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Plaintiff Perfect 10, Inc. ("Perfect 10") hereby responds to Defendant Google Inc.'s ("Google") Evidentiary Objections to the Declaration of Melanie Poblete submitted by Perfect 10 in connection with Perfect 10's Opposition to Google's Motions for Summary Judgment Re DMCA Safe Harbor for its Web and Image Search, Blogger Service, and Caching Feature (the "Poblete Declaration" or "Poblete Decl.") (Docket No. 484) as follows:1

I. PERFECT 10'S "SAMPLE" OF IMAGES FROM ITS DMCA NOTICES IS RELEVANT TO GOOGLE'S SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTIONS.

Google's primary objection to the Poblete Declaration is that the declaration is irrelevant because it discusses the "Sample" of Perfect 10 images included in Exhibit 9 to the Declaration of Dr. Norman Zada submitted by Perfect 10 in opposition to Google's three Motions for Summary Judgment (the "Zada Declaration"). *See* Evidentiary Objections at 1.

In opposing Google's three Motions for Summary Judgment, Perfect 10 elected, for evidentiary purposes, to reference a few selected images identified in its DMCA notices and provide evidence of copyright ownership for those images. Accordingly, in order to save time and the Court's resources, Perfect 10 selected a sample of 12 such images from its full image library (the "Sample").

In addressing Google's objections to the Poblete Declaration, the general principles applicable to declarations submitted in opposition to summary judgment motions should be applied, as discussed in Section I of Perfect 10's Reply to Google, Inc.'s Evidentiary Objections to the Declaration of Dr. Norman Zada, submitted concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein as if set forth in full. For example, the Ninth Circuit has adopted a general principle with respect to evidentiary objections for summary judgment motions that courts must "treat the opposing party's papers more indulgently than the moving party's papers." *Lew v. Kona Hosp.*, 754 F.2d 1420, 1423 (9th Cir.1985). *See also Scharf v. U.S. Att'y Gen.*, 597 F.2d 1240, 1243 (9th Cir.1979) ("courts generally are much more lenient with the affidavits of a party opposing a summary judgment motion.")

The Court has favored a sampling approach with regard to Perfect 10's images. *See* December 2, 2008 Order Setting Status Conference Re Case Management, *Perfect 10, Inc. v. Microsoft, Inc.*, Case No. 07-5156 AHM (SHx), Docket No. 51. However, if the Court wants to see evidence of copyright ownership of additional images from Perfect 10 Magazines, that evidence is contained on the disk, Exhibit 9 to the Zada Declaration (Docket No. 490), in a folder labeled "The Sample," in subfolders labeled "Registration Certificates," "Deposit Materials," and "Work Made for Hires & AoRs," which cover many other Perfect 10 images as well.

II. THE POBLETE DECLARATION IS OTHERWISE ADMISSIBLE.

Google's remaining objections to the Poblete Declaration lack merit. The Poblete Declaration deals mainly with the registration of, and the deposit materials associated with, the 12 sample images referenced in the Zada Declaration, which was filed concurrently. Ms. Poblete is an experienced legal assistant with extensive knowledge of the images, copyright registrations, and deposit materials relevant to Perfect 10's copyright infringement claims. She personally examined all the images and deposit materials referenced in her declaration. Poblete Decl. ¶¶1-15. Therefore, Ms. Poblete's testimony regarding the images and deposit material is based upon her personal knowledge and cannot be considered hearsay. Furthermore, based upon her legal experience, Ms. Poblete unquestionably is qualified to examine Copyright Office materials and testify about the documents she reviewed. Finally, the documents referenced in the Poblete Declaration were provided to the Court and all parties for examination. For all of these reasons, Google's remaining objections to the Poblete Declaration are meritless.

III. PERRECT 10'S RESPONSES TO GOOGLE'S SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS.

As explained below, this Court should disregard Google's specific

1	objections to the Poblete Declaration:	
2 3	Proffered Evidence & Objection	Perfect 10's Response
4	1. Poblete Decl., at ¶ 2 ("I have verified that Perfect 10 has in its	As explained above, Ms. Poblete's statement is based upon her personal
5	deposit material for copyright registrations filed with the U.S.	knowledge and has sufficient foundation.
6 7	Copyright Office, over 19,000 unique images.")	
8	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 403, 602	
9	The statement is irrelevant, lacks foundation, and does not appear to be	
10	within the witness's personal knowledge.	
11	2. Poblete Decl., at ¶ 2 ("In this Declaration, I will reference images	As explained above, Ms. Poblete's statement is based upon her personal
12 13	contained in exhibits to the Zada Declaration that constitute Perfect 10's	knowledge and the tasks she performed on behalf of Perfect 10.
14	'Sample' of twelve images. The twelve images referenced in this Declaration	Accordingly, the statement has sufficient foundation and is not
15	which constitute Perfect 10's 'Sample' are contained in deposit materials for	speculative.
16	Perfect 10 copyright registrations with the U.S. Copyright Office.")	
17 18	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 403, 602	
19	The statement is irrelevant (see Part I, supra), lacks foundation, and is	
20	speculative.	
21	3. Poblete Decl., at ¶¶ 3-25	As explained above, Ms. Poblete's testimony regarding the Sample is
22	Fed. R. Evid. 401, 402, 403, 602, 1002	based upon her personal knowledge
23	These portions of the Poblete Declaration all make reference to	and the tasks she performed on behalf of Perfect 10. Accordingly, her
24	Exhibit 9 of the Zada Declaration, a/k/a "the Sample." Such references	testimony has sufficient foundation and is not speculative or
25	are argumentative, violate the best evidence rule (P10 seeks to take the	argumentative. Moreover, Ms. Poblete's testimony does not violate
26	entirety of its defective notices out of	the best evidence rule. Google has failed to establish, and cannot
27 28	context by cherry-picking only select, individual images), irrelevant (Google's motions go to the entirety of	establish, that Perfect 10's use of the Sample constitutes "cherry-picking." Moreover, the images selected for use

1 2	P10's copyright claims, see Section I, supra), speculative, and lack foundation, as no explanation is in the Sample simply establish Perfect 10's ownership of the images referenced in opposition to Google's	
3	provided as to how or why "the three Motions for Summary Judgment.	
4	Sample" was constructed.	
5	IV. CONCLUSION.	
6	For the foregoing reasons, this Court should disregard Google's	
7	evidentiary objections and consider the Declaration of Melanie Poblete and the	
8	exhibits referenced therein in their entirety.	
9	Dated: October 12, 2009 Respectfully submitted,	
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