized 2 preparation of derivative works based on, BD's registered, copyrighted works, and the breach of **3** BD's software license agreements.

4

# PARTIES

5

6. BD is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and 6 maintains its principal place of business at 1 Becton Drive, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417.

7 7. BD is a medical technology company that serves healthcare institutions, life science 8 researchers, clinical laboratories, industry, and the general public. BD manufactures and sells a broad 9 range of medical supplies, devices, laboratory equipment, and diagnostic products. BD has offices **10** in approximately 50 countries worldwide.

11 8. Defendant Cytek Biosciences Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place 12 of business located at 46107 Landing Pkwy, Fremont, California 94538.

13

9.

Cytek manufactures components for its flow cytometer products in China.

14 10. Yan is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known 15 address is 2809 Elsnab Court, Pleasanton, California 94588. BD employed Yan from approximately 16 January 23, 2006 until his departure on January 16, 2015.

17 11. Cytek hired Yan shortly after his departure from BD, and Yan is presently employed 18 as Cytek's Chief Technology Officer.

19 12. Riley is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known 20 address is 2296 Sunny Vista Drive, San Jose, California 95128. BD employed Riley from 21 approximately June 1988 until his departure on January 10, 2015.

22 13. Cytek hired Riley in or about February 2016, and Riley is presently employed at 23 Cytek as a General Manager.

24 14. Vrane is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known 25 address is 880 Nevada Avenue, San Jose, California 95125. BD employed Vrane from 26 approximately October 20, 1998 until his departure on April 20, 2015.

-5-

27 15. Vrane is presently employed at Cytek as a Staff Specialist: Fluid Dynamics.

# Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 6 of 58

1 16. Zhang is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known
 2 address is 3836 Dunford Way, Santa Clara, California 95051. BD employed Zhang from
 3 approximately January 3, 2005 until his departure on April 25, 2015.

4 17. Cytek hired Zhang in 2016, and Zhang is presently employed by Cytek as a software
5 developer.

6 18. Gong is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known
7 address is 3234 Silverland Drive, San Jose, California 95135. BD employed Gong from
8 approximately June 5, 2000 until his departure in May 2015.

9 19. Cytek hired Gong in or about May 2015, and Gong is presently employed by Cytek
10 as Director of Software Development.

20. Zhong is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known
address is 501 Manhattan Place, San Jose, California 95136. BD employed Zhong from
approximately March 28, 2011 until his departure on January 18, 2016.

14 21. Cytek hired Zhong in or about January 2016, and Zhong is presently employed by15 Cytek as its China Business Manager.

16 22. Jaimes is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known
17 address is 1335 Montecito Ave., Apt. 18, Mountain View, California 94043. BD employed Jaimes
18 from approximately 2005 until her departure on April 30, 2015.

19 23. Cytek hired Jaimes in or about July 2015, and Jaimes is presently employed by Cytek
20 as an application specialist.

21 24. Reinin is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known
22 address is 41 Dorchester Drive, Mountain View, California 94043. BD employed Reinin from
23 approximately October 15, 2007 until his departure on June 13, 2016.

24 25. Cytek hired Reinin in or about July 2016, and Reinin is presently employed as Cytek's
25 Director of Marketing.

26 26. Shook is an individual currently residing in the State of California, whose last known
27 address is 985 Vicar Lane, San Jose, California 95117. BD employed Shook from approximately
28 October 17, 2011 until her departure on October 18, 2016.

-6-

Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 7 of 58

27. Cytek hired Shook in or about November 2016, and Shook is presently employed by
 Cytek as a Systems Engineer.

3

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4 28. Jurisdiction is based upon 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(2) in that there is complete diversity
5 of citizenship between the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00.

6 29. Jurisdiction is also based on 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 1338, BD's claims under 18 U.S.C.
7 §§ 1836-39, *et seq.*, for misappropriation of trade secrets under the Defend Trade Secrets Act, and
8 BD's claims under 17 U.S.C. § 501 *et seq.* for copyright infringement.

9 30. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1367 over all other
10 claims that do not arise under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States because they
11 involve a common nucleus of operative fact.

12 31. Venue is proper within this district because, as set forth above, all Defendants reside
13 in this Judicial District. In addition, a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the
14 claims alleged in this Complaint occurred in this Judicial District. Venue is therefore proper in the
15 United States District Court for the Northern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1)
16 and (2).

- 17
- 18

# **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

# A. <u>BD And Its Products and Services</u>

19 32. Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, BD employs
20 more than 65,000 associates in approximately 50 countries throughout the world. BD is among the
21 world's leading suppliers of medical devices and is a leading innovator in injection- and infusion22 based drug delivery, and has been since 1906, when the Company built the first-ever facility in the
23 U.S. to manufacture needles and syringes.

33. BD, with its overarching vision to improve outcomes for patients, focuses its business
on improving drug delivery, enhancing the quality and speed of diagnosing infectious diseases and
cancers, and advancing research, discovery, and production of new drugs and vaccines. BD's
capabilities are instrumental in combating many of the world's most pressing diseases by identifying
and developing next-generation *in vitro* diagnostic technologies for settings ranging from hospital

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

#### Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 8 of 58

clinical labs to fields with minimal healthcare infrastructure. As part of its development efforts, BD
 broadly looks at novel sample processing and detection technologies that help speed results, reduce
 cost, increase accuracy, and provide new types of clinically actionable information. BD serves
 healthcare institutions, life science researchers, clinical laboratories, the pharmaceutical industry,
 and the general public. Homegrown innovation has been critical to BD's innovation and competitive
 advantages.

7 34. Through its BD Biosciences ("BDB") business unit, BD provides continuous
advancement in the science and applications associated with cellular analysis and products that help
9 grow living cells and tissue. Among other products, BDB focuses on research, development, and
10 production of flow cytometers, a highly-specialized medical technology explained in detail below.
11 BDB employs approximately 1,100 associates in its San Jose location (the "San Jose Facility"),
12 which has primary responsibility for R&D, marketing, sales, finance, and customer service for flow
13 cytometers, including but not limited to instruments, reagents, cell culture, and applications.

14 35. Development of new flow cytometers often requires years of R&D and hundreds of
15 thousands or millions of dollars. Flow cytometry involves multiple scientific disciplines, including
16 physics, chemistry, biology, fluidics, optics, electrical engineering, and computer science.
17 Throughout the R&D and commercialization process for BD products, BD authors and produces
18 copyrighted works, including software, product manuals, specification sheets, and other associated
19 documentation.

36. BD currently makes and sells multiple lines of flow cytometers and associated
products. These include the BD LSRFortessa, BD FACScan, BD FACSCanto, BD FACSVerse, BD
FACSAria, BD FACSLyric, BD Accuri, BD FACSCelesta, and BD FACSymphony lines of flow
cytometers. BD also is the author and owner of all copyright rights in the software used by those
flow cytometers, including its FACSDiva and FACStation software, and the manuals and other
documentation for its products and their software.

# 26B.Flow Cytometry

27 37. Flow cytometry is a laser-based, biophysical technology that is employed in cell
28 counting, cell sorting, biomarker detection, and protein engineering. A flow cytometer

## Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 9 of 58

suspends cells with fluorescent labels ("dyes") in a stream of fluid and passes them individually past
 one or more lasers and optical detection circuitry. The resulting fluorescence is detected and
 measured to determine various properties of the cells, which can in turn provide critical information
 about human diseases and health.

5 38. Flow cytometry is widely used for medical diagnoses, research, clinical practice, and
6 clinical trials. It has been used successfully to diagnose, classify, and evaluate the risk of recurrence
7 of certain cancers, including certain cancers in the blood, such as leukemia, and has also been used
8 in stem cell transplantation. Flow cytometry is a powerful research tool used for a wide variety of
9 research purposes including cancer research, immune function research, and other forms of cellular
10 analysis.

39. The properties measured in flow cytometry include the relative size of a particle, as
well as its relative granularity or internal complexity, and relative fluorescence intensity. These
characteristics are determined using an optical-to-electronic coupling system that records how the
cell or particle scatters incident laser light and emits fluorescence.

40. The first fluorescence-based flow cytometry device was developed in 1968, and in
16 1974, BD introduced the first commercial flow cytometer. BD has received significant industry
17 praise for its excellence in the flow cytometry space, including Life Science Industry Awards for
18 Best New Product in Cellular Research and similar awards in multiple years, as well as over 100
19 U.S. patents related to flow cytometry.

41. In addition to its patent portfolio, BD possesses confidential, non-public, trade secret
information related to flow cytometry. BD's policy is to seek patents on patentable technologies that
are publicly disclosed or readily ascertainable through proper means from the products it sells, while
retaining as trade secrets the valuable technology and information that would remain secret because
it would not be publicly disclosed or readily ascertainable by proper means in a BD product.

42. Development of new flow cytometers often requires years of R&D and hundreds of
thousands or millions of dollars. Flow cytometry involves multiple scientific disciplines, including
physics, chemistry, biology, fluidics, optics, electrical engineering, and computer science.

1 43. A flow cytometer includes four main systems: fluidics, optics, electronics, and
2 software.

3 44. The fluidics system of a flow cytometer is responsible for transporting the sample
4 from the sample tube to the flow cell surrounded by sheath fluid, which centers the cells in the flow
5 cell and past the laser and detector.

6 45. The optics system consists of lasers to illuminate the particles in the sample stream
7 and optical filters to direct the resulting light signals to the appropriate detectors.

8 46. The electronics system converts the detected light signals into electronic signals that
9 can be processed by a computer.

47. The software systems include algorithms for setting up a flow cytometer and for
processing and interpreting the resulting data. This includes algorithms related to panel design,
which involves the proper choice of special dyes to produce reliable data.

13 48. In a flow cytometer, when cells pass through the laser intercepts, they scatter laser 14 light and any fluorescent molecules on the cells fluoresce. The scattered and fluorescent light is then 15 collected by appropriately positioned lenses. A combination of beam splitters and filters steers the 16 scattered and fluorescent light to the appropriate detectors, and the detectors produce electronic 17 signals proportional to the optical signals striking them. Data are collected on each particle or event, 18 and stored in the computer. The characteristics or parameters of each event are based on its light 19 scattering and fluorescent properties. This data can then be analyzed to provide information about 20 subpopulations within the sample.

49. In spectral flow cytometry, the fluorescent light is sent to a spectrograph in which the
light signal is dispersed and measured as a spectrum on the multichannel detector. Spectral flow
cytometry distinguishes the shapes of emission spectra along a large range of continuous
wavelengths. The data is analyzed with an algorithm that replaces compensation matrices and treats
auto-fluorescence as an independent parameter.

26

# C. <u>BD's Flow Cytometers And Trade Secrets</u>

27 50. BD currently makes and sells multiple lines of flow cytometers and associated
28 products. These include the BD FACSAria<sup>TM</sup>, BD FACSLyric<sup>TM</sup>, BD Accuri<sup>TM</sup>, BD

-10-

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

CASE NO

FACSCelesta<sup>TM</sup>, BD LSRFortessa<sup>TM</sup>, and BD FACSymphony<sup>TM</sup> lines of flow cytometers. For
 decades, BD's flow cytometer products have been on the cutting edge of innovation, highly
 successful, and reputable, and are sought after for their quality and reliability.

4 51. BD uses confidential code in the software that its customers use to run its flow
5 cytometers. This BD code provides control over the cytometer's hardware, which in turn carries out
6 the actual functions of the flow cytometer. This BD code instructs the cytometer how to function,
7 thus performing control, monitoring, analysis, and data manipulation functions of the cytometer.
8 This BD code is confidential and proprietary and constitutes trade secret information. BD also uses
9 confidential algorithms for panel design, which allow for effective selection of dyes. BD takes
10 substantial care in keeping BD code and algorithms secret and out of the hands of its competitors.

11 52. In roughly 2012, BD initiated a confidential project aimed at developing a flow
12 cytometer with spectral analysis capabilities. This project was known internally as "Project
13 Newton."

14 53. BD invested significant resources in Project Newton, including multiple years of
15 research, financial investment, and substantial personnel time. BD developed a working prototype,
16 including a processing algorithm that allowed it to process and analyze assay data. The specific ways
17 in which BD's algorithms process and analyze data are proprietary and confidential and constitute
18 trade secrets, and BD takes substantial care in keeping these algorithms secret and out of the hands
19 of its competitors.

54. The R&D related to this potential spectral flow cytometer involved new and
confidential technology, including advances related to panel selection and development, fluidics,
spectral unmixing, and new software code. These advances, alone and in combination, would also
be useful for non-spectral flow cytometry applications, including the service, repair, and upgrade of
existing and future BD products.

25 55. As a BD Principal Engineer and leader of the spectral flow cytometry project,
26 Defendant Yan played an integral part in BD's research and development of this new project to
27 develop a flow cytometer with spectral analysis. Yan had access to BD's confidential R&D
28 information regarding Project Newton, including but not limited to design drawings, prototypes, and

fluidics design details. Yan was central to Project Newton since its inception and spent
 approximately two years working on it.

3 56. At least four other Individual Defendants, including Vrane, Gong, Zhong, and Jaimes,
4 worked on Project Newton under Yan's direction and had access to BD's confidential and proprietary
5 R&D information, including but not limited to design drawings, prototypes, software code, and
6 fluidics design details.

57. The other Individual Defendants, including Riley, Zhang, and Shook, worked on other
confidential and proprietary BD flow cytometry development projects and had access to additional
confidential and proprietary R&D information, comprising circuit diagrams, prototypes, software
code, fluidics designs, and marketing strategies. This confidential and trade secret information is
valuable for applications in spectral flow cytometry as well as non-spectral flow cytometry, including
service, repair, and upgrades of flow cytometry products.

13 58. All of the Individual Defendants also worked on BD flow cytometer products aside
14 from Project Newton, which also involved BD's confidential, proprietary, and trade secret
15 information.

16 59. BD developed the following trade secrets that, upon information and belief, the
17 Individual Defendants improperly took from BD and brought to Cytek, and that they and Cytek used
18 and continue to use:

19	a.	Trade	secrets specific to Project Newton and spectral flow cytometry:
20		i.	specific algorithms for spectral deconvolution and spectral unmixing,
21			used to process data from spectral flow cytometers;
22		ii.	software models for simulating operation of the Project Newton
23			cytometer;
24		iii.	panel designs for choosing reagents and dyes that optimize cytometer
25			data;
26		iv.	results of BD's research into automated panel design;
27		v.	internal presentations about the Newton architecture and "modular
28			design" for its components;
			-12-
	THIRD AMENDED CO	OMPLAI	

	Case 3:18-cv-00933-N	IMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 13 of 58	
1	vi.	schematics for the Newton breadboard;	
2	vii.	lists of specific modifications to factors for optimizing design of a	
3		spectral flow cytometer, including factors such as antigen abundance,	
4		reagent abundance, autofluorescence, and baseline restoration;	
5	viii.	know-how regarding the specific assembly and performance of BD's	
6		working prototype.	
7	b. Trade		
8	cytometers:		
9	i.	the designs for FPGAs (field-programmable gate arrays) for the BD	
10		Accuri <sup>TM</sup> C6 cytometer;	
11	ii.	the interface and programming model for FPGAs in BD cytometers;	
12	iii.	Operation Method Sheets (OMS) showing assembly instructions for	
13		BD cytometer products, with critical parameters, torque specifications,	
14		and part numbers needed to create BD products;	
15	iv.	specific methods for "dynamic gain switching" to detect smaller	
16		electronic signals;	
17	v.	specific methods for laser modulation and demodulation in BD	
18		Accuri <sup>TM</sup> cytometers;	
19	vi.	the transducer board design and testing results for the BD	
20		FACSAria <sup>TM</sup> cytometer;	
21	vii.	circuit diagrams showing designs and revisions for BD cytometers;	
22	viii.	designs for vacuum-based fluidics systems for the BD FACSAria $^{TM}$	
23		cytometers.	
24	c. Trade	e secrets relating to software for BD cytometers:	
25	i.	source code for BD's "Virtual Cytometer" software for simulating the	
26		operation of flow cytometers;	
27	ii.	source code and requirements documents for BD's $FACSuite^{TM}$	
28		software for operating BD cytometers;	
		-13-	
	THIRD AMENDED COMPLA	INT CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC	

1		iii.	communication protocols for BD's Cytometer Controller software for
2			the FACSAria <sup>TM</sup> II and FACSCanto <sup>TM</sup> II cytometers, explaining how
3			different components of BD's cytometers communicate;
4		iv.	functional specifications for BD's FACSDiva <sup>TM</sup> 5.0 software;
5		v.	designs for BD's proprietary CS&T (Cytometer Setup and Tracking)
6			software; including specifications for CS&T 2.0;
7		vi.	communications protocols that describe how BD's flow cytometer
8			products communicate with personal computers;
9		vii.	source code for modeling cytometers;
10		viii.	source code specifications for BD's Accuri <sup>TM</sup> cytometers;
11		ix.	specifications for fluidics source code, including command sets for
12			BD's Project Newton prototype.
13	d.	Trade	secrets relating to the firmware in BD cytometers:
14		i.	the design specifications explaining the architecture of the BD
15			Accuri <sup>TM</sup> firmware;
16		ii.	the design specifications for firmware and architecture for the fluidics
17			components of BD's confidential "Liberty" and "Harambee"
18			cytometer development projects;
19		iii.	firmware configuration files for BD's FACSDiva <sup>TM</sup> cytometers;
20		iv.	firmware communication protocols for BD's $FACSAria^{TM}$
21			cytometers;
22		v.	functional descriptions of firmware for cell sorter products, used to
23			separate different cells that pass through a cytometer.
24	e.	Confi	dential data showing experimental data and results for BD cytometers:
25		i.	panel design data for the BD Fusion Aria <sup>TM</sup> cytometer;
26		ii.	data with results of quality control experiments with CS&T beads,
27			used to evaluate cytometer performance;
28			
			-14-
	THIRD AMENDED CO	MPLAI	NT CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

	Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC	Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 15 of 58
1	iii. speci	fications for beads and dyes used to calibrate flow cytometers,
2	inclu	ding the quantities of dyes and parameters for calibration;
3	iv. data	from prototype test runs that are used for development and
4	refin	ement.
5	f. Trade secret	s relating to BD's marketing, finances, and competitive strategy:
6	i. BD's	internal marketing plans for cytometers, reflecting financial
7	proje	ctions and profit margins for fiscal years 2015-2017, BD's
8	"tact	cal plans" for cytometer product families, and BD's strategies for
9	diffe	rent market segments;
10	ii. com	betitive analysis of other companies' cytometers, reagents, and
11	cell s	orters;
12	iii. custo	mer survey information for BD cytometers;
13	iv. confi	dential market research on competing products that customers
14	boug	ht;
15	v. confi	dential strategic analysis by third-party consultants to BD on
16	mark	et opportunities for molecular cell analysis.
17	(collectively, "the BD Trade Secre	ts").
18	60. The BD Trade Secrets constitute valuable and confidential information that can be	
19	used individually or in combinatio	n to design, manufacture, and sell competing cytometers, giving
20	competitors like Cytek an unfair a	dvantage in creating their own products. The BD Trade Secrets
21	would also give companies that or	fer cytometer repair services, upgrade services, or replacement
22	components (like Cytek) an unfair advantage by revealing confidential information about the design	
23	of BD's cytometers.	
24	61. The confidential files misappropriated by Defendants, individually and as a whole,	
25	contain BD Trade Secrets and v	vere identified on removable media taken by the Individual
26		n for the removable media is listed in Exhibit $\underline{1}$ and was provided
27		
28	62. Many of the files	that the Individual Defendants improperly took from BD are
	THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT	-15- CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

### Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 16 of 58

expressly marked as confidential and not for distribution. As examples, circuit diagrams that the
 Individual Defendants improperly took state: "This drawing and the information set forth herein are
 the property [of] Becton Dickinson Immunocytometry Systems. Publications, duplication, or use
 not authorized in writing is prohibited." BD internal marketing presentations state: "Company
 Confidential."

6 63. Because of their positions with BD in its San Jose Facility, the Individual Defendants
7 had access to BD's design, specifications, manufacturing plans, materials, processes, equipment, and
8 customer lists for all products in which the San Jose Facility maintains responsibility, including BD's
9 cytometer products.

10 64. The BD Trade Secrets were developed by BD in the course of its business at
11 significant time, effort, and expense, and BD invests significant additional time, effort, and expense
12 to keep this information secret.

13 65. BD's confidential and proprietary information—including, notably, the BD Trade
14 Secrets contained in the files taken by Individual Defendants—is not generally known outside of
15 BD.

16 66. BD's competitive position rests on continually enhancing product development and
17 on a strong and consistent R&D approach founded on confidentiality and protection of intellectual
18 property in a highly competitive field.

19

D.

# **BD's Efforts To Protect the Confidentiality of the BD Trade Secrets**

20 67. BD has expended significant amounts of time, effort, money, and resources to
21 preserve and maintain the secrecy of the BD Trade Secrets, including through policies, procedures,
22 training programs, and systems that protect this information from disclosure to others and from use
23 by any one for purposes other than BD's interest.

68. BD employees execute an Employee Agreement with BD, establishing the
employee's responsibility regarding BD's trade secrets and confidential information.

69. Individual Defendants Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook
executed an Employee Agreement. As such, each of these Individual Defendants was aware that
they were bound by such an agreement. In addition to other corporate policies, Defendant Riley also

-16-

1 had an acknowledged duty to avoid disclosing or misusing BD's trade secrets and confidential 2 information.

3 70. BD has policies and procedures concerning information and data security that stated, 4 in relevant part, that only the software provided and installed by BD was allowed on employee 5 computers, and that data and information on the BD Information System Network are proprietary and confidential. 6

7

71. BD employees are reminded of these policies when they sign into the BD system, as

8 reflected in messages such as this one:

9 You are about to enter a private network intended for the authorized use of Becton, Dickinson and Company and its affiliates ("BD") for business purposes. The actual 10 or attempted unauthorized access, use, or modification of this network is prohibited by BD. Unauthorized users and/or unauthorized use may be subject to BD 11 disciplinary proceedings and/or criminal and civil penalties in accordance with 12 applicable law. The use of this system may be monitored and/or recorded for administrative and security reasons in accordance with applicable law and policies. 13 If such monitoring and/or recording reveals possible evidence of criminal activity, BD may provide the monitored evidence of such activity to law enforcement officials. 14 Authorized use of this network is subject to BD policies and procedures including 15 the Acceptable Use Policy.

72. To the extent that BD confidential information exists in written paper form, such 16 writings are kept in secured areas with limited access. 17

18

73. Guests to any BD facility, including the San Jose Facility, are not allowed to venture unescorted into such secure areas or access BD Confidential Information unless they or their 19 employer had executed appropriate non-disclosure agreements with BD. 20

74. BD maintains a Code of Conduct (the "Code") and has required all associates, 21 including the Individual Defendants, to participate each year in training pertaining to the Code. 22 Complying with the Code is a condition of employment with BD, and "[a]ll directors, officers and 23 employees are responsible for complying with the Code." The Code prohibits BD employees from, 24 25 among other things, using BD Information Technologies to engage in the unauthorized access to data, using "personal email or file services to conduct BD business[,]" downloading or installing 26 software that is not approved by BD, or using "hostage or storage services that have not been 27 approved by BD Information Security[.]" 28

75. Each of the Individual Defendants agreed to the Code, as well as other separate
 agreements to protect BD's confidential information.

3

4

# E. <u>The Individual Defendants' Employment With BD</u>

76. On or about January 23, 2006, BD hired Yan as a Principal Engineer in R&D.

77. While employed by BD, Yan's primary responsibilities included working on BD's
flow cytometers and R&D projects related to flow cytometry and other products. Yan also headed
Project Newton. He oversaw numerous engineers and developers on this project, including
Defendants Vrane, Gong, Zhong, and Jaimes, and dedicated approximately two years to this project.

9 78. In 2014, BD elected to prioritize several other promising confidential projects over
10 Project Newton. Upon information and belief, upset by this decision, Defendant Yan—while still
11 employed at BD—sought advice and investment from others to form his own company or join
12 another company, to capitalize off and personally continue the work he had done on Project Newton.
13 Yan departed BD on January 16, 2015 and joined Cytek shortly thereafter as its Chief Technology
14 Officer.

15 79. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Yan **16** downloaded at least 17,000 files to multiple separate removable media devices (one of the devices) 17 || included in it a compressed or encrypted folder in a foreign language (Chinese)<sup>1</sup>). Such files included (i) design detail information and specifications regarding the BD Accuri<sup>TM</sup> code; (ii) source code 18 19 relating to BD's flow cytometry systems; (iii) testing information related to BD's flow cytometry 20 systems; (iv) prototypes relating to BD's confidential program to develop a spectral cytometer; (v) 21 design detail information and command settings for code relating to BD's confidential program to 22 develop a spectral cytometer; and (vi) confidential code information relating to BD's confidential 23 program to develop a spectral cytometer. After diligent efforts to locate the removable media 24 devices, including inquiries to Yan and Cytek, only one device has been found. Upon information 25 and belief, Yan (1) took the other devices and files with him when he left BD and (2) brought them

- 26
- 27

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> <sup>1</sup> BD has recovered one of the devices to which Yan downloaded BD information. However, the device BD recovered does not contain the compressed or encrypted folder in a foreign language. -18-

to Cytek, where he has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them and their content for Cytek's
 benefit and has enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

3 80. Upon information and belief, while still employed at BD and in a clear conflict of 4 interest, Yan was already planning how to develop his own competing flow cytometers and 5 communicating with investors about developing his own business, using the knowledge and **6** information gained from Project Newton and his years at BD. Shortly after Yan departed BD in 7 January 2015, a representative of Fidelity Asia approached a retired BD employee to inquire about 8 potentially investing in a business in which Yan was involved. The representative showed the retired 9 BD employee a copy of a patent application Yan had provided that was in Yan's own name. That 10 application had been prepared and filed while Yan was employed at BD, and was based on 11 technology developed at BD. Upon information and belief, Yan subsequently abandoned or 12 suppressed that patent application after the potential investors were informed that it was based on 13 BD technology.

14 81. After Yan left BD and joined Cytek, he proceeded to recruit BD's flow cytometry15 engineers, encouraging them to leave BD and join Cytek.

16 82. Yan, along with Defendant Jaimes, worked directly on Cytek's Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow
17 cytometer, and they unveiled it together at the June 2017 CYTO conference in Boston. At least
18 Individual Defendants Riley, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, and Reinin also participated in the June
19 2017 CYTO conference on behalf of Cytek.

20 83. At the October 2017 CYTO Asia conference in Singapore, Defendants Reinin,
21 Jaimes, Shook, and Yan gave a presentation entitled "Enhancement of Multicolor Assay
22 Performance Using High Sensitivity Full Spectrum Cytometry," in which, upon information and
23 belief, the Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometer was showcased. Defendant Yan also gave a presentation entitled
24 "A New Standard for High Sensitivity Full Spectrum Cytometry," in which, upon information and
25 belief, Yan referred to "an intelligent deconvolution algorithm" and showcased the Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow
26 cytometer.

27 84. At the April-May, 2018 CYTO conference in Prague, Czech Republic, Defendant
28 Jaimes once again displayed the Cytek Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometer in a presentation entitled

"Expanding Application Capabilities Using Full Spectrum Cytometry," in which the Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow
 cytometer was showcased. This presentation made apparent that the Aurora<sup>TM</sup> cytometer, though a
 spectral flow cytometer, relied on many of the same systems and quality control—such as panel
 design and calibration—that BD's systems employ. At least Defendants Yan, Gong, Zhong, and
 Reinin participated in the 2018 CYTO conference on behalf of Cytek.

6 85. On or about June 1988, BD hired Riley, whose position with BD before his departure
7 to Cytek was Senior Program Manager. Based on his employment status at the time, he was not
8 required to sign an employment agreement. Nevertheless, he accepted, and was subject to, a clear
9 duty to maintain the confidentiality of BD trade secrets and other confidential proprietary
10 information, and a duty of loyalty as BD's employee.

86. While employed by BD, Riley's recent work primarily involved supporting several
confidential and proprietary BD projects related to flow cytometry, including one of BD's proprietary
clinical cytometer projects as well as a proprietary BD clinical analyzer project.

14 87. Riley departed BD on January 10, 2015, and he joined Cytek in approximately15 February 2016.

16 88. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Riley
17 downloaded multiple files to at least one removable media device. Such files included those related
18 to R&D of clinical cytometry and analysis such as (i) design review templates and (ii) master project
19 schedules. Upon information and belief, Riley (1) took these devices and files with him when he left
20 BD and (2) brought them to Cytek, where he has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them
21 and their content for Cytek's benefit and has enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

89. Riley is presently employed by Cytek as its General Manager. On his LinkedIn
profile, Riley describes himself as being "[r]esponsible for the successful operation of the
Production, Service, Marketing, IT, and Program Management aspects of" Cytek's business. Upon
information and belief, Riley's work for Cytek is substantially similar to the work he did for BD,
including working on Cytek's spectral flow cytometry products. Riley participated in the 2017
CYTO conference on behalf of Cytek.

# Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 21 of 58

90. Following the suspension of Project Newton, BD's spectral flow cytometry project
 and the departures of Yan and Riley shortly thereafter, both Yan and Riley proceeded to recruit from
 BD's ranks in its flow cytometry space, encouraging them to leave BD and join Cytek.

4 91. On or about October 20, 1998, BD hired Vrane, whose position with BD before his
5 departure to Cytek was in the R&D position of Senior Staff Engineer.

6 92. While employed by BD, Vrane worked as a fluidics engineer on Project Newton,
7 BD's spectral flow cytometry project overseen by Yan, as well as on several confidential and
8 proprietary BD projects related to flow cytometry, including a proprietary clinical cytometer project,
9 a proprietary BD clinical analyzer project, and a proprietary BD sorter project. For example, Vrane
10 designed the proprietary fluidics system for the BD FACSAria<sup>TM</sup> cytometers. Shortly before leaving
11 BD, Vrane worked on BD's proprietary vacuum fluidics subsystem for flow cytometers.

12

93. Vrane departed BD on April 20, 2015, and he joined Cytek soon after.

94. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Vrane
downloaded multiple files to one or more separate removable media devices. Such files included
those related to R&D design and development of BD's spectral cytometry, clinical cytometry, and
sorting such as (i) fluidics design files and (ii) mode table files. Upon information and belief, Vrane
(1) took these devices and files with him when he left BD and (2) brought them to Cytek, where he
has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them and their content for Cytek's benefit and has
enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

95. Vrane is presently employed by Cytek as a Staff Specialist: Fluid Dynamics. Upon
information and belief, Vrane's primary responsibilities for Cytek are substantially the same as his
primary responsibilities when he worked for BD, including working on Cytek's spectral flow
cytometry products. Vrane participated in the 2017 CYTO conference on behalf of Cytek.

24 96. On or about July 2005, BD hired Jaimes, whose position with BD before her departure
25 to Cytek was Scientist.

26 97. While employed by BD, Jaimes worked on Project Newton, as well as other
27 confidential R&D projects.

98. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Jaimes
 downloaded multiple files to one or more removable media devices. Such files included product test
 protocols and service specifications. Upon information and belief, Jaimes (1) took these devices and
 files with her when she left BD and (2) brought them to Cytek, where she has disclosed and/or used
 and continues to use them and their content for Cytek's benefit and has enabled others at Cytek to
 similarly use them.

99. Jaimes departed BD on or about April 30, 2015, and she joined Cytek in July 2015.
100. Jaimes is presently employed at Cytek as an application specialist. Upon information
and belief, her role at Cytek includes work with Yan on flow cytometry projects, including Cytek's
spectral flow cytometry products. Indeed, Jaimes has made public presentations of Cytek's flow
cytometry products on at least two separate occasions, including at the 2017 CYTO conference and
2017 CYTO Asia conference. Jaimes also participated in the 2018 CYTO conference on behalf of
Cytek.

14 101. On or about January 3, 2005, BD hired Zhang, whose position with BD before his
15 departure to Cytek was Software Developer.

16 102. While employed by BD, Zhang's primary responsibilities included working on
17 various flow cytometry projects.

18

103. Zhang departed BD on April 25, 2015, and he joined Cytek in 2016.

19 104. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Zhang
20 downloaded source code files to one or more removable media devices. Upon information and belief,
21 Zhang (1) took these devices and files with him when he left BD and (2) brought them to Cytek,
22 where he has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them and their content for Cytek's benefit
23 and has enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

24 105. Zhang is presently employed by Cytek as a software developer. Upon information
25 and belief, Zhang's primary responsibilities for Cytek are substantially the same as his primary
26 responsibilities when he worked for BD, including working on Cytek's spectral flow cytometry
27 products. Zhang participated in the 2017 CYTO conference on behalf of Cytek.

1 106. On or about June 5, 2000, BD hired Gong, whose position with BD before his 2 departure to Cytek was in the R&D position of Staff Engineer.

3 107. While employed by BD, Gong's primary responsibilities included working on 4 software development for BD's proprietary spectral flow cytometry project overseen by Yan, as well 5 as software development relating to several additional confidential and proprietary BD flow cytometry projects, including that relating to BD's proprietary and confidential cytometer panel 6 7 design.

8

108. Gong departed BD in May 2015, and he joined Cytek that same month.

9 109. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Gong **10** downloaded multiple files to one or more separate removable media devices. Such files included 11 those related to R&D design and development of BD's spectral cytometry software and cytometer 12 panel design software such as (i) software design files and (ii) panel specification files. Upon 13 information and belief, Gong (1) took these devices and files with him when he left BD and (2) 14 brought them to Cytek, where he has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them and their 15 content for Cytek's benefit and has enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

16 110. Gong is presently employed by Cytek as Director of Software Development. Upon 17 information and belief, Gong's current role as Cytek's Director of Software Development includes 18 the development, use, and implementation of software in Cytek's flow cytometry systems. Upon 19 information and belief, Gong was and continues to be involved in the use of BD software files taken 20 to Cytek by Gong and other Individual Defendants, and the implementation of such files into Cytek 21 products, including Cytek's spectral flow cytometry products. Gong participated in the 2017 and 22 2018 CYTO conferences on behalf of Cytek.

23

On or about March 28, 2011, BD hired Zhong, whose position with BD before his 111. 24 departure to Cytek was in the R&D position of Engineer II.

25 112. While employed by BD, Zhong's primary responsibilities included work as a systems 26 engineer on Project Newton, BD's proprietary spectral flow cytometry project overseen by Yan, as 27 well as on another confidential and proprietary BD clinical cytometer project.

1 113. Zhong departed BD on or about January 18, 2016, and he joined Cytek that same
2 month.

114. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Zhong
downloaded multiple files to one or more separate removable media devices. Such files included
those related to R&D design, development, and experimentation of BD's spectral cytometry and
clinical cytometry, such as (i) spectral cytometry experiment files and (ii) experimental data. Upon
information and belief, Zhong (1) took these devices and files with him when he left BD and (2)
brought them to Cytek, where he has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them and their
content for Cytek's benefit and has enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

10 115. Zhong is presently employed by Cytek as China Business Manager. Zhong
11 participated in the 2017 and 2018 CYTO conferences on behalf of Cytek.

12 116. On or about October 17, 2011, BD hired Shook, whose position with BD before her
13 departure to Cytek was in the R&D position of Senior Project Engineer.

14 117. While employed by BD, Shook worked on several proprietary and confidential BD
15 projects related to flow cytometry, including two proprietary clinical cytometer projects, a
16 proprietary analyzer project, and a proprietary sorter project.

17 118. Shook departed BD in October 2016, and she joined Cytek the following month, in18 November 2016.

19 119. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Shook
20 downloaded multiple files to one or more separate removable media devices. Such files included
21 those related to R&D design, development, and experimentation of BD's clinical cytometry,
22 analysis, and sorting such as (i) CAD drawings; (ii) design review summaries; and (iii)
23 experimentation files. Shook (1) took these devices and files with her when she left BD and (2)
24 brought them to Cytek, where she has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them and their
25 content for Cytek's benefit and has enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

26 120. Shook is presently employed by Cytek as a Systems Engineer. Upon information and
27 belief, Shook's primary responsibilities for Cytek are substantially the same as her primary
28

responsibilities when she worked for BD, including working on Cytek's spectral flow cytometry
 products. Shook participated in the 2017 CYTO Asia conference on behalf of Cytek.

3 121. On or about October 15, 2007, BD hired Reinin, whose position with BD before his
4 departure to Cytek was Senior Project Manager.

5 122. While employed by BD, Reinin's primary responsibilities included marketing and
6 product commercialization, including work on BD's proprietary FACSAria<sup>™</sup> cell sorter project and
7 other customer product development projects.

8 123. Reinin departed BD on or about June 13, 2016, and he joined Cytek the following9 month, in July 2016.

10 124. Before commencing employment at Cytek and while still employed at BD, Reinin
11 downloaded multiple files to a removable media device. Such files contained BD confidential and
12 proprietary information relating to BD marketing strategy and product pricing information, and
13 product specifications for BD products including the FACSAria<sup>TM</sup> Fusion. Upon information and
14 belief, Reinin (1) took these devices and files with him when he left BD and (2) brought them to
15 Cytek, where he has disclosed and/or used and continues to use them and their content for Cytek's
16 benefit and has enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

17 125. Reinin is presently employed by Cytek as Director of Marketing. Upon information
18 and belief, his primary responsibilities at Cytek include marketing strategy for Cytek's products and
19 services, including working on the marketing strategy for Cytek's spectral flow cytometry products.
20 Reinin participated in the 2017 CYTO, 2017 CYTO Asia, and 2018 CYTO conferences on behalf of
21 Cytek.

126. The files the Individual Defendants took from BD are useful to every aspect of
Cytek's business, including (1) the design and development of spectral and non-spectral flow
cytometry systems; (2) the service, repair, and upgrading of a wide variety of flow cytometry
systems, whether or not they are manufactured by Cytek; and (3) the marketing and sale of flow
cytometry products and services.

27 127. Upon Cytek's hiring of the Individual Defendants, Defendant Cytek knew or should
28 have known that Defendants Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and/or Shook was

# Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 26 of 58

subject to an Employment Agreement under his or her former employer, BD. Further, Defendant
 Cytek knew or should have known that Defendant Riley was subject to confidentiality obligations to
 his former employer, BD.

4

# F. The Individual Defendants' Responsibilities to BD

5 128. Together, the Individual Defendants possess decades of knowledge of BD's
6 confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information relating to the development of BD's flow
7 cytometry products, including the BD Trade Secrets gained through their former employment with
8 BD.

9 129. As employees of BD, the Individual Defendants other than Riley executed an
10 Employee Agreement (the "Agreement") that set forth obligations that the Individual Defendants
11 had as employees concerning, among other things, confidential information, technology, and trade
12 secrets. Each Agreement sets forth the same or substantially the same terms.

13 130. Upon signing the Agreements, the Individual Defendants agreed that they were
14 prohibited from disclosing or using, outside the scope of their employment, any BD confidential
15 information, including "any confidential or unpublished information, business plan, financial
16 information, trade secret, computer program, design, product, process, procedure, formula, research,
17 improvement, work of authorship, or the like, whether of a technical or non-technical nature,"
18 relating to BD's business.

19 131. The Individual Defendants further agreed that upon leaving BD, they would promptly
20 return all BD property, "including such things as drawings, manuals, notebooks, reports, customer
21 and vendor lists, all samples, all prototypes, all demos, and like material, and anything else owned
22 by the Company or to which the Company is entitled and which is in my possession or under my
23 control."

132. The Individual Defendants also assigned, and agreed to assign, to BD all right, title,
and interest in any innovations (defined as "any idea, invention, discovery, improvement, copyright,
and the like") developed during the time of their employment or a period of one year after their
employment.

28

133. Each Employee Agreement is governed by New Jersey law.

-26-

1 134. As a result of their position at BD, the Individual Defendants all had access to BD 2 confidential information, including BD's design, specifications, blueprints, manufacturing plans, 3 materials, processes, technical information, marketing materials, and other information relating to 4 BD's flow cytometers. Such access included access to the BD Trade Secrets.

5 135. Yan, Vrane, Gong, Zhong, and Jaimes also had access to BD's highly confidential **6** design files, prototypes, software, and analyses regarding BD's R&D efforts in connection with 7 Project Newton, a flow cytometer capable of spectral analysis. Such access included access to the 8 BD Trade Secrets.

9 136. BD maintains a Trade Secret Policy to which the Individual Defendants had access **10** during their employment. The Trade Secret Policy states in part:

11

12

4.3 Examples of BD Trade Secrets

BD trade secrets may include, but need not be limited to:

- 13 (a) Information relating to:
- intellectual property such as unpublished patent, trademark or copyright applications, (i) 14 or invention disclosures;
- research and development activities and results such as formulas, prototypes, (ii) 15 processes, laboratory notebooks, experiments and experimental data, analytical data, calculations, drawings, vendor/supplier information, reports, know-how and negative 16 know-how (i.e., what does not work), new product development, clinical study 17 protocols, results and associated data.
- 18
- BD Associates—BD trade secrets should be made available to BD associates on a (e) "need to know" basis only. BD associates should treat all non-public information 19 about BD as a BD trade secret unless otherwise instructed. 20
- 137. The Trade Secret Policy also states that "Every BD associate with access to BD trade 21

secrets shall comply with this Policy." 22

138. 23 24

During their employment at BD, the Individual Defendants had access to paper, computer, and other files that had R&D information concerning a number of various and ongoing

projects, including the BD Trade Secrets. 25

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

139. BD issued to each of the Individual Defendants a laptop computer and provided each 26 with access to BD's network files and hard copy files. Network files include specific product 27

28

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

## Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 28 of 58

information, technical reports, and project lists. Hard copy files include all product designs,
 manufacturing instructions, quality control specifications, and chemical characteristics.

3 140. The information to which the Individual Defendants had access was confidential and
4 proprietary and constituted trade secrets under at least California, New Jersey, and federal law.

141. In each of their roles at BD, the Individual Defendants routinely played a critical part
in the various product-related and R&D-related projects pertaining to flow cytometry. The technical
and clinical designs, pictures, and drawings, design data, product and process developments,
prototypes, marketing data and marketing studies, and other innovative information relating to each
of these products or developing products are extremely confidential, have great value to BD and
would have significant economic value to its competitors. If a competitor of BD were to learn of the
designs, blueprints, and other innovative information relating to any of these products or developing
products, it would cause BD great harm and put it at significant competitive disadvantage.

13 142. Furthermore, the collective knowledge possessed by the Individual Defendants of
14 BD's confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information would be exceptionally valuable to a
15 competitor, and would cause BD great harm and put it at significant competitive disadvantage.

16

17

# G. <u>Cytek's Employment of the Individual Defendants and Recent Launch of</u>

# **Competitive Cytometers**

18 143. Cytek was founded in the early 1990s by a former employee of BD as a service19 oriented company providing service, upgrades, and technical support to flow cytometers developed
20 by other companies, including BD.

21 144. Cytek Biosciences Inc. is the outcome of a merger between Cytek Development Inc.,
22 and Cytoville Inc., a venture capital-backed business focused on advanced medical instrument
23 technology development. *See* https://www.biospace.com/article/releases/ cytek-biosciences-poised24 to-accelerate-flow-cytometry-adoption-/, Mar. 29, 2017 (last viewed Feb. 3, 2018).

25 145. Before approximately March 2017, Cytek continued in its original service-oriented
26 role, and did not produce or sell any of its own cytometers.

- 27
- 28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

1 146. According to its current website, however, Cytek now consists of "engineers,
 2 scientists and customer service representatives who design, build and support flow cytometers." *See* 3 https://cytekbio.com/pages/about (last viewed June 5, 2018).

4 147. Also according to its current website, Cytek is now a "manufacturer and supplier of
5 flow cytometry products and services." *Id.*

6 148. According to Cytek's website, Yan "is a co-founder of Cytek Biosciences, Inc.[,]" is
7 on Cytek's Board of Directors, and is Cytek's Chief Technology Officer. *Id*.

8 149. The other Individual Defendants are all currently employed with Cytek as well. A
9 substantial number of Cytek's R&D positions, including senior management and technology
10 positions, are held by former BD employees.

11 150. On or about March 15, 2017, less than two years after Yan began employment with
12 Cytek, Cytek launched its first flow cytometry system, the DxP Athena<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometry system.
13 The DxP Athena<sup>TM</sup> is marketed and sold throughout the United States and worldwide.

14 151. Less than three months after it launched the DxP Athena<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometry system,
15 on or about June 7, 2017, Cytek launched another flow cytometry system, the Cytek Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow
16 cytometry system. The Aurora<sup>TM</sup> shares striking similarities with the spectral flow cytometer
17 previously in development at BD by Yan and other Individual Defendants, as well as other BD
18 products and technologies. Specifically, the Cytek Aurora<sup>TM</sup> is a flow cytometer with spectral
19 analysis capabilities similar to those that were in development at BD through Project Newton. The
20 Aurora<sup>TM</sup> is sold throughout the United States and worldwide.

21 152. Since 2016, Cytek has filed patent applications directed to technologies relating to
22 spectral flow cytometry, including published applications with Yan and Vrane as named inventors.

153. Use of BD's confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information held by the
Individual Defendants and contained in the files they misappropriated greatly helped Cytek bring its
DxP Athena<sup>™</sup> and Aurora<sup>™</sup> flow cytometry systems to market. That information would have given
Cytek an unfair advantage and head start in developing their own flow cytometer products. Use of
BD's confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information held by the Individual Defendants and

28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

contained in the files they misappropriated greatly helps Cytek with its original business of service,
 repair, and upgrade of BD products.

3 154. Cytek used BD's confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information as part of its
4 effort to develop and market flow cytometry systems, including but not limited to, the DxP Athena<sup>TM</sup>
5 flow cytometry system and the Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometry system, to the detriment of BD.

6 7

# H. The Theft Of Confidential Information And Trade Secrets From BD and Systematic Poaching of BD Employees by Cytek

8 155. In January 2018, having learned from public information that several BD employees
9 had left BD's employ and accepted employment with Cytek after being specifically targeted and
10 recruited, BD initiated an ongoing internal review. As a result of the internal review, BD learned
11 that the Individual Defendants had downloaded thousands of files to dozens of removable media
12 devices containing BD confidential and proprietary information and trade secrets, including the BD
13 Trade Secrets, while still employed at BD.

14 156. BD engaged in diligent efforts to recover the missing devices, including but not
15 limited to: (a) making written demands to certain Individual Defendants for the immediate return of
16 the devices; (b) conducting a search of the BD San Jose Facility for the devices; and (c) requesting
17 that Cytek assist BD with recovering the devices from their current officer(s) and employees,
18 preserve information related to the missing devices, and agree to a third-party forensic inspection.

19 157. Of the dozens of devices to which the Individual Defendants downloaded BD20 confidential information, to date BD has been able to recover only a handful of devices.

21 158. BD's internal review revealed the downloading activity by the Individual Defendants
22 described above.

159. The Individual Defendants were in possession of the misappropriated BD Trade
Secrets, as well as their individual and combined knowledge of BD's proprietary and confidential
information related to BD's flow cytometry and spectral flow cytometry, when they joined Cytek
and, on information and belief, used, and continue to use, those trade secrets in their work there for
the benefit of Cytek and have enabled others at Cytek to similarly use them.

28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

Cytek and Yan knew or should have known of the other Individual Defendants'
 contractual obligations to BD, which included (1) an obligation not to use or disclose BD confidential
 information outside the scope of their employment at BD, (2) the obligation to assign intellectual
 property, (3) the obligation to return BD property upon leaving BD, and (4) a duty of loyalty to BD
 as its employees.

6 161. With its improper access to and misuse of the BD Trade Secrets, Cytek was able to
7 develop and launch its own spectral flow cytometry products rapidly, despite having never before
8 produced a flow cytometer product itself—its only prior experience being in servicing and
9 refurbishing others' flow cytometers, including BD's. Cytek would not have been able to develop
10 flow cytometers on as rapid a time frame but for its wrongful use of the BD Trade Secrets, aided by
11 the improper disclosures and participation of the Individual Defendants.

12 162. After learning of Yan's and the other Individual Defendants' conduct regarding BD's
13 confidential information, BD contacted Cytek and asked that Cytek preserve any relevant
14 information and agree to a third-party review of its computer systems for BD's confidential
15 information. After learning of the conduct of the other Individual Defendants regarding BD's
16 confidential information, BD again contacted Cytek to reiterate the need for a third-party review.
17 BD also provided Cytek with information about the missing removable media devices. To date,
18 Cytek has not agreed to allow a third-party review of its computer systems.

19 163. The BD Trade Secrets derive significant independent economic value, actual and/or
20 potential, from not being generally known to the public or to other persons that can obtain economic
21 value from their use or disclosure. BD derives substantial business advantage and significant
22 economic benefit from maintaining the confidentiality of the BD Trade Secrets.

164. The Individual Defendants' improper disclosure to Cytek of the BD Trade Secrets,
and Cytek's and the Individual Defendants' improper use of the BD Trade Secrets, has caused and
will cause substantial economic harm and disadvantage to BD, some of which is not even known or
knowable at the present time.

27 165. BD has been injured by Defendants' conduct, including lost profits, lost revenue,
28 Cytek's unjust enrichment, and other harms.

1

I.

# Cytek's Unauthorized Copying and Use of BD's Copyrighted Materials

166. In addition to misappropriation of BD's valuable trade secrets, Cytek's product
development and commercialization efforts for its flow cytometer products also involved the
unauthorized copying, reproduction, and distribution of, and the unauthorized preparation of
derivative works based on, certain copyrighted materials authored and owned by BD, including
software and documentation for BD's own products.

7 167. In connection with its flow cytometer products, BD authored and distributes the BD
8 FACSDiva software and the BD FACStation software, and owns all U.S. copyright rights in those
9 works.

10 168. BD has released multiple versions of the BD FACSDiva software over the years, and
11 owns all U.S. copyright rights in each of those versions.

12 169. BD also has released multiple versions of the BD FACStation software over the13 years, and owns all U.S. copyright rights in each of those versions.

14 170. In addition, BD has provided various manuals, training materials, and other
15 documentation (collectively, the "Documentation") in connection with its flow cytometer products
16 and related software (including BD FACSDiva and BD FACStation), and is the author and owner of
17 all copyright rights in that Documentation.

18 171. BD is, and at all relevant times has been, the owner of all copyright rights in
19 all versions of the BD FACSDiva software works, the BD FACStation software works, and the
20 Documentation (collectively, the "BD Copyrighted Works"), all of which are original works of
21 authorship that constitute copyrightable subject matter under U.S. law.

172. BD owns the following U.S. copyright registrations for its BD FACSDiva software
works: U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-760-618 for Version 6.1.3, Reg. No. TX 8-760-635 for Version 7.0, and
Reg. No. TX 8-760-661 for Version 8.0 (collectively, the "BD FACSDiva software works"), all of
which remain valid and subsisting. *See* Exhibit <u>2</u> (copyright certificates).

26 173. BD also owns a U.S. copyright registration for its BD FACStation software work,
27 U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-784-370 for Version 6.0.4, which remains valid and subsisting. *See* Exhibit <u>3</u>
28 (copyright certificate).

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

1 174. BD also owns U.S. copyright registrations for certain of its Documentation, including: 2 U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-753-485 for the BD FACSVerse System User's Guide; U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-3 753-555 for the BD FACScan System Instructional Module; U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-760-376 for the 4 2004 BD FACSCanto II Instructions for Use; U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-754-888 for the 2005 BD 5 FACSCanto II Instructions for Use; U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-757-768 for the 2006 BD FACSCanto II 6 Instructions for Use; and U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-787-941 for technical specifications for BD's 7 LSRFortessa X-20 Cell Analyzer, all of which remain valid and subsisting. Copies of each of these 8 works are attached hereto as Exhibits <u>4-9</u>, and the copyright certificates for each of these works are 9 attached hereto as Exhibit 10.

10 175. Even aside from Cytek's actual knowledge of BD's copyright rights in each of the
11 above-noted works, each of the BD Copyrighted Works except the BD FACScan System
12 Instructional Module included notices expressly stating that BD was the copyright owner of those
13 works. See Exhibits <u>11-15</u> (copyright notices for BD FACSDiva 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0 and BD
14 FACStation 6.0.4 included in their manuals, and for BD FACSDiva 6.1.3 as depicted when run),
15 Exhibits <u>4</u> at 2, <u>6</u> at 2, <u>7</u> at 2, <u>8</u> at 2, and <u>9</u> at 4 (copyright notices for the Documentation).

16 176. As just one example of these notices, the 2005 BD FACSCanto II Instructions for Use
17 states in relevant part:

"© 2005, Becton, Dickinson and Company. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, transmitted, transcribed, stored in retrieval systems, or translated into any language or computer language, in any form or by any means: electronic, mechanical, magnetic, optical, chemical, manual, or otherwise, without prior written permission from BD Biosciences."

21 and

"BD FACSDiva software © Becton, Dickinson and Company. This software is the property of Becton, Dickinson and Company. Each sale of a stored unit of this software grants the purchaser a nontransferable, nonexclusive, personal license. This software may not be duplicated, reproduced, or copied in any form or by any means whatsoever, except as otherwise permitted by law."

**25** See Exhibit <u>7</u> at 2.

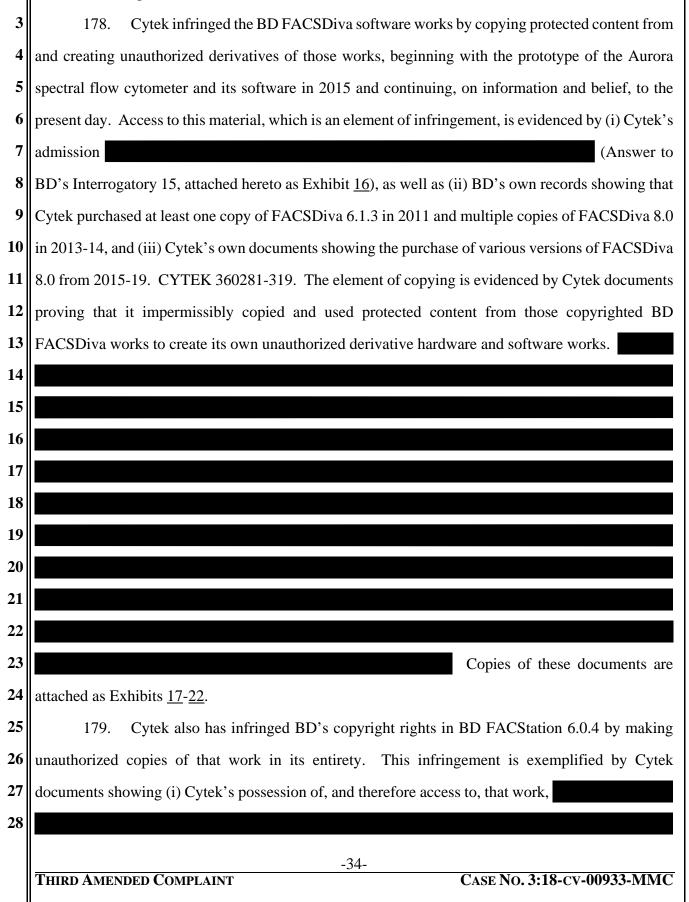
26 177. Nevertheless, as BD learned only in the course of discovery in this action, Cytek has
27 infringed and, upon information and belief, is continuing to infringe the BD Copyrighted Works by
28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

# Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 34 of 58

1 making and distributing, and upon information and belief by continuing to make and distribute,
2 unauthorized copies of and derivative works based on those works.

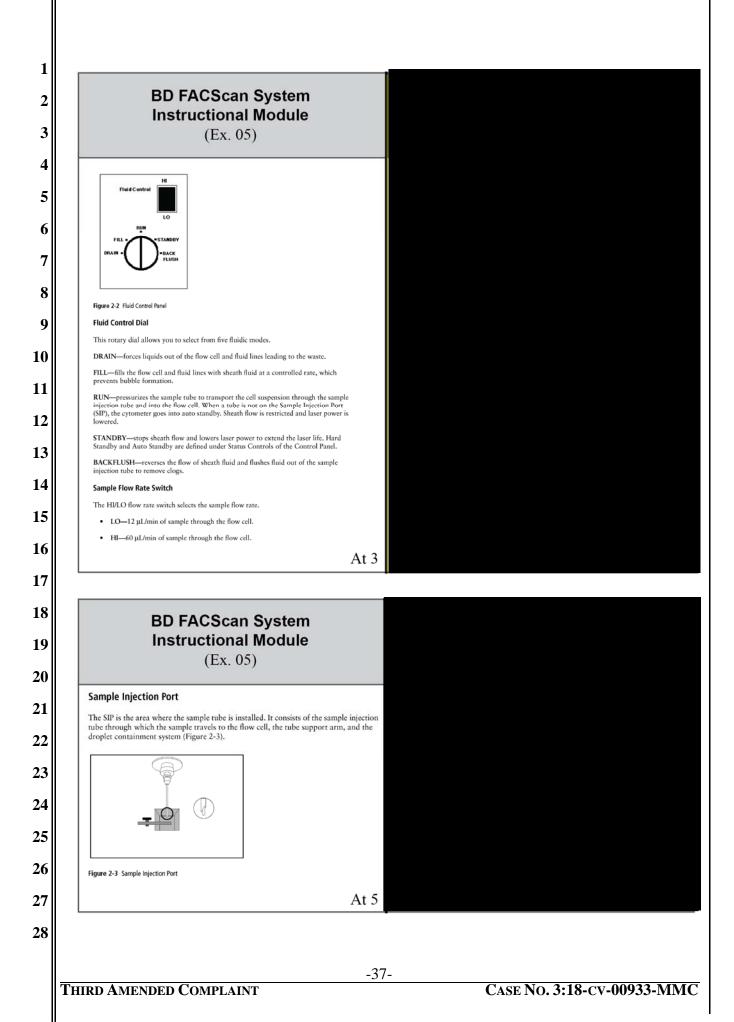


1	(CYTEK 165402-03), and (ii) Cytek's unauthorized copying of that work,	
2		
3		
4	(CYTEK 172066). Copies of these documents are attached as Exhibits	
5	<u>23-24</u> .	
6	180. As set forth in greater detail in Section C below, none of Cytek's infringing conduct	
7	relating to BD FACScan or BD FACStation, including that specifically set forth in paragraphs 178-	
8	179 above, was authorized or permitted by the license agreements for those software products.	
9	181. Cytek also has infringed BD's copyright rights in the BD FACSVerse System User's	
10	Guide by impermissibly copying protected content from and making unauthorized derivative works	
11	based on that work. This infringement is evidenced by Cytek documents showing (i) Cytek's	
12	possession of, and therefore access to, that work (Exhibits 25-26, CYTEK 19024, 93188), and (ii)	
13	Cytek's unauthorized copying of that work,	
14	(Exhibit <u>27</u> , CYTEK	
15	92757)—a copyright infringement in itself—as well as, <i>inter alia</i> ,	
16		
17	(Exhibit <u>28</u> , CYTEK 90504), and	
18	from the BD FACSVerse System User's Guide in its own user guide, as	
19	depicted in the side-by-side comparison below:	
20	BD FACSVerse System User's Guide	
21	(Ex. 04 at 70)	
22	Daily setup and QC workflow	
23	Start up the system Setup & QC Acquire data Analyze data Shut down the system	
24 25		
25 26	A copy of the BD FACSVerse System User's Guide is attached as Exhibit <u>4</u> , and Cytek's document	
26 27	from the comparison above is attached as Exhibit <u>29</u> .	
27	182. Cytek also has infringed BD's copyright rights in the BD FACScan System	
28	Instructional Module by impermissibly copying protected content from and making unauthorized	
	-35- THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC	

# Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 36 of 58

1	derivative works based on that work. This infringement is evidenced by Cytek's own admission in
2	response to BD's Interrogatory 15
3	
4	, attached hereto as Exhibit 16. This infringement also is evidenced by Cytek
5	documents showing (i) Cytek's possession of, and therefore access to, that work (Exhibits 30-31,
6	CYTEK 11460, 193690), and (ii) Cytek's unauthorized copying and creation of derivative versions
7	of that work,
8	(Exhibit <u>32</u> , CYTEK
9	201831), and
10	
11	
12	(Exhibit
13	33, CYTEK 8608). This copying is further evidenced by the many substantial similarities between
14	the two works, including as set forth in the side-by-side comparisons below:
15	
16	BD FACScan System Instructional Module
17	(Ex. 05)
18	
19	Cytometer
20	Optics Access Panel Data
21	Plotics Access Panel Panel Plot
22	Sheath I I Waten Control Reservoir Eller Reservoir Kioob
23	Power Switch This switch, located on the left side of the Front Control Panel, turns the cytometer on and off.
24	Fluid Control Panel This panel control dial and the sample flow rare waitch (Figure 2.2).
25	
26	
27	
28	At 2
	-36-
	THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT     CASE No. 3:18-cv-00933-MMC





A copy of the BD FACScan System Instructional Module is attached as Exhibit <u>5</u>, and Cytek's
 document from the comparison above is attached as Exhibit <u>33</u>.

3 183. Cytek also has infringed BD's copyright rights in the 2004, 2005, and 2006 BD 4 FACSCanto II Instructions for Use by impermissibly copying protected content from and making 5 unauthorized derivative works based on those works. This infringement is evidenced by (i) Cytek documents showing Cytek's possession of, and therefore access to, these instructions (Exhibit 34, 6 7 CYTEK 273766), and (ii) Cytek's unauthorized copying of content from those works 8 including as set forth in the side-by-side 9 comparison of the 2006 version with Cytek's manual below: 10 BD FACSCanto II 11 Instructions For Use (2006) 12 (Ex. 08 at 16-20) "Fluidics Theory of Operation" 13 IFU 2006 at 16 14 "Optics Components and Theory of Operation Once the sample moves into the flow cell, 15 particles move in single file through the laser beams." 16 IFU 2006 at 17 17 **Electronics Components** Power to the instrument, lasers, and fluidics cart is supplied by a power cord from the cytometer plugged directly into a standard electrical outlet. BD recommends the use of an uninterrupted power supply (URS) unit to maintain instrument power during a power outage. The system power button turns on the instrument and fluidics cart, and powers the lasers (Bigure 1-3). 18 19 e 1-3 Flow cytometer power panel 20 21 22 m circuit breaker is located next to the AC power cord. The breaker will a reset if there is a power surce in the laboratory. 23 ere is a power surge in the lab IFU 2006 at 20 24 A copy of the 2006 BD FACSCanto II Instructions for Use is attached as Exhibit 8, and Cytek's 25

document from the comparison above is attached as Exhibit  $\underline{33}$ .

184. In addition, Cytek has infringed BD's copyright rights in the LSRFortessa X-20 Cell
 Analyzer technical specifications by impermissibly copying protected content from and making unauthorized derivative works based on that work. This infringement is evidenced by (i) Cytek -38-

documents showing Cytek's possession of, and therefore access to, that work (Exhibit <u>35</u>, CYTEK
 73721), and (ii) Cytek's unauthorized copying of the content of that work to create its Cytoville
 Spectral Flow Cytometer Violet Laser manual, including as depicted in the side-by-side comparison
 of BD's work with a draft of Cytek's manual below, and in the final version as well:

5 **BD LSRFortessa X-20** 6 **Cell Analyzer Technical Specifications** 7 (Ex. 09 at 2) 8 Flow Cell Design Rectangular quartz cuvette: 9 Internal cross-section, 430 x 180 µm 10 External quartz cuvette surfaces are antireflective coated for optimal transmission of laser light. 11 Fixed optical assembly with spatially 12 separated laser beams. 13 **Optical Coupling** 14 The quartz cuvette flow cell is gelcoupled by refractive index-matching 15 optical gel to the fluorescence objective lens (1.2 NA) for optimal collection 16 efficiency. 17 **Emission Optical Design** 18 Emitted light from the gel-coupled cuvette is delivered by fiber optics to the 19 detector arrays. The BD LSRFortessa X-20 uses configurable polygon-20 shaped optical pathways that use signal reflection to maximize signal 21 detection. Please see the filter guide at bdbiosciences.com for information on dye and filter options. 22 **Sample Flow Rates** 23 Front button panel provides three modes: RUN, STANDBY, and PRIME 24 Continuously adjustable flow rate, plus 25 three preset flow rates: LO: 12 µL/min 26 MED: 35 µL/min HI: 60 µL/min 27

A copy of the LSRFortessa X-20 Cell Analyzer technical specifications is attached as Exhibit <u>9</u>, and
 Cytek's document from the comparison above is attached as Exhibit <u>36</u>.

3 185. The infringing conduct and content noted above are based on the limited discovery
4 and Cytek's limited production on copyright issues to date. Other documents produced to date by
5 Cytek strongly suggest that additional infringing conduct occurred, and provided that Cytek properly
6 produces documents and other evidence responsive to BD's claims and discovery requests, BD
7 reasonably believes that further production of materials that presently are entirely within Cytek's
8 possession, custody, and control will reveal such additional infringing and otherwise actionable
9 conduct continuing to the present day.

10 186. As further evidence that Cytek engaged in a regular and routine process of copying
11 BD's own copyrighted materials, Cytek recently produced, among other documents,

12				
13	(CYTEK 359665);			
14				
15	(CYTEK 358420); and			
16				
17				
18	(CYTEK 106588). Copies of these documents are			
19	attached as Exhibits <u>37-39</u> .			
20	187. Cytek's unauthorized copying, reproduction, and distribution of the BD Copyrighted			
21	Works, and the unauthorized preparation, reproduction, and distribution of derivative works based			
22	on the BD Copyrighted Works, has harmed BD and benefitted Cytek.			
23	188. More particularly, Cytek's infringing conduct, including those examples specifically			
24	noted above, has caused and will continue to cause BD to suffer monetary injury, including damages			
25	resulting from the loss of sales of its LSR Fortessa 4L and 5L and FACSymphony A5 spectral			
26	cytometer products, as well as lost sales of associated products and services, to Cytek's infringing			
27	flow cytometry products, including at least its Aurora and Northern Lights products, as well as sales			
28	of their associated products and services, from no later than 2017 to the present, and projected into			
	-40- THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT CASE No. 3:18-cv-00933-MMC			

the future. As discussed above, Cytek has marketed and sold products and other materials that
infringe BD's copyright rights in the BD Copyrighted Works, and as a result of that infringement the
market value of BD's Copyrighted Works has been injured, and BD has lost sales of its own products
and services to Cytek's competing products and services. Moreover, BD has lost the value of
hypothetical licenses of the BD Copyrighted Works to Cytek, which could be estimated as the
amount Cytek reasonably would have been required to pay to BD at the times of its infringements
(from 2015 forward) for the actual uses Cytek made of the BD Copyrighted Works.

8 189. In addition, Cytek's infringing conduct, including those examples specifically noted
9 above, have allowed and will continue to allow Cytek to wrongfully profit and unjustly enrich itself
10 from its infringement, including, upon information and belief, and without limitation, (a)

11 12 (b) 13 14 15 16 and which allowed it to 17 successfully market its own competing flow cytometry products, and (c) by continuing to market and 18 sell, and to profit from, flow cytometry products and related materials, including at least its Aurora 19 and Northern Lights products, that, upon information and belief, continue to include hardware, 20 software, and other content that infringe BD's Copyrighted Works.

190. More particularly, Cytek appears to have infringed BD's Copyrighted Works, and to
have held out BD's own achievements as Cytek's own, as part of a scheme to fool investors and
scientific evaluators into believing that Cytek's flow cytometry products and software and related
documentation—and Cytek's contributions to those products and that software and documentation—
were more comprehensive and complete than they actually were.

26 191. Absent injunctive relief, and particularly given the evidence noted above that Cytek
27 has regularly, deliberately, and in bad faith copied and infringed BD's Copyrighted Works and other
28 works to develop, market, and sell its own flow cytometry products and related documentation and

other materials, Cytek will continue to sell flow cytometry products, including its Aurora and
 Northern Lights products, and to misuse related documentation and other materials that infringe BD's
 Copyrighted Works, and will cause and continue to cause ongoing and future injury to BD by reason
 of that infringement. *See*, *e.g.*, <a href="https://cytekbio.com/pages/aurora">https://cytekbio.com/pages/aurora</a> and <a href="https://cytekbio.com/">https://cytekbio.com/</a>

6

24

25

26

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

## C. <u>Cytek's Copyright-Related Breaches of Contracts</u>

7 192. Upon information and belief, Cytek also breached BD's software license agreements
8 for its FACSDiva and FACStation software by agreeing to the terms of those agreements and then
9 using BD's software in a manner that violated those agreements.

10 193. More particularly, and as discussed in greater detail below, upon information and
11 belief Cytek has breached each of the following agreements: (i) the FACSDiva 6.1.3 software license
12 agreement; (ii) the FACSDiva 7.0 software license agreement; (iii) the FACSDiva 8.0 software
13 license agreement; and (iv) the FACStation 6.0.4 software license agreement (collectively, the
14 "Software License Agreements").

15 194. BD provides the customers for its flow cytometer products with limited and non-16 transferrable licenses for the software included with those products.

17 195. The Software License Agreements for both BD FACSDiva 6.1.3 and 7.0, copies of
18 which are attached hereto as Exhibits <u>40</u> and <u>41</u> respectively, state that "[e]ach sale of a stored unit
19 of this software grants the purchaser a nontransferable, nonexclusive, personal license," and that
20 "this software may not be duplicated, reproduced or copied in any form or by any means whatsoever,
21 except as otherwise permitted by law."

- 22 196. The Software License Agreement for BD FACSDiva 8.0, a copy of which is attached
  23 hereto as Exhibit <u>42</u>, states, *inter alia*:
  - "If you do not agree to the terms of this Agreement, you are not granted any rights whatsoever in the Software, and you will not be able to access or use the Software."
  - "You shall use only (1) one copy of the Software on (1) one computer and you may make (1) one copy for back-up purposes."
- Users may not "(v) work around any technical limitations in the Software, use any tool to enable features or functionalities that are otherwise disabled in the Software, or decompile, disassemble, or otherwise reverse engineer the Software except as otherwise permitted by applicable law . . . ."

	Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 43 of 58				
1	Users may not "(vii) conv. modify. duplicate, translate, disassemble, or decompile the				
2	<ul> <li>Users may not "(vii) copy, modify, duplicate, translate, disassemble, or decompile the Software without BD's prior written consent"</li> </ul>				
3	<ul> <li>Users may not "(viii) otherwise use the Software except as expressly allowed herein"</li> </ul>				
4	<ul> <li>"You shall not cause or permit decompilation, disassembly, or reverse engineering</li> </ul>				
5	of the Software or disclosure, copying, display, loan, publication, transfer of possession (whether by sales, exchange, gift, operation of law or otherwise) or other dissemination				
6 7	of the Software and related documentation, in whole or part, to any third party without the prior written consent of BD."				
7 8	<ul> <li>"Physical media and copies of the Software, whether in diskette, tape, paper or other forms provided by BD, shall remain the property of BD, and such copies are deemed to</li> </ul>				
9	be on loan to you during the term of the license granted hereby."				
10	Exhibit <u>42</u> .				
11	197. One of the manuals for the BD FACStation 6.0.4 software, the first two pages of				
12	which are attached hereto as Exhibit <u>14</u> , states that "[e]ach sale of a stored unit of this software grants				
13	the purchaser a nontransferable, nonexclusive, personal license. This software may not be duplicated,				
15	aw."				
16	198. As evidenced by its own discovery responses and document production, Cytek				
17					
18	supra.				
19 20	199. Upon information and belief, Cytek agreed to each of these licenses before using the				
20 21					
21 22	products from BD, along with their corresponding hardware and documentation, and first opened and used the software programs, or (ii) purchased copies of and installed these software programs.				
22 23	Indeed, each version of the FACSDiva software at issue in this action required users to agree to the				
23 24	terms of their license agreements to proceed with installation of that software, as depicted below in				
25	the "clickwrap" licenses for BD FACSDiva 6.1.3, BD FACSDiva 7.0, and BD FACSDiva 8.0				
26	respectively:				
27					
28					
	-43-				
	THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT   CASE No. 3:18-cv-00933-MMC				

2 3	BD FACSDiva Software BD FACSDiva Software 6.1.3
4	BD FACSDiva Software
5	License Agreement Please read the following license agreement carefully.
_	Press the PAGE DOWN key to see the rest of the agreement. Software License Agreement
6 7	BD FACSD/va Software®2009 Becton, Dickinson and Company. This software is the property of Becton, Dickinson and Company. Each sale of a stored unit of this software grants the purchaser a nontransferable.
7	This software may not be duplicated, reproduced or copied in any form or by any means
8	Do you accept all the terms of the preceding License Agreement? If you select No, the setup will close. To install BD FACSDIve Software, you must accept this agreement.
9	K Back Yes No
0	BD FACSDive Software 7.0
1	DD TACSDBva Software 7.0
2	
3	
4	EXCEDING Software      Excesse Agreement Please mud the following lowner agreement carefully.
5	Pess the PAGE DDWN key to see the not of the agreement. Software License Agreement ED FASSDive Software Dicense Agreement ED FASSDive Software 2002 Beckton, Dickinson and Company
	This software is the property of Becton, Dickinson and Company, Each sale of a stored und of this polymore guarts the purchaser a nontransitisable, monoclume, general leximation, the purchaser of cooped in any lenn or by any means.
)	The submer way to be explored and a provide the submer of
7	C Rek Yes No
8	Please read the following license agreement carefully.
9	SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT
0	This software license agreement (Agreement) is a legal agreement between you ("you", "licensee"), and Becton, Dickinson and Company ("BD", "we", "our" or "us") that describes the terms and conditions applicable to your use of the BD FACSDiva software
1	(the "Software"). By clicking ACCEPT, you indicate that you have read and understood and assent to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. If you do not agree to the terms of this Agreement, you are not granted any rights whatsoever in the Software, and you
2	will not be able to access or use the Software. 1. LICENSE GRANT AND RESTRICTIONS.
3	a. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the payment of the applicable subscription fees or the purchase price of
	I accept the terms of the license agreement     Print     I do not accept the terms of the license agreement
1	< Back Next > Cancel
1 5	
ŀ	200. Each of these licenses was supported by consideration, including the software and

1 201. Cytek breached each of these licenses—and in particular (i) breached the prohibition 2 || on "duplicat[ion], reproduc[tion] or cop[ying] in any form" set forth in the BD FACSDiva 6.1.3 and 3 7.0 license agreements by copying at least one of those versions of BD FACSDiva to create the 4 hardware and software for its own Aurora spectral flow cytometer products and their software, as set 5 forth in paragraph 178 above; (ii) breached the prohibitions on copy[ing], modify[ing], or duplicat[ing]... the Software without BD's prior written consent" and "us[ing] the Software except 6 7 as expressly allowed herein" set forth in Sections 1(b)(vii)-(viii) of the BD FACSDiva 8.0 license **8** agreement by copying and modifying those versions of BD FACSDiva to create the hardware and 9 software for its own Aurora spectral flow cytometer products and their software, as set forth in **10** paragraph 178 above; and (iii) breached the prohibition on "duplicat[ing], reproduc[ing], or 11 || cop[ying] in any form or by any means whatsoever, except as otherwise permitted by law" set forth 12 in the FACStation 6.0.4 license by impermissibly copying that work, as set forth in paragraph 179 above. 13

14 202. BD has suffered harm as a result of Cytek's breach of the license agreements,
15 including monetary injury resulting from the loss of sales of its LSR Fortessa 4L and 5L and
16 FACSymphony A5 spectral cytometer products, as well as lost sales of their associated products and
17 services, to Cytek's own competing flow cytometry products, including at least its Aurora and
18 Northern Lights products (as well as their associated products and services), which Cytek could not
19 have developed, marketed, or sold without having breached those agreements, and without having
20 impermissibly copied and modified BD's BD FACSDiva and FACStation software to develop,
21 market, and sell Cytek's own hardware, software, and documentation and supporting materials.

22 23

# 24 25

26 203. BD repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs as if
27 fully set forth herein.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Misappropriation/Threatened Misappropriation of Trade Secrets Under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016)

(Against All Defendants)

28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

#### Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 46 of 58

204. BD owned and possessed confidential and proprietary information, documents, and
 data containing or constituting the BD Trade Secrets. The BD Trade Secrets are the products of
 valuable research and development, time and effort, and investment by BD.

205. The BD Trade Secrets are valuable products of BD's R&D. The BD Trade Secrets
derive independent economic value from not being generally known to, and not being readily
ascertainable through proper means by, other persons who could obtain economic value from the
disclosure or use of that information. The BD Trade Secrets constitute a significant knowledge base
for the development of a new flow cytometer. They would also give companies that offer cytometer
repair services, upgrade services, or replacement components (like Cytek) an unfair advantage by
revealing confidential information about the design of BD's cytometers. The BD Trade Secrets,
individually or in combination, could be used to create new cytometer components, entire
instruments, software, or marketing strategies for those products.

206. At all times, BD has taken reasonable and extensive measures to keep secret its trade
secrets and confidential information, including the BD Trade Secrets, including but not limited to by
limiting access to confidential information, requiring non-exempt employees to sign Employee
Agreements, implementing employment policies (including the BD Trade Secret Policy) that require
confidentiality, and reminding BD employees (including all of the Individual Defendants) of their
responsibilities when logging into the BD network.

19 207. The BD Trade Secrets all relate to flow cytometry products and services used, sold,
20 shipped and ordered in, or intended to be used, sold, shipped and/or ordered in, interstate or foreign
21 commerce.

22 208. At no time did BD consent to Defendants' taking, using, retaining, or disclosing the
23 BD Trade Secrets for any purpose.

24 209. In violation of BD's rights, the Defendants misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets in
25 the improper and unlawful manner as alleged herein, within the meaning of the DTSA, 18 U.S.C.
26 § 1836, by using and disclosing the BD Trade Secrets and continuing to use and disclose them to this
27 day, after May 11, 2016, for their own economic benefit.

1 210. The Individual Defendants misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets by improperly
 2 downloading files containing the BD Trade Secrets onto removable media devices, removing them
 3 from BD's premises, and taking the BD Trade Secrets with them to Cytek. At Cytek they then, upon
 4 information and belief, disclosed, used, and continue to use them and enable others at Cytek to use
 5 them, after May 11, 2016, in violation of their duties of secrecy to BD and their duties to return BD
 6 property upon leaving BD.

7 211. The Individual Defendants further misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets by
8 improperly disclosing the BD Trade Secrets to Cytek, using the BD Trade Secrets for Cytek's benefit,
9 and enabling their use by others at Cytek, from no later than the time each Individual Defendant
10 began working at Cytek to no earlier than the times Cytek unveiled (1) the Athena<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometer
11 in March 2017 and (2) the Aurora<sup>TM</sup> flow cytometer in June 2017.

12 212. Cytek misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets by improperly acquiring the BD Trade
13 Secrets from the Individual Defendants over the time period in which the Individual Defendants
14 disclosed them, even though Cytek knew or should have known that the Individual Defendants'
15 disclosure was in violation of the Individual Defendants' duties of secrecy and to return BD property
16 to BD.

17 213. Upon information and belief, all Defendants further misappropriated the BD Trade
18 Secrets by improperly using the BD Trade Secrets to develop, manufacture, market, sell, maintain,
19 service, and upgrade flow cytometry products, for Cytek's benefit and to the detriment of BD, and
20 such improper use continues to this day.

21 214. Upon information and belief, Defendants Reinin and Shook further misappropriated
22 the BD Trade Secrets by improperly taking devices and files containing the BD Trade Secrets with
23 them to Cytek when they left BD on dates after May 11, 2016, in violation of their Agreements,
24 irrespective of their later use and disclosure of the BD Trade Secrets at Cytek.

25 215. The Individual Defendants' misappropriation of the BD Trade Secrets was
26 intentional, knowing, willful, malicious, fraudulent, and oppressive within the meaning of 18 U.S.C.
27 § 1836(b)(3)(B)(i)(C).

216. The Individual Defendants have failed to return the removable media devices and
 files containing BD Trade Secrets.

3 217. If the Individual Defendants' conduct is not remedied, they will continue to
4 misappropriate, disclose, and use for their own and Cytek's benefit and to BD's detriment, the BD
5 Trade Secrets.

6 218. As the direct and proximate result of Defendants' misappropriation, BD has suffered
7 damage within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1836(b)(3)(B)(i)(I) in an amount as yet unknown and, if
8 Defendants' conduct is not stopped, BD will continue to suffer irreparable injury and significant
9 damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

10 219. In addition, as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' misappropriation,
11 Defendants have been unjustly enriched as a result their misappropriation of the BD Trade Secrets
12 within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1836(b)(3)(B)(i)(II) in an amount as yet unknown.

13 220. Because BD's remedy at law is inadequate, BD seeks, in addition to damages,
14 injunctive relief pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1836(b)(3)(A)(i) to recover and protect its confidential,
15 proprietary, and trade secret information and other legitimate business interests. BD's business relies
16 on its reputation and ability to maintain and grow its client base in a competitive market and will
17 continue suffering irreparable harm absent injunctive relief.

18

19

20

### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Aiding and Abetting the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016) (Against All Defendants)

21 221. BD repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs as if
22 fully set forth herein.

23 222. BD owned and possessed the BD Trade Secrets, which relate to flow cytometry
24 products and services used, sold, shipped and ordered in, or intended to be used, sold, shipped and/or
25 ordered in, interstate or foreign commerce, as alleged herein.

26 223. The BD Trade Secrets are not generally known or readily ascertainable through
27 proper means, nor could they be properly acquired or duplicated by others.

28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

224. At all times, BD has taken reasonable and extensive efforts to keep secret its trade
 secrets and confidential information, including the BD Trade Secrets.

3 225. The BD Trade Secrets derive independent economic value from not being generally
4 known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper means by, another person who could
5 obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of the information.

6 226. The misappropriated BD Trade Secrets are crucial to the success of the
7 implementation, operation, and maintenance of BD's proprietary cytometry technologies, and give
8 a decisive competitive advantage to BD and, potentially, to anyone else with access to this
9 information. Use of the BD Trade Secrets held by the Individual Defendants and contained in the
10 files they misappropriated would also greatly help Cytek with its original business of service, repair,
11 and upgrade of BD products.

12 227. At no time did BD consent to Defendants' taking, using, or disclosing the BD Trade13 Secrets for any purpose.

14 228. In violation of BD's rights, the Defendants misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets in
15 the improper and unlawful manner as alleged herein, within the meaning of the DTSA, 18 U.S.C.
16 § 1836, by using and disclosing the BD Trade Secrets and continuing to use and disclose them for
17 their own economic benefit, and by enabling others at Cytek to use them.

18 229. Each of the Defendants aided and abetted the misappropriation by other Defendants
19 of the BD Trade Secrets within the meaning of the DTSA, 18 U.S.C. § 1836, to the benefit of Cytek.

20 230. As the direct and proximate result of Defendants' misappropriation, and aiding and
21 abetting of said misappropriation as aforesaid, BD has suffered damage within the meaning of 18
22 U.S.C. § 1836(b)(3)(B)(i)(I) in an amount as yet unknown and, if Defendants' conduct is not stopped,
23 BD will continue to suffer irreparable injury and significant damages, in an amount to be proven at
24 trial.

25 231. Defendants will continue to misappropriate, and aid and abet said misappropriation
26 of, the BD Trade Secrets, and BD will continue to suffer irreparable injury, unless Defendants'
27 continued aiding, abetting, and misappropriation is enjoined by this Court pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
28 § 1836(b)(3)(A)(i).

Defendants willfully and maliciously misappropriated, and aided and abetted said

2 misappropriation of, the BD Trade Secrets within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1836(b)(3)(B)(i)(C). 3 THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF 4 (Misappropriation/Threatened Misappropriation of Trade Secrets Under the California Uniform Trade Secrets) (California Civil Code § 3426, et seq.) 5 (Against All Defendants) 6 233. BD repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs as if 7 fully set forth herein. 8 BD owned and possessed confidential and proprietary information, documents, and 234. 9 data containing and embodying the BD Trade Secrets. 10 235. The BD Trade Secrets would also give companies that offer cytometer repair services, 11 upgrade services, or replacement components (like Cytek) an unfair advantage by revealing 12 confidential information about the design of BD's cytometers. 13 236. At all times, BD has taken reasonable and extensive measures to keep secret its trade 14 secrets and confidential information, including the BD Trade Secrets, including but not limited to by 15 limiting access to confidential information, requiring employees to sign Employee Agreements, 16 implementing employment policies, including the BD Trade Secret Policy, that require 17 confidentiality, and reminding BD employees, including all of the Individual Defendants, of their 18 responsibilities when logging into the BD network. 19 237. The BD Trade Secrets derive independent economic value from not being generally 20known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper means by, another person who could 21 obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of the information. 22 238. The misappropriated BD Trade Secrets are crucial to the success of the 23 implementation, operation, and maintenance of BD's proprietary cytometry technologies, and give 24 a decisive competitive advantage to BD and, potentially, to anyone else with access to this 25 information. Use of the BD Trade Secrets held by the Individual Defendants and contained in the 26 files they misappropriated would also greatly help Cytek with its original business of service, repair, 27

**28** and upgrade of BD products.

1

232.

239. At no time did BD consent to Defendants' use or disclosure of the BD Trade Secrets
 for any purpose.

3 240. In violation of BD's rights at law and under contracts, the Individual Defendants
4 misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets by secretly downloading to external media devices before
5 their departure from BD, by removing those devices from BD, and by using and disclosing the BD
6 Trade Secrets for their own economic benefit.

7 241. The Individual Defendants misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets by improperly
8 downloading files containing the BD Trade Secrets onto removable media devices, removing them
9 from BD's premises, and taking the BD Trade Secrets with them to Cytek. At Cytek they then, upon
10 information and belief, disclosed, used, and continue to use them, and enable others at Cytek to use
11 them, in violation of their duties of secrecy to BD and their duties to return BD property upon leaving
12 BD.

13 242. The Individual Defendants further misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets by
14 improperly disclosing the BD Trade Secrets to Cytek and using the BD Trade Secrets for Cytek's
15 benefit.

16 243. Cytek misappropriated the BD Trade Secrets by improperly acquiring the BD Trade
17 Secrets from the Individual Defendants and, upon information and belief, using that information to
18 develop its own flow cytometry products, even though Cytek knew or should have known that the
19 Individual Defendants' disclosure was in violation of the Individual Defendants' duties of secrecy
20 and to return BD property to BD.

21 244. Upon information and belief, all Defendants further misappropriated the BD Trade
22 Secrets by improperly using the BD Trade Secrets to develop, manufacture, market, sell, maintain,
23 service, and upgrade flow cytometry products, for Cytek's benefit and to the detriment of BD, and
24 such improper use continues to this day.

25 245. Upon information and belief, all Individual Defendants further misappropriated the
26 BD Trade Secrets by improperly taking devices and files containing the BD Trade Secrets with them
27 when they left BD, in violation of the Agreement, irrespective of their later use and disclosure of the
28 BD Trade Secrets at Cytek.

246. Defendants knew or should have known under the circumstances that the information
 misappropriated by Defendants was trade secret information.

3 247. The Individual Defendants have failed to return the removable media devices and
4 files containing BD Trade Secrets.

5 248. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' misappropriation as aforesaid, BD is
6 threatened with injury and has been injured in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of
7 this Court and that will be proven at trial. BD has also incurred, and will continue to incur, additional
8 damages, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, as a result of Defendants' misappropriation.

9 249. As a further proximate result of the misappropriation and use of the BD Trade Secrets,
10 Defendants were unjustly enriched.

11 250. The aforementioned acts of Defendants were willful, malicious, and fraudulent. BD
12 is therefore entitled to exemplary damages under California Civil Code § 3426.3(c).

13 251. Defendants' conduct constitutes transgressions of a continuing nature for which BD
14 has no adequate remedy at law. Unless and until enjoined and restrained by order of this Court,
15 Defendants will continue to retain and use BD's trade secret information to enrich themselves and
16 divert business from BD. Pursuant to California Civil Code § 3426.2, BD is entitled to an injunction
17 against the misappropriation and continued threatened misappropriation of trade secrets as alleged
18 herein and further asks the Court to restrain Defendants from using all trade secret information
19 misappropriated from BD and to return all trade secret information to BD.

20 252. Pursuant to California Civil Code § 3426.4 and related law, BD is entitled to an award
21 of attorney's fees for Defendants' misappropriation of trade secrets.

- 22
- 23
- 24

(Breach of Contract) (Against Riley, Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook)

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

25 253. BD repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs as if26 fully set forth herein.

27 254. The Agreement, which Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook28 each knowingly and willingly entered into, is a valid and enforceable contract. Additionally, each

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

-52-

Individual Defendant executed multiple contracts with BD in which they acknowledged their duties
 of confidentiality and agreed to protect BD's trade secrets.

3 255. Riley had a duty to avoid disclosing or misusing BD's trade secrets and confidential
4 information. Riley and BD entered into an express or implied-in-fact contractual employment
5 relationship, in which Riley agreed to BD's restrictions on such information, including the BD Trade
6 Secrets. Additionally, Riley executed multiple contracts with BD in which he acknowledged his
7 duties of confidentiality and agreed to protect BD's trade secrets.

8 256. BD at all times performed its contractual duties under the Agreement and any other
9 implied contract formed through its employment of Riley, Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes,
10 Reinin, and Shook.

11 257. During their employment with BD, Riley, Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes,
12 Reinin, and Shook had access to and were exposed to BD confidential, proprietary, and trade secret
13 information.

14 258. The downloading and taking from BD's premises of the BD Trade Secrets by Riley,
15 Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook violated their obligation in the
16 Agreement to return all of BD's property at termination, regardless of the format of such property,
17 and irrespective of their later use and disclosure to Cytek of the BD Trade Secrets.

18 259. The disclosure to Cytek, and use while employed by Cytek, of the BD Trade Secrets
19 by Riley, Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook violated their obligation in
20 the Agreement not to disclose or use BD confidential information outside the scope of their
21 employment, either during or after their employment at BD.

22 260. The failure to assign to BD any innovations developed based on BD confidential
23 information within one year after employment at BD by Riley, Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong,
24 Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook violated their obligation in the Agreement to assign any and all such
25 innovations to BD.

26 261. Defendant Yan secretly filed, while still employed by BD, a patent application on
27 subject matter developed while working for BD and used that patent application to promote his own
28 separate business interests to investors. This was a conflict of interest and further violated Yan's

1 obligations to assign innovations to BD and to not disclose or use BD confidential information
2 outside the scope of his employment at BD.

3 262. As a direct, foreseeable, and proximate result of the breach of their contracts by Riley,
4 Yan, Vrane, Zhang, Gong, Zhong, Jaimes, Reinin, and Shook, BD has been and/or will be damaged
5 in that it has lost or will lose revenue that it would have received but for their breach of those
6 contracts, and BD has suffered or will suffer harm due to their breach.

#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (Breach of Contract) (Against Cytek)

10 263. BD repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs as if
 11 fully set forth herein.

12 264. BD provides customers for its flow cytometer products limited and non-transferrable
 13 licenses to use BD's software.

14 265. Upon information and belief, Cytek entered into and subsequently breached certain
15 Software License Agreements, including by, at a minimum, making unauthorized copies of those
16 works and using those works beyond the scope of their respective software license agreements in
17 connection with developing and promoting Cytek's own products.

18 266. More particularly, and as set forth in greater detail in paragraphs 166-202 above,
19 upon information and belief, Cytek entered into Software License Agreements with BD relating to
20 each of BD's FACSDiva 6.1.3, 7.0, and 8.0 software works, along with BD's FACStation 6.0.4
21 software work; each of those agreements was supported by consideration; BD was ready, willing,
22 and able to perform its part of each of those agreements; Cytek breached each of those agreements;
23 and BD suffered harm as a result.

BD is entitled to compensatory damages for these breaches.

24

267.

7

8

9

25 26

- 27
- 28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

-54-

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of California Unfair Competition Law) (Against Defendant Yan)

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

268. BD repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs as if
 fully set forth herein.

3 269. Upon information and belief, Defendant Yan engaged in unlawful business practices
4 and unfair competition, prohibited under California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200
5 *et seq.*, by secretly filing a patent application—which he later suppressed—in his own name while
6 still employed by BD, on subject matter that he developed while working at BD, and by
7 communicating with potential investors about the same, including a representative of Fidelity Asia,
8 in violation of his contractual obligations to BD.

9 270. These acts by Defendant Yan constitute unlawful business practices and unfair
10 competition prohibited under California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200 *et seq*.

11 271. Defendant Yan has benefited from these acts in the form of unfair advantages in
12 developing, producing, and selling flow cytometers, as evidenced by Cytek's release of two
13 competing flow cytometer products.

14 272. As a result of such acts, BD has suffered damage in an amount as yet unknown, and,
15 if Defendant Yan's conduct is not stopped, BD will continue to suffer irreparable injury and
16 significant damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

17 273. As an additional result of such acts, BD has suffered, and will continue to suffer,
18 irreparable harm by Defendant Yan's unlawful practices and unfair competition, including but not
19 limited to its business reputation, good will, and stature, in the business community and with its
20 customers, for which there is no adequate remedy at law, thereby justifying injunctive relief.

21 274. Until relief is granted to BD, BD will be harmed and Defendant Yan will be unjustly
22 enriched, which unjust enrichment should be disgorged pursuant to allowable remedies under
23 California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200 *et seq*.

**SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF** 

(Copyright Infringement)

- 24 25
- 26

27

(Against Cytek)275. BD repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the foregoing paragraphs as if

**28** fully set forth herein.

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC

276. BD owns all U.S. copyright rights in the BD Copyrighted Works, and owns valid and
 subsisting U.S. registrations for those works, namely, U.S. Reg. No. TX 8-760-618 for FACSDiva
 6.1.3; Reg. No. TX 8-760-635 for FACSDiva 7.0; Reg. No. TX 8-760-661 for FACSDiva 8.0; Reg.
 No. TX 8-784-370 for FACStation 6.0.4; Reg. No. TX 8-753-485 for the BD FACSVerse System
 User's Guide; Reg. No. TX 8-753-555 for the BD FACScan System Instructional Module; Reg. No.
 TX 8-760-376 for the 2004 BD FACSCanto II Instructions for Use; Reg. No. TX 8-754-888 for the
 2005 BD FACSCanto II Instructions for Use; Reg. No. TX 8-757-768 for the 2006 BD FACSCanto
 II Instructions for Use; and Reg. No. TX 8-787-941 for the technical specifications for BD's
 LSRFortessa X-20 Cell Analyzer. See Exhibits 2-3 and 10.

10 277. As set forth in greater detail in paragraphs 166-191 above, Cytek has engaged in, and
11 upon information and belief is continuing to engage in, the unauthorized copying, reproduction, and
12 distribution of the BD Copyrighted Works, and the unauthorized preparation, reproduction, and
13 distribution of derivative works based on the BD Copyrighted Works.

14 278. Cytek's acts and conduct complained of herein constitute copyright infringement in
15 violation of 17 U.S.C. § 501 *et seq*.

16 279. On information and belief, Cytek's acts of infringement were willful, deliberate, and17 in bad faith.

18 280. Cytek's acts and conduct have been substantially injurious and detrimental to BD, its19 copyright rights, and its business.

20

281. BD has no adequate remedy at law.

21 282. BD is entitled to injunctive relief, its actual damages and Cytek's profits, or, at BD's
22 election, and where and to the extent appropriate, statutory damages, as well as its costs and
23 reasonable attorney fees, under 17 U.S.C. §§ 502, 504, and 505.

24

25

WHEREFORE, BD prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

26 1. A permanent injunction against Defendants enjoining them from using BD's
27 confidential and proprietary information, directing return of all of BD's property, and enjoining the

28

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

1 sale of any cytometer product that incorporates or was otherwise derived from BD's confidential
2 information;

3 2. A permanent injunction against Defendants directing them to assign to BD all
4 innovations derived from and/or related to BD confidential information and/or BD Trade Secrets
5 developed within a year of leaving BD, in accordance with the Agreement.

6 3. A permanent injunction against Defendants enjoining them from inducing BD
7 employees to breach their contractual obligations with BD.

8 4. An order compelling Defendants to have an independent forensic expert review
9 Defendants' computer systems, including any and all e-mail or cloud storage accounts, and identify
10 and delete any BD confidential information;

5. A permanent injunction enjoining Cytek and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates,
principals, employees, agents, officers, directors, shareholders, attorneys, representatives,
successors, and assigns, and all persons in active concert and participation with them or any of them,
from using or continuing to use the BD Copyrighted Works, any works derived from the BD
Copyrighted Works, or any other copyrighted BD works;

16 6. That Cytek be directed to file with the Court and serve upon BD's counsel within
17 thirty (30) days of entry of such judgment a report in writing and under oath setting forth in detail
18 the manner and form in which Cytek has complied with Sections (1)-(5) above;

19 7. All actual and/or compensatory damages pled and proved, or, at BD's option and to
20 the extent permitted by law, statutory damages;

21 8. Cytek's profits;

THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

22 9. Disgorgement of any benefit, unjust enrichment, or monetary gains stemming from
23 misuse of the BD Trade Secrets.

24 10. BD's lost profits from any lost sales or revenue resulting from misuse of the BD Trade
25 Secrets.

**26** 11. Attorneys' fees and costs in the suit herein, to the extent permitted by law;

27 12. Punitive damages in favor of BD and against Defendants;

**28** 13. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and

-57-

	Case 3:18-cv-00933-MMC	Document 177 Filed 05/06/20 Page 58 of 58
1	14. Such other and fur	ther relief as to this Court may seem just and proper.
2		
3		Respectfully submitted,
4	Date: May 6, 2020	By: <u>/s/ James R. Batchelder</u> ROPES & GRAY LLP
5		James R. Batchelder (CSB # 136347) David S. Chun (CSB # 315958)
6		1900 University Ave. Sixth Floor East Palo Alto, CA 94303–2284
7		james.batchelder@ropesgray.com david.chun@ropesgray.com
8		(650) 617–4000
9		Peter M. Brody ( <i>pro hac vice</i> ) 2099 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
10		Washington, DC 20006–6807 Tel: (202) 508–4600
11		Fax: (202) 508–4650 peter.brody@ropesgray.com
12		Mark S. Popofsky (CSB #175476)
13		Anne Johnson Palmer (CSB #302235) Three Embarcadero Center
14		San Francisco, CA 94111–4006 mark.popofsky@ropesgray.com
15		anne.johnsonpalmer@ropesgray.com (415) 315–6300
16		Attorneys for Plaintiff BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
17		BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY
18		
19		
20		
21		
22		
23		
24		
25		
26		
27		
28		
	THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT	-58- CASE NO. 3:18-CV-00933-MMC
	THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT	CASE 110, 3, 10-C / -00755-1/11/1C