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| 11 | PERFECT 10, INC., a California corporation, | Case No. CV 04-9484 AHM (SHx) | |
| 13 | Plaintiff, | Before Judge A. Howard Matz | |
| 14 | V. | RESPONSE OF PLAINTIFF PERFECT 10, INC. TO DEFENDANT | |
| 15 | | GOOGLE INC.'S EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS TO THE | |
| 16 | GOOGLE, INC., a corporation; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, | DECLARATION OF JEFFREY N. MAUSNER RE: PERFECT 10'S | |
| 17 18 | Defendant. | MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AGAINST GOOGLE | |
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| 20 | | Date: April 5, 2010 Time: 10:00 a.m. | |
| 20 | | Place: Courtroom 14, Courtroom of the Honorable A. Howard Matz | |
| 22 | | Discovery Cut-Off Date: None Set Pretrial Conference Date: None Set | |
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Plaintiff Perfect 10, Inc. ("Perfect 10") hereby responds to Defendant Google Inc.'s ("Google") Evidentiary Objections to the Declaration of Jeffrey N. Mausner In Support of Perfect 10's Motion for Preliminary Injunction Against Google, Docket No. 773, filed on March 3, 2010 (the "Mausner Declaration"), as follows:

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I. MR. MAUSNER'S STATEMENTS ARE STATEMENTS OF FACT, NOT OPINION.

8 Google's Evidentiary Objections begin with its boilerplate paragraph setting forth general requirements for admissibility of evidence, which Google admits may 10 not apply to the Mausner Declaration. Google then offers several unfounded specific objections to the Mausner Declaration, all of which have no merit.

12 Google objects to Paragraphs 2-13 and Exhs. A & AA of the Mausner 13 Declaration as "irrelevant" because Mr. Mausner allegedly is expressing his 14 "personal opinions." Evidentiary Objections at 1. In fact, Paragraphs 2-13 of the 15 Mausner Declaration express no opinion at all. They merely set forth, attach and 16 authenticate correspondence between Perfect 10 and Google regarding Google's 17 lack of cooperation in setting up a Notification System as ordered by the Court. 18 The *only* statement that possibly may be considered opinion, but is also a statement 19 of fact, is Mr. Mausner's statement that "Google's willingness to cooperate to 20 develop such a system extended no further than its Preliminary Injunction brief." 21 Mausner Decl., ¶4, page 1, lines 26-27. Even if the Court strikes this statement, it 22 does not alter the remaining facts and correspondence about which Mr. Mausner 23 testifies in Paragraphs 2-13 of the Mausner Declaration.

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II. MR. MAUSNER'S STATEMENTS ARE RELEVANT.

25 Mr. Mausner's statements and authenticated exhibits are also *relevant*. The 26 fact that Google could have, but failed to, set up a notification system that would 27 have streamlined and expedited the removal of infringing material from its search 28 results is relevant to the issue of whether Google has taken simple measures to

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1 reduce the damage to the copyrighted works of Perfect 10 and other copyright 2 owners. Perfect 10, Inc. v. Amazon.com, Inc., 508 F.3d 1146, 1172 (9th Cir. 2007) 3 ("Applying our test, Google could be held contributorily liable if it had knowledge 4 that infringing Perfect 10 images were available using its search engine, could take 5 simple measures to prevent further damage to Perfect 10's copyrighted works, and 6 failed to take such steps."). Mr. Mausner's testimony establishes that Google 7 failed to set up such a notification system even when it was under an Order from 8 this Court to do so. Google has set up a check-the-box type notification tool to 9 report offensive images, but not one to report infringing images. Declaration of 10 Jeffrey N. Mausner, Docket No. 571, ¶8, Exh. EE.

11 The details of Google's refusal or failure to assist in creating a notification 12 system are also relevant to determining whether Google has "adopted and 13 reasonably implemented ... a policy that provides for the termination of ... repeat 14 infringers." 17. U.S.C §512(i). If Google had set up such a notification tool, 15 Google would now have computerized records of thousands of images allegedly 16 infringed by websites from which it copies images, many of which are AdSense or 17 Blogger affiliates. This tool would have given Google a straightforward method of 18 keeping track of, and terminating, repeat infringers. It also would have given 19 Google the ability to stop copying images for its Image Search results from known 20 infringers. Google's failure to implement such a notification tool or maintain 21 anything more than a fragmentary DMCA log is directly relevant to Google's 22 eligibility for safe harbor under the DMCA.

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III. <u>GOOGLE'S OTHER OBJECTIONS ARE NEGLIGIBLE AND DO</u> <u>NOT ALTER THE MAUSNER DECLARATION OR THE</u> <u>UNDERLYING FACTS</u>.

Google's remaining objections to the Mausner Declaration are without
 merit. First, Google's objections that certain statements of Mr. Mausner are
 argumentative and/or irrelevant, including Paragraphs 14-15, 21, 28 and 30 of the

Mausner Declaration, are unsupported and negligible.

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2 Second, Google's objections to Paragraphs 14-18, 21, 28-30 and 32-35 of 3 the Mausner Declaration are incorrect. Mr. Mausner's statements in these 4 paragraphs are based upon his personal knowledge, establish a sufficient 5 foundation, are not speculative, and do not constitute improper opinion testimony. 6 For example, in regard to paragraph 14, after litigating this case for over 5 years, 7 Mr. Mausner has personal knowledge that the following statement made by Google 8 in an email to him is not correct: "[T]here is nothing that Google can do to remove 9 the offending content without the cooperation of the site administrator. ... Only an 10 administrator can, by including code that blocks our robots or placing a request 11 with us, prevent his/her page from being listed. Without administrator cooperation 12 we cannot exclude material available on the Internet from our index." Google 13 itself does not contest the fact that its statement is incorrect.

14 Third, Google's objections to the exhibits to the Mausner Declaration lack 15 substance. The correspondence and letters attached as exhibits – all of which are 16 authenticated by Mr. Mausner – lay a foundation for facts relevant to the Motion 17 for Preliminary Injunction: Google's position on certain matters or Google's 18 action or lack of action on certain matters. For example, Paragraph 17 of the 19 Mausner Declaration authenticates a letter establishing Google's position that it 20 does not have to remove or disable access to use to use the sites (pay sites) upon receiving 21 notice of infringement. Paragraph 28 of the Mausner Declaration establishes that 22 Google stated that it will continue to publicize Perfect 10's DMCA notices on 23 Chillingeffects.org. In short, Google's assertion that certain language in the 24 Mausner Declaration may be argumentative does not alter the underlying facts 25 evidenced by the correspondence that Mr. Mausner authenticates in his declaration, 26 or their relevance.

Fourth, Exhibits C, D, E, and G to the Mausner Declaration, to which
Google also objects, are admissible under the standard for seeking a preliminary

| 1 | injunction. In particular, portions of depositions in the consolidated | | |
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| 2 | Google/Amazon case, in which Google's attorney was present (Exhibits E and G), | | |
| 3 | are clearly admissible. Exhibit E, in fact, is from the deposition of Google's own | | |
| 4 | expert in this case. A portion of the deposition taken in the <i>Microsoft</i> case (Exhibit | | |
| 5 | D) is also admissible. Exhibit C is also admissible under the less formal standard | | |
| 6 | for seeking a preliminary injunction, and it shows that admissible evidence could | | |
| 7 | be introduced at trial; furthermore, the evidence in Exhibit C is to some extent | | |
| 8 | duplicative of clearly admissible evidence set forth in the Declarations of Margaret | | |
| 9 | Jane Eden (Docket No. 778), Les Schwartz (Docket No. 779), Dean Hoffman | | |
| 10 | (Docket No. 776), and C.J. Newton (Docket No. 777). ¹ | | |
| 11 | IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u> . | | |
| 12 | For the foregoing reasons, this Court should consider the entire Mausner | | |
| 13 | Declaration and the exhibits authenticated thereby, in ruling on Perfect 10's | | |
| 14 | Motion for Preliminary Injunction. | | |
| 15 | Dated: March 28, 2010 Respectfully submitted, | | |
| 16 | LAW OFFICES OF JEFFREY N. MAUSNER | | |
| 17 | By: <u>Jeffrey N. Mausner</u> | | |
| 18 | Jeffrey N. Mausner Attorney for Plaintiff Perfect 10, Inc. | | |
| 19 | ¹ Even if this Court has questions about the admissibility of portions of the | | |
| 20 | Mausner Declaration, it should still consider the Declaration when ruling upon the PI Motion. Because a preliminary injunction is not a trial, both appellate courts | | |
| 21 | and leading treatises have stated that the rules of evidence may be relaxed. <i>See</i> . | | |
| 22 | <i>e.g., Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter v. FDIC</i> , 992 F.2d 545, 551 (5th Cir.1993) ("at the preliminary injunction stage, the procedures in the district court are less | | |
| 23 | formal, and the district court may rely on otherwise inadmissible evidence, including hearsay evidence"). As a leading treatise has noted: | | |
| 24 | [I]nasmuch as the grant of a preliminary injunction is | | |
| 25 | discretionary, the trial court should be allowed to give even inadmissible evidence some weight when it is thought advisable to do | | |
| 26 | so in order to serve the primary purpose of preventing irreparable | | |
| 27 | harm before a trial can be had. | | |
| 28 | 11A C. Wright, A. Miller & M. Kane, Federal Practice & Procedure: Civil § 2949, at 216-17 (2d ed.1995). | | |
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