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SUITE 2000 15 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 8501 WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY, an individual; WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY 16 d/b/a DEFAMATION ACTION.COM; WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY d/b/a 17 COMPLAINTREMOVER.COM; WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY aka JIM RICKSON; WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY aka MATT JOHNSON; ROBERT RUSSO, an 18 19 individual; ROBERT RUSSO d/b/a COMPLAINTREMOVER.COM; ROBERT 20 RUSSO d/b/a DEFENDMYNAME.COM; ROBERT RUSSO d/b/a OED MEDIA 21 GROUP, L.L.C.; QED MÈDIA GROUP, L.L.C.; QED MÉDIA GROUP, L.L.C. d/b/a 22 DEFENDMYNAME.COM; QED MEDIA GROUP, L.L.C. d/b/a 23 COMPLAINTREMOVER.COM; DEFAMATION ACTION LEAGUE, an 24 unincorporated association; and INTERNET DEFAMATION LEAGUE, an 25 unincorporated association; 26 Defendants. 27 28 10297-1/LAR/LAR/599067_v1 Case 2:07-cv-00954-NVW Document 64 Filed 08/30/2007 Page 1 of 10

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ROBERT RUSSO, an individual; QED MEDIA GROUP, L.L.C., a Maine limited liability corporation,

Counterclaimants,

v.

ED MAGEDSON, an individual,

Counterdefendant.

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Plaintiffs Xcentric Ventures, LLC ("Xcentric") and Ed Magedson ("Magedson") (collectively, "Plaintifs") hereby move this Court for an Order that Defendants William Stanley and Robert Russo appear and show cause why they should not be held in contempt of Court for having failed to fully comply with the Preliminary Injunction issued by this Court on June 21, 2007.

This Motion is supported by the following Memorandum and the entire record in this matter.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

As articulated in the Findings of Fact & Conclusions of Law entered by this Court on June 21, 2007, a number of legal violations have been committed by all Defendants. The two individuals named in the Complaint, William Stanley and Robert Russo, are key in orchestrating the egregious activities directed at or relating to Plaintiffs. Unfortunately, despite clear instructions in the Preliminary Injunction, Defendants William Stanley and Robert Russo have continued to act personally and instruct the actions of others in direct violation of the Preliminary Injunction. Such conduct is of the exact type which the Preliminary Injunction was designed to prevent, and a contempt finding is appropriate.

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II. WILLIAM STANLEY IS IN CONTEMPT

Defendant William Stanley is a professional spam operator who displays his disdain for the legal system with reckless abandon. Stanley owns and operates a number

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of spam-related websites, including.videowebsites.com, complaintremover.com, removerip-off-reports.com, repsavior.com, and ironserver.com, as well as a number of websites identified in the Preliminary Injunction, such as jaburgwilksucks.com, using the trade name "Reputation Management". Stanley has let it be known, in no uncertain terms, that he will not comply with any order from this Court. (Exhibit "1"). True to his word, Stanley has engaged in numerous activities which are in direct violation of the Preliminary Injunction.

Although Defendant Stanley oftentimes claims to be located in Austria, he actually resides in the United States. He has or had a driver's license in Florida and he served time in federal prison in Florida. (Exhibit "2"). He has operated companies and maintained addresses in Texas. (Exhibit "3"). His websites are registered through various different companies, listing various different locations for the registrant. Currently, his websites show the following registration information:

Website Name	Domain Registrar	Registrant	Registrant Contact	IP Address	IP Location
		Name			
defamationaction.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Managment	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	1.1.1.1	Unknown
videowebsites.com	Domaindiscover	William Stanley	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 90201	193.200.50.20	Bulgaria
ironserver.com	Enom, Inc.	Lumbermax	300 Gonzales, Austin, TX 78702	66.185.126.188	US – Illinois – Palatine
remove-rip-off-reports.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	80.109.231.5	Austria – Wien – Vienna
repsavior.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	80.109.231.5	Austria – Wien – Vienna
complaintremover.com	Communigal Communications Ltd.	Lea Schurz	P.O. Box 893 Tilden, TX 68781	1.1.1.1	Unkown
bryanvincentassociates.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	80.109.231.7	Austria – Wien – Vienna
tiscaliwatch.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	80.109.231.7	Austria – Wien – Vienna
mariaspeth.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	193.200.50.20	Bulgaria

Defendant Stanley can be linked to the name "Reputation Management" through the email address given with the website registrations. The registrant "Reputation Management" lists his contact information as geographicalseo@gmail.com, which is a known email address for Stanley. Stanley has also been known to use the email addresses overstock@gmail.com and wssbill@yahoo.com, among others.

mariacrimispeth.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	193.200.50.20	Bulgaria
pmgisucks.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria 9020	80.109.231.7	Austria – Wien – Vienna
jaburgwilksucks.com	Enom, Inc.	Reputation Management	8 Redetsky Strasse, Klagenfurt, Austria	193.200.50.20	Bulgaria

See Exhibit "4", website registration information from NetworkSolutions. Six of these websites are in violation of the Preliminary Injunction in numerous ways. The Preliminary Injunction specifically addressed these six websites, requiring that two of them be removed in their entirety (pmgisucks.com and jaburgwilksucks.com) and that the remaining four remove all false and defamatory conduct. To date, all of the websites still remain active with the false and defamatory content still present. This is a direct violation of the Preliminary Injunction.

Stanley continues to propound the false and defamatory statements addressed in the Preliminary Injunction. As noted in the Preliminary Injunction and the Findings of Fact, false and defamatory statements had been posted on numerous websites and are discoverable through search engines such as Google and Yahoo. Not only have most of these statements not been removed, additional defamatory statements have recently been discovered by Plaintiffs.

The new defamatory statements are in direct violation of the Preliminary Injunction in numerous ways. Specifically, the Preliminary Injunction prohibits all Defendants, including Stanley, from "[p]osting on an Internet website or using in a domain name any false and defamatory statement or representation..." Stanley continues to do just that. *See* List of Websites, Exhibit "5."

All of the registration information provided by Stanley d/b/a Reputation Management lists a telephone number of (512) 853-9790. A reverse telephone lookup shows that this is a land line located in Austin, Texas.² Stanley has previously resided in

² Search performed on July 24, 2007 by using whitepages.com/10001/search/ReversePhone?phone=%28512%29+853-9790.

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Austin, Texas, and there is a possibility he currently resides there, or least retains ties to that area.

III. ROBERT RUSSO IS IN CONTEMPT

Defendant Robert Russo has engaged in technological subterfuge in an attempt to hide his illegal activities from this Court. Continually, Russo has pointed the finger at Stanley and has claimed a lack of relationship between the two parties, all the while professing his supposed "innocence." The preliminary injunction applies to Defendants and their "agents" or "other persons acting under their supervision and control or at their request." There can be no dispute that if Stanley is acting as Russo's agent or if Stanley's acts of contempt were performed under the supervision and control of Russo or at Russo's request, then Russo is in contempt as well. Although he has continually insisted to this Court otherwise, a strong, demonstrable link can be made between Stanley and Russo.

Defendant Russo is the CEO and owner of QED Media Group, LLC. He admits does business as.defendmyname.com, interactiveivdeosystems.com, that he internet defamation league.com. Russo's internet activity leaves no doubt that Stanley is acting as an agent of Russo, under Russo's supervision and control, and at Russo's request. Russo and Stanley continue to act in concert to violate this Court's Orders. The internet activity of Russo is summarized accurately below, and provides the Court with ample evidence to demonstrate the relationship between Russo and Stanley.

Website Name	Registrar	Registrant	Registrant	IP Address	IP Location
		Name	Contact		
Qedmediagroup.com	Network Solutions	QED Media Group	Robert Russo c/o Network Solutions	66.185.126.189	US – Illinois - Palatine
defendmyname.com	Enom, Inc.	QED Media Group, LLC	54 North St. Portland, ME 04101	66.185.126.189	US - Illinois - Palatine
interactivevideosystems.com	Enom, Inc.	QED Media Group, LLC	1124 Brighton Ave, Suite 27 Portland, ME 04101	193.200.51.180	Bulgaria
internetdefamationleague.com	Communigal Communications Ltd.	True Domain Privacy	95 Sterneck Strasse, Klagenfurt,	80.109.231.7	Austria – Wien - Vienna

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See Exhibit "6", website registration information from NetworkSolutions. As the Court can see, the IP address for Russo's website.defendmyname.com is nearly identical to the IP address for Stanley's website ironserver.com. This is no coincidence. Additionally, the IP address for Russo's website internetdefamationleague.com is exactly the same as the IP address for Stanley's websites bryanvincentassociates.com, tiscaliwatch.com, and pmgisucks.com. Again, this is no coincidence.

"An IP address (Internet Protocol address) is a unique address that certain electronic devices use in order to identify and communicate with each other on a computer network utilizing the Internet Protocol standard (IP)—in simpler terms, a computer address." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_protocol_address (visited August 20, 2007). "IP addresses can appear to be shared by multiple client devices either because they are part of a shared hosting web server environment or because a network address translator (NAT) or proxy server acts as an intermediary agent on behalf of its customers, in which case the real originating IP addresses might be hidden from the server receiving a request." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_protocol_address (visited August 20, 2007).

Thus, that Stanley and Russo's websites share an IP address indicates that either they emanate from the same computer server, or at least that they share a web host server.

Another strong indicia of the relationship between Stanley and Russo is shown through Stanley's actions on May 23, 2007. As of May 16, 2007, the domain server for the websites jaburgwilksucks.com, mariacrimispeth.com and mariaspeth.com were ns1.xtrasupply.com. See Exhibit "7", previous website registration information. When "ns1.xtrasupply.com" was entered as a website, the user was linked directly to videowebsites.com, a Russo website. See Exhibit "8", previous website registration information. At the hearing on May 17, 2007, counsel for Plaintiffs explained the redirection of the websites to the Court. Stanley was not in attendance at this hearing, but Russo was. The contents of the hearing were not published anywhere. Yet on May 23, 2007, just five days later, Stanley relocated the domain server for the website

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jaburgwilksucks.com to ns10.xtrasupplycom, which does not directly link to videowebsites.com. See Exhibit "9", website registration information from NetworkSolutions. The only way that Stanley could have known the link between the websites was raised as an issue was for Russo to tell him. More importantly, Russo had enough control over Stanley to cause Stanley to re-direct the server and remove that link between Russo and Stanley.

Various websites allow spammers such as Stanley and Russo to post their propaganda for free. In April, 2006, an advertisement was posted for Stanley's website ironserver.com at http://lists.open-bio.org/pipermail/ontologies/2006-April.txt. See Exhibit "10", printout from website. This advertisement was posted from "unix at techfiesta.com". See Exhibit "10". In the posting, a telephone number is provided for individuals interested in his website to contact him. The listed telephone number is (207) 899-2332. See Exhibit "10". The subsequent posting at this website is also from "unix at techfiesta.com". See Exhibit "10". This second posting was made on behalf of defendmyname.com, which is Russo's website. See Exhibit "10". In this second posting, the telephone number provided is shown as (207) 899-2332. See Exhibit "10". Stanley and Russo posted ads one after the other, both from unix at techfiesta and both using the same telephone number is used to contact both Stanley and Russo. Without a doubt, they have and continue to be working together as a singular entity.

Similarly, the registration for interentdefamationleague.com (Russo's group) lists the registrant as residing in Klagenfurt Austria, the same city as Stanley lists in his registrations and uses the identical telephone number as that provided by Stanley for a vast number of his website registrations. See Exhibits "11, 4", website registrations from NetworkSolutions.

Another connection between Stanley and Internet Defamation League can be shown through the email which Stanley sent to Prolexic, the former host for the ROR websites. In his email, Stanley signed his name "Internet Defamation League."

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27 28 Email from Stanley to Prolexic, Exhibit "12". Stanley represented himself to be an agent of Russo's group.

Another telephone number can also link Stanley's complaintremover.com to Russo's defendmyname.com. As shown on both websites, the telephone number provided is <u>identical</u> – 1-866-268-5588. See Exhibits "13, 14", printout from Complaint Remover and DefendMyName. This telephone number is also the same telephone number provided by Russo on the website for his company, QED Media Group. See Exhibit "15", printout from QED Media Group. Indeed, the content on Stanley's "Complaint Remover" website quotes only one person in support of the business – Robert Russo.

That toll free number is not the only link between Stanley's videowebsites.com and Russo's interactivevideosystems.com. The content on these two websites are identical. See Exhibit "16, 17", printout from Interactive Video Systems and Video Websites. Also, more importantly, the content on Stanley's website states that the copyright is owned by Interactive Video Systems, "a division of gedmediagroup LLC". See Exhibit "8", printout from Interactive Video Systems and Video Websites. The relationship between Stanley and Russo is an ongoing one, with their association going back for a number of years.

Another connection can also be made between Stanley and Russo by exploring Stanley's website IronServer.com. The IronServer.com website is hosted by qedhosting.com. See Exhibit "18", printout from IronServer.com. QED is the name of Russo's company, although the registration of qedhosting.com lists the registrant as "Database" located in Suceava, Texas and the IP location as Vienna Austria. See Exhibit "19."

It is entirely disingenuous for Russo to claim that Stanley is not his agent or that Stanley's acts of contempt are not under his supervision or control. The two parties have a long history of sharing and acting on shared information, sharing computer servers, sharing website content, and using the same telephone numbers. Moreover, Stanley began his attack on Plaintiff with a letter he signed as an agent of Russo's company.

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IV. REASONABLE EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY PLAINTIFFS TO OBTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Between July 12, 2007 and July 30, 2007, Plaintiffs mailed, e-mailed, and faxed letters to all known and discoverable contacts for all websites expressly identified in the Preliminary Injunction. A sample copy of one of the letters that went out is attached hereto as Exhibit "20". Certain companies and/or individuals have responded favorably to the letters, and some of the websites have had the content removed. However, a large number of the companies who host the websites with the infringing content have chosen not to acknowledge the authority of this Court to require the specifically identified content to be removed. Further, after the letters were sent, the same content continues to be posted on additional websites. A list of websites whose content remains unabated by the Preliminary Injunction is attached hereto as Exhibit "5", and was current as of August 21, 2007.

V. **CONCLUSION**

It is appropriate for the Court to order the Defendants William Stanley and Robert Russo to show cause why an order of civil contempt should not be issued against them and to award Plaintiffs their reasonable damages proximately caused by Defendants' contempt of court. Plaintiffs request that the Court set a hearing ordering Defendants William Stanley and Robert Russo to appear and show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2007

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