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	LLP;and ERNST & YOUNG ADVISORY INC.,	PERSONAL JURISDICTION
19	Defendants.	Date: December 22, 2008 Time: 8:30 a.m.
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Plaintiff Entrepreneur Media, Inc. ("Plaintiff") respectfully submits this memorandum in opposition to the motion (the "Motion") of Defendant EYGN Limited ("Defendant" or "Defendant EYGN") for Judgment on the Pleadings for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction.

## I. Introduction.

Defendant EYGN erroneously contends, through its motion for *judgment* on the pleadings, that this Court lacks personal jurisdiction over Defendant EYGN. However, the Complaint expressly alleges that the defendants have had sufficient contacts with California generally, and in connection with this matter particularly, so as to give rise to personal jurisdiction over each defendant (including Defendant EYGN). Complaint, ¶ 7. Accepting this allegation as true, as is mandated by Ninth Circuit law, requires denial of the motion for judgment on the pleadings. Regardless, even if this Court were to require greater specificity in pleading jurisdictional allegations than the short and plain statement included in the Complaint, Plaintiff is entitled to leave to amend its complaint so that it can provide any greater specificity the Court requires.

Defendants have submitted a variety of declarations attesting to a lack of jurisdiction over Defendant EYGN, but those declarations cannot be considered in the context of a judgment on the pleadings. To the extent the Court considers the declarations, the license agreement attached as Exhibit C to the declaration of Victoria Cochrane evidences that Defendant EYGN and Defendant Ernst & Young have a relationship relative to the trademarks at issue here that establishes jurisdiction over Defendant EYGN. Indeed, under the parties' license agreement (and federal law), Defendant EYGN was obligated to oversee and control the quality of any use of the mark in California (and elsewhere), Defendant EYGN and Defendant Ernst & Young were both entitled to commence litigation in California (and elsewhere), and both

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Defendants used the same counsel to send their cease and desist letter and e-mail into California and to defend the litigation commenced by Plaintiff. If the Court considers such evidence, it must treat the Motion as a summary judgment motion and should deny it outright; however, to the extent the Court is not inclined to deny the Motion outright based on the evidence submitted by Defendants, Plaintiff is entitled to a continuance to allow it to conduct discovery on the issue of jurisdiction. Discovery has not as yet commenced in this matter, and is set to commence with the exchange of initial disclosures on January 30, 2008. Plaintiff is entitled, at a minimum, to a full and fair opportunity to conduct jurisdictional discovery so that it can fairly defend a summary judgment motion based on a purported lack of jurisdiction.

In short, Defendant EYGN is not entitled to dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction. Given the motion as framed and the evidence submitted, EYGN's motion should be denied outright. If judgment on the pleadings is granted, however, Plaintiff is entitled to leave to amend. Moreover, if the matter is treated as a summary judgment motion and not denied outright, Plaintiff is entitled to a continuance to allow Plaintiff a full and fair opportunity to conduct jurisdictional discovery before the motion is resolved. Regardless, Defendant EYGN should not be dismissed for lack of personal jurisdiction.

## II. Argument.

A. Judgment on the Pleadings Must Be Denied Based on the Jurisdictional Allegations in the Complaint.

"A judgment on the pleadings is a decision on the merits," that the Ninth Circuit reviews de novo. General Conference Corp. of Seventh-Day Adventists v. Seventh-Day Adventist Congregational Church, 887 F.2d 228, 230 (9th Cir. 1989), cert. denied, 493 U.S. 1079 (1990). A motion for judgment on the pleadings is proper "when the moving party clearly establishes on the

face of the pleadings that no material issue of fact remains to be resolved and that it is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Hal Roach Studios, Inc. v. 2 3 4 5 6

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Richard Feiner & Co., 896 F.2d 1542, 1550 (9<sup>TH</sup> Cir. 1990), "All allegations of fact by the party opposing the motion are accepted as true, and are construed in the light most favorable to that party." General Conference, 887 F.2d at 230. Here, the Complaint expressly alleges that "Defendants have sufficient

contacts with this jurisdiction generally and, in particular, with the events alleged herein, that each defendant is subject to the exercise of jurisdiction of this court over its person." Complaint, ¶ 7. This allegation conforms with the requirement that Plaintiff need only provide "a short and plain statement of the grounds for this court's jurisdiction . . . " FRCP, 8(a)(1). Moreover, the allegation must be taken as true in the context of a motion for judgment on the pleadings. General Conference, 887 F.2d at 230. Accordingly, the motion for judgment on the pleadings for lack of personal jurisdiction must be denied.1

## If Judgment on the Pleadings Is Granted (and It Should B. Not Be), Leave to Amend Must Be Granted Too.

To the extent the Court requires greater specificity and is inclined to grant judgment on the pleadings, Plaintiff requests (and is entitled to) leave to amend the complaint to provide that specificity.

It is said that a motion for judgment on the pleadings is not favored by the courts, and this is true, if the motion is permitted to cut off the right to amend, thus preventing a hearing on the merits. But if the motion for judgment is treated as a demurrer

See also WebZero, LLC v. ClicVU, Inc., 2008 WL 1734702, 4 (C.D.Cal, 2008) (without having conducted discovery, [plaintiff] need only make a prima facie showing that [defendant] is subject to personal jurisdiction in California, citing Data Disc, Inc. v. Systems Technology Associates, Inc., 557 F.2d 1280, 1285 (9th Cir.1977) (stating that Plaintiff need only "demonstrate facts which support a finding of jurisdiction in order to avoid a motion to dismiss") (citations omitted)).

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to the defective pleading with leave to amend in a proper case, as was done here, the practice is sanctioned by usage and free from objection.

David v. Robert Dollar Co., 2 F.2d 803, 806 (9th Cir. 1925). In determining whether to grant leave to amend, "a court must be guided by the underlying purpose of [Federal] Rule [of Civil Procedure] 15-to facilitate decision on the merits, rather than on the pleadings or technicalities." *United States v. Webb*, 655 F.2d 977, 979 (9th Cir. 1981), quoted in Roth v. Garcia, 942 F2d 617, 628 (9th Cir. 1991); see also In re Rogstad, 126 F.3d 1224, 1228 (9th Cir. 1997).

Here, if need be, Plaintiff can (and will) amend the Complaint to allege greater jurisdictional specificity. Trademark licensors, such as Defendant EYGN, are required to oversee and control the quality and the use of their trademarks. In fact, Defendant EYGN's license agreement provides for such control. See Declaration of Victoria Cochrane, Exhibit C section 5 (Defendant EYGN's quality control rights); see also Miller v. Glenn Miller Productions, Inc., 454 F.3d 975, 992 (9th Cir. 2006) ("It is well established that when the owner of a trademark licenses the mark to others, he retains a "duty to exercise control and supervision over the licensee's use of the mark"). As such, Defendant EYGN's oversight and control over the use and quality of the mark in California (including its joint effort with Defendant Ernst & Young to enforce its rights in California) creates specific jurisdiction over Defendant EYGN in this matter.

Defendant EYGN's oversight activities (and those of its agent/designated controller, EYGS) in assuring Ernst & Young's proper use of the mark in California and in policing the mark's use in California provide jurisdiction. So too, the acts of Ernst & Young LLP in using the "Entrepreneur of the Year" mark under Defendant EYGN's supervisory control are attributable to

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Defendant EYGN. See e.g., Akro Corp v. Luker, 45 F.3d 1541, 1548-49 (Fed. 2 Cir. 1995) (licensor subject to personal jurisdiction due to sale of licensed 3 product in state pursuant to license that granted licensee power to litigate infringement actions and that required licensor to defend and pursue infringements against the patent); Genetic Implant Systems v. Core-Vent Corp., 123 F.3d 1455 (Fed. Cir. 1997) (licensor's obligations under an exclusive license agreement may subject it to personal jurisdiction in the forum state even if the licensee is not incorporated or headquarted in the forum 9 state, so long as the exclusive licensee conducts business there).<sup>2</sup> 10

The case of Breckenridge Pharmaceutical, Inc. v. Metabolite Laboratories, Inc., 444 F.3d 1356 (Fed. Cir. 2006) establishes that a licensor may subject itself to personal jurisdiction where it goes beyond a "mere" license in exchange for royalties, by retaining control over licensee's activities and granting licensee the right to litigate infringement actions. For instance, in Breckenridge, the court held:

Here, in addition to sending letters into the forum state, which we presume qualify as "cease and desist" letters, Metabolite has presume qualify as "cease and desist" letters, Metabolite has entered into an exclusive license with PamLab, a company that, while not headquartered or incorporated in Florida, conducts business in Florida. As part of the license agreement, Metabolite granted PamLab the right to sue for patent infringement with Metabolite's written consent, and the parties agreed to "discuss in good faith the appropriate action, if any, with respect to third party infringers of the Licensed Patents, and to cooperate reasonably in any enforcement actions". Metabolite granted PamLab "full control of the prosecution or maintenance" of any patent or application that Metabolite abandons or permits to lapse and agreed to provide PamLab with an executed power of attorney for that purpose. Metabolite further agreed to "provide" attorney for that purpose. Metabolite further agreed to "provide consultation to PamLab in the science, medicine and marketing of vitamins and related products, from time to time".

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by consumers in the forum State").

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distributor and purposefully exploiting the California market through advertising suffices for personal jurisdiction because the "forum state does not exceed its powers under the

Due Process Clause if it asserts personal jurisdiction over a corporation that delivers its products into the stream of commerce with the expectation that they will be purchased

cease and desist letters, plus placing patented product into commerce through

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That this exclusive license agreement not only contemplated an ongoing relationship between PamLab and Metabolite beyond royalty payments but has actually resulted in such a relationship is obvious from the facts of this case. Metabolite coordinates with PamLab in sending cease and desist letters and in litigating infringement claims in Florida and elsewhere and, as is the case here, licensor and licensee are often represented jointly by counsel. As such, we hold that, through its relationship with PamLab, which sells products in Florida, Metabolite has purposefully availed itself to the privilege of conducting activities within Florida.

Id. at 1366-67.

The facts stated above are closely analogous to the facts presented here. As in *Breckenridge*, licensor EYGN has retained for itself and granted to licensee Ernst & Young LLP the right to sue third parties for infringement, and has obligated itself to protect the licensed interests and pay for lawsuits instituted by Ernst & Young LLP. Cochrane Decl., Exh. C ¶¶ 4.2 and 4.3. So too, as in *Breckenridge*, Defendant EYGN's license requires that Ernst & Young LLP abide by various quality control provisions. Cochrane Decl., Exh. C ¶¶ 5.1-5.4. Just as in *Breckenridge*, this license resulted in the coordination of the cease and desist letters sent by their *joint* counsel to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel (Complaint, Exhs. A and B), and has resulted in their joint representation in the present California based action. As in *Breckenridge*, the relationship between licensor EYGN and its licensee, which creates continuing obligations to police the mark in California (and elsewhere) obligations that Defendants EYGN and Ernst & Young LLP were discharging by having their counsel contact Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel in California gives rise to this Court's jurisdiction over Defendant EYGN.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In the Federal Circuit, as in the Ninth Circuit, simply sending a cease and desist letter will not create jurisdiction. See e.g, Campbell Pet Co. v. Miale, 542 F.3d 879, 885 (Fed. Cir. 2008) ("the sending of an infringement letter, without more, is insufficient to satisfy the requirements of due process when exercising jurisdiction over an out-of-state patentee") (emphasis added); Bancroft & Masters, Inc. v. Augusta Nat. Inc., 223 F.3d 1082, 1089 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000) ("a cease-and-desist letter sent by a trademark holder to a putative infringer is

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Young LLP owned the mark originally (and has used it consistently in California for years), then sold it to Defendant EYGN and took a license back from Defendant EYGN. See Declaration of Michael R. Adele filed concurrently herewith ("Adele Decl."). Notwithstanding the corporate shell game, the relationship between Defendant EYGN and Defendant Ernst & Young LLP is either an alter ego and/or agency relationship, such that Ernst & Young's conduct in connection therewith give rise to this Court's jurisdiction over Defendant Ernst & Young LLP and Defendant EYGN. Indeed, in similar circumstances, attempts by the defendant to avoid jurisdiction have been met by at least one court with incredulity and the observation that the defendant had "chutzpah" for even making the argument. Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. v. CFMT, Inc., 142 F.3d 1266, 1270 -1271 (Fed. Cir. 1998) ("Stripped to its essentials, CFM contends that a parent company can incorporate a holding company in another state, transfer its patents to the holding company, arrange to have those patents licensed back to itself by virtue of its complete control over the holding company, and threaten its competitors with infringement without fear of being a declaratory judgment defendant, save perhaps in the state of incorporation of the holding company. This argument qualifies for one of our "chutzpah" awards. ").

Indeed, jurisdiction is particularly appropriate where, as here, Ernst &

Plaintiff can and would make the foregoing specific factual allegations if the Court were inclined to grant Defendant EYGN's motion for judgment on the pleadings. See Adele Decl. Thus, if the Court grants judgment on the

not, by itself, a sufficient basis for personal jurisdiction in the putative infringer's home state."). However, the type of relationship at issue here, which goes beyond a mere license in exchange for royalty payments, will suffice to give rise to personal jurisdiction. Breckenridge Pharmaceutical, Inc. v. Metabolite Laboratories, Inc., 444 F.3d 1356 (Fed. Cir. 2006); Dainippon Screen Mfg. Co., Ltd. v. CFMT, Inc., 142 F.3d 1266, 1270 -1271 (Fed. Cir. 1998).

pleadings (which it should <u>not</u>), leave to amend the Complaint in this action must also be granted. *Id.* Consequently, if the Court grants the Motion, Plaintiff must also be granted leave to amend the Complaint. *Swartz v. KPMG LLP*, 476 F.3d 756, 760 (9th Cir. 2007) (Ninth Circuit reaffirmed that a court should not dismiss a complaint for jurisdictional defects unless "it is clear ... that the complaint could not be saved by any amendment"); *See also David v. Robert Dollar Co.*, 2 F.2d at 806; *Roth v. Garcia*, 942 F2d at 628.

C. If the Court Looks Beyond the Pleadings and Considers
Testimony and Other Extrinsic Evidence, Plaintiff Is
Entitled Summary Judgment in Its Favor or, in the
Alternative, to a Continuance to Conduct Discovery.

Defendant EYGN's motion for judgment on the pleadings is not based upon the four corners of the pleadings, but rather based on extrinsic evidence from various declarants. As such, to the extent such evidence is considered and not excluded, the motion is not a motion for judgment on the pleadings, but a *de facto* summary judgment motion. See FRCP 12(d) ("If, on a motion under Rule 12(b)(6) or 12(c), matters outside the pleadings are presented to and not excluded by the court, the motion must be treated as one for summary judgment under Rule 56. All parties must be given a reasonable opportunity to present all the material that is pertinent to the motion"). Because Defendant EYGN chose to bring a motion for judgment on the pleadings and <u>not</u> a summary judgment motion, the declarations proffered by Defendant EYGN should be excluded and the Motion should be denied (or at most, granted with leave to amend as a judgment on the pleadings).

If, however, the Court decides to consider the declarations and treat this Motion as one for summary judgment, then Plaintiff should prevail based on the limited evidence currently available and proffered by Defendant EYGN. As

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the discussion above regarding *Breckenridge* establishes, Defendant EYGN's license agreement with Defendant Ernst & Young LLP, which allows both licensor EYGN and licensee Ernst & Young LLP to litigate infringement actions (at Defendant EYGN's expense), which requires Defendant EYGN to protect the ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR trademark in California (and elsewhere) from unauthorized use or infringement, which affords Defendant EYGN quality control oversight over the use of EYGN's ENTREPRENEUR trademark in California (and elsewhere), and which resulted in the co-ordinated cease and desist letters from counsel for Defendant EYGN and Defendant Ernst & Young LLP being sent into California and directed at a California resident, establishes personal jurisdiction over Defendant EYGN. See Cochrane Declaration, Exh. C.

Indeed, the license agreement between Defendant EYGN and Defendant Ernst & Young not only allows Defendant Ernst & Young LLP to commence legal action if Defendant EGYN does not, it states that "... EYGN shall act in good faith to protect the interests of [Ernst & Young LLP].... EYGN shall give [Ernst & Young LLP] all reasonable assistance in any such action [i.e., instituting legal proceedings], including lending its name to any legal proceedings. EYGN shall bear the reasonable costs of any such actions." See Cochrane Declaration, Exh. C ¶ 4.3. Where, as here, EYGN agreed to lend its name to trademark litigation Ernst & Young LLP may choose to institute in California (and elsewhere), EYGN can and should be held to have consented to personal jurisdiction anywhere (including California) where Ernst & Young can sue or be sued for trademark infringement involving the licensed EYGN trademarks (such as the ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR trademark at issue here). Defendant EYGN cannot grant Ernst & Young LLP the right to commence trademark actions in California to protect EYGN

trademarks and contractually agree to participate as a party in such actions,<sup>4</sup> and then claim (only when it suits EYGN) that California courts lack jurisdiction over it in connection with those trademarks. *See Breckenridge*, 444 F.3d 1356; *Viam Corp.*, 84 F.3d 424.

Viewed from another angle, if the present dispute had been an infringement action by Ernst & Young LLP against Entrepreneur Media Inc. for infringement of the licensed trademark, and Entrepreneur Media Inc. objected and sought dismissal for failure to join EYGN as the owner of the trademark – the license agreement between EYGN and Ernst & Young LLP would allow EYGN to be brought into the action as an interested party who contractually agreed to lend its name to any legal proceedings. Cochrane Decl., Exh. C, ¶ 4.3. EYGN could not claim a lack of personal jurisdiction, because it waived any such objection by virtue of the license provision requiring it to lend its name to *any* legal proceedings.

Indeed, even as this action is currently configured, if Ernst & Young LLP had sought to keep EYGN in the present action in California, the license agreement would constitute consent to personal jurisdiction and waiver by EYGN of any claim to lack of personal jurisdiction over it. Because the license agreement constitutes a waiver of personal jurisdiction allowing Ernst & Young LLP to keep EYGN in this action (or to bring it into the action through joinder if EYGN was not a party), this Court must have personal jurisdiction over EYGN

In the context of legal action taken by a licensee in commencing lawsuits against third party infringers, an obligation of the licensor to give "all reasonable assistance in any such action, including lending its name to any legal proceedings," must mean consenting to being brought into the action as a party. *Accord* Lion *Petroleum of Missouri, Inc. v. Millennium Super Stop, LLC*, 467 F.Supp.2d 953, 956(E.D.Mo. 2006) ("Generally, in suits for patent and trademark infringement, the owner of the patent or trademark is a necessary party).

and it does not matter whether or not it is Defendant Ernst & Young LLP or
 Plaintiff Entrepreneur Media, Inc. asserting the existence of such jurisdiction.

Alternatively, if the limited evidence currently proffered in connection with this motion (principally by Defendant EYGN) does not establish jurisdiction over EYGN, Plaintiff is entitled to a continuance of the hearing on this motion to allow discovery. *See Portland Retail Druggists Ass'n v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan*, 662 F.2d 641, 645 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1981) ("Before summary judgment may be entered against a party, that party must be afforded both notice that the motion is pending and an adequate opportunity to respond. Implicit in the "opportunity to respond" is the requirement that sufficient time be afforded for discovery necessary to develop "facts essential to justify (a party's) opposition" to the motion. "); *See America West Airlines, Inc. v. GPA Group, Ltd.*, 877 F.2d 793, 801 (9th Cir. 1989) ("where pertinent facts bearing on the question of jurisdiction are in dispute, discovery should be allowed").<sup>5</sup>

For instance, discovery regarding the following issues would further illuminate the propriety of this Court exercising personal jurisdiction over Defendant EYGN:

- The use by Ernst & Young LLP in California of the ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR trademark;
- The terms and conditions of Ernst & Young LLP's transfer of the ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR trademark to EYGN;
- Knowledge by EYGN of Ernst & Young LLP's use of the trademark in California both before and after transfer of the trademark to EYGN;
- The actions taken by EYGN (and/or its control designate) in enforcing ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR trademark rights against third parties in California;
- The actions taken by EYGN (and/or its control designate) in overseeing and mandating quality control with regard to Ernst &

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See also FRCP 56(f) (providing for continuances to allow for discovery relevant to summary judgment motions); see also FRCP 12(d) (If treated as a summary judgment motion, "[a]II parties must be given a reasonable opportunity to present all the material that is pertinent to the motion")

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- The terms and conditions of the Joining Agreement referenced in ¶ 1.1 and license agreements (including the "master agreement") referenced in ¶ 2.2 of the License of Name Rights (see Cochrane Decl., Exh. C);
- All documents that evidence or refer to the meaning of the phrase "EYGN shall give [Ernst & Young LLP] all reasonable assistance in any such action, including lending its name to any legal proceedings," in ¶ 4.3 of the License of Naming Rights agreement See Cochrane Decl., Exh. C ¶ 4.3.

Although this case has been pending since June 2008, it has only recently become "at-issue," the parties only recently met and conferred pursuant to Rule 26, and discovery is not slated to commence with the initial disclosure of witnesses and documents on January 30, 2008 – after the currently scheduled hearing on this motion. This schedule was established on the understanding that Plaintiff's motion for an injunction and Defendants' motions to dismiss, stay or transfer would be based on the undisputed facts that relate to the first-to-file and "anticipatory filing" doctrines. Inasmuch as Defendants have taken a much broader, fact-based, approach to avoiding jurisdiction, to the extent this Motion is not denied outright given the limited facts proffered by Defendant EYGN, Plaintiff is entitled to conduct jurisdictional discovery so that the Court can make its decision regarding jurisdiction based on a full and complete set of facts (and arguments based thereon).

## III. Conclusion.

This Court can and should deny Defendant EYGN's Motion.

Alternatively, if the Court grants judgment on the pleadings, leave to amend must be granted so that Plaintiff has an opportunity to provide additional jurisdictional allegations to rectify any perceived deficiency. Similarly, to the extent that the Court is inclined to treat this Motion as a summary judgment motion and is not inclined to deny the Motion outright based on the limited evidence presented. Plaintiff is entitled to a continuance to allow it a full and

1	fair opportunity to conduct jurisdictional discovery. In any event, Defendant
2	EYGN is not entitled to dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction.
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