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## **DECLARATION OF RACHEL ROSOFF**

I, Rachel Rosoff, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney at Hertz & Lichtenstein, LLP. I have firsthand, personal knowledge of the matters stated herein and, if called as a witness, would and could competently testify thereto.
- 2. From approximately 2007 to the present, I have been involved in representing The Black Eyed Peas ("BEP"), certain individual members of BEP and their respective entities, including, but not limited to, will.i.am music, inc. ("WMI") and Tab Magnetic, Inc. ("TMI").
- 3. It is my understanding that this lawsuit involves copyright infringement claims by George Clinton arising out of the use of samples of the song (Not Just) Knee Deep ("Knee Deep") in two remixes of the BEP song Shut Up. (The two remixes are identical except that one of the remixes is a few seconds longer.)
- 4. It is my understanding that BEP first used a sample of *Knee Deep* in a remix of its song *Shut Up* on a vinyl record (the "2003 Shut Up Remix"). The vinyl record contained several different variations of the song *Shut Up*, but only the 2003 Shut Up Remix used the *Knee Deep* sample.
- 5. In 2009, BEP used *Knee Deep* in another remix of *Shut Up*, called *Shut The Phunk Up* (the "2009 Shut Up Remix"). This remix was a track on the second disc of a special edition double disc version of the BEP album The E.N.D., which was released domestically as a limited edition in Target stores only.
- 6. When it was time to clear the use of the *Knee Deep* sample in the 2009 Shut Up Remix, BEP and Universal used Deborah Mannis-Gardner of DMG Clearances. I have used Ms. Mannis-Gardner on numerous occasions to clear samples for BEP and other artists. Ms. Mannis-Gardner has an excellent reputation in the music industry, and I trust her completely.
  - 7. WMI is a company owned by William Adams. WMI does not own, and

has never owned, any interest in the master recordings of the 2003 Shut Up Remix or the 2009 Shut Up Remix. To the best of my knowledge, WMI has received no income from any exploitation of the master recordings of the 2003 Shut Up Remix or the 2009 Shut Up Remix and has not entered into any license for the exploitation of those master recordings.

- 8. TMI is a company owned by Jamie Gomez. TMI does not own, and has never owned, any interest in the master recordings of the 2003 Shut Up Remix or the 2009 Shut Up Remix. To the best of my knowledge, TMI has received no income from any exploitation of the master recordings of the 2003 Shut Up Remix or the 2009 Shut Up Remix and has not entered into any license for the exploitation of those master recordings.
- 9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of a letter, dated March 18, 2010, from Robert J. Allen to me.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed in Beverly Hills, California, on February 29, 2012.

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