

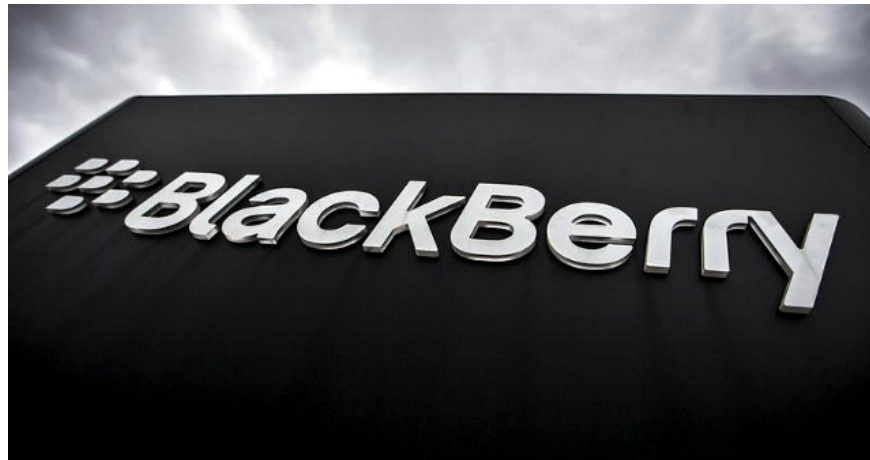
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The lawsuit is part of the strategy of John Chen, BlackBerry CEO to make money for the company, which has lost market share in the smartphone market that it once dominated.

"The defendant has created mobile messaging applications, and used BlackBerry initiatives, as well as a number of security enhancements, user interfaces, and application functionality enhancements. " , BlackBerry said in a record with Los Angeles federal court.



"Protecting shareholders' assets and intellectual property is the work of every CEO," BlackBerry spokeswoman Sarah McKinney said in an email. However, she notes that litigation *"is not the focus of BlackBerry's development strategy"*.

DGC's Facebook, Paul Grewal said in a statement that the company intends to fight the lawsuit.

"Abandoning efforts to innovate yourself, Blackberry is seeking to tax other people's innovations . " Grewal said.

"BlackBerry is trying to convince other companies to pay royalties from the use of more than 40,000 global patents on technology including operating systems, network infrastructure, audio, messaging, cell systems, networking, network security and wireless communication technology ".

BlackBerry is also selling network security software for self-driving cars.

BlackBerry sued Nokia Corp. in February 2017, alleging violations of patents related to 3G and 4G wireless communications technology. That case is still pending in the federal court in Delaware.

Last year, Qualcomm agreed to pay BlackBerry 940 million to resolve similar disputes.

In October 2017, BlackBerry announced a confidential agreement with Blu Products Inc., a low-cost mobile device manufacturer in Florida, that was also sued for patent infringement with BlackBerry.

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