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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 BLIZZARD ENTERTAINMENT, INC.
11 a Delaware Corporation,
12 Blizzard,
13 v.
14 MICHAEL VANKUIPERS a/k/a
"Perma" or "Permaphrost," an
15 individual; MICHAEL SIMPSON a/k/a
Matt Cooper, a/k/a Cranix" and
16 "Cranyx"; JOHN ROE a/k/a
"linuxawesome" and DOES 1 through
17 10, inclusive.
18 Defendants.

CASE NO. SACV10-1495-CJC (MLG)

COMPLAINT FOR:

- (1) COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
- (2) INDUCEMENT TO INFRINGE
COPYRIGHTS
- (3) CONTRIBUTORY COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT
- (4) VICARIOUS COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT
- (5) BREACH OF CONTRACT
- (6) INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE
WITH CONTRACTUAL
RELATIONS

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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20 Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. ("Blizzard") avers as follows:
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22 Preliminary Statement

23 1. Blizzard is a developer and publisher of computer games and related
24 entertainment products. Blizzard is known for the high quality and extremely high
25 production values of its computer games, which include the most popular computer
26 game franchises in the world, such as "World of Warcraft," "Diablo" and
27 "StarCraft." Blizzard's most recent computer game product, "StarCraft II," was
28 released on July 27, 2010, after years of anticipation. Just two months after its

1 release to the public, StarCraft II became the most popular PC software product
2 currently sold in the United States and is one of the most critically acclaimed
3 computer games ever released.

4 2. At issue in this lawsuit is the insidious and harmful practice of
5 developing, distributing, and selling software products (sometimes referred to as
6 “hacks” or “cheats”) that modify or alter the online “multiplayer” component of
7 Blizzard’s computer games to give users of the “hacks” or “cheats” an unfair
8 competitive advantage against other players. These hacks and cheats not only
9 disrupt or impair the online experience for purchasers of the computer game, but,
10 as set forth more fully herein, cause serious and irreparable harm to Blizzard and
11 its products.

12 3. Defendants are software programmers, or “hackers” who operate,
13 collaborate on, and distribute unlawful hacks and cheats via a number of Internet
14 websites, including the website www.gamethreat.net (the “Hacks Website”). Just
15 days after the release of StarCraft II, Defendants already had developed, marketed,
16 and distributed to the public a variety of hacks and cheats designed to modify (and
17 in fact destroy) the StarCraft II online game experience. In fact, on the very day
18 that StarCraft II was released, representatives of the Hacks Website advised
19 members of the public that “our staff is already planning new releases for this
20 game.”

21 4. Defendants create and sell their unlawful software products with the
22 knowledge that they are facilitating and promoting users to infringe Blizzard’s
23 copyrights and to breach their contracts with Blizzard. Blizzard has notified both
24 of the named defendants (VanKuipers and Simpson) of their infringing conduct,
25 and neither has ceased their infringing activity. In fact, Defendant VanKuipers,
26 after first representing to Blizzard that he would disable and remove one of his
27 unlawful hacks, then bragged online that Blizzard “was unaware” of his work on
28 similar hacks, and that he would “provide [others] with the source code and

1 knowledge” to continue distributing his hacks. Among those that he provided his
2 “source code” and “knowledge” were Defendant John Doe a/k/a “Wiggley,” who,
3 pursuant to online posts available on the Hacks Website, is now the individual
4 responsible for distributing and updating one of VanKuipers’ popular unlawful
5 hacks.

6 5. Defendants’ actions have unjustly profited Defendants while causing
7 significant damage to Blizzard. The acts of Defendants, described in more detail
8 below, constitute direct and secondary infringement of registered copyrights in
9 violation of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §501; breach of contract; and intentional
10 interference with contractual relations.

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12 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13 6. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief under the
14 Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., and under the laws of the State of
15 California and the State of Delaware.

16 7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Blizzard’s claims for
17 copyright infringement pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). Pursuant to 28
18 U.S.C. § 1367, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Blizzard’s state law
19 claims for breach of contract and intentional interference with contract in that they
20 are so related to Blizzard’s claims under the Copyright Act as to be part of the
21 same case or controversy.

22 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants, including
23 because Defendants have engaged in, contributed to, and induced the infringing
24 conduct at issue within the United States and the State of California and among
25 other things, have purposefully directed their activities at the United States and at
26 California. Blizzard additionally avers that, among other things, (a) each of the
27 Defendants or their respective agents are doing or have been doing business
28 continuously in the State of California and this District, (b) a substantial part of the

1 wrongful acts committed by Defendants, and each of them, have occurred in
2 interstate commerce, in the State of California, and in the Central District of
3 California, (c) Defendants know that the damages and other harmful effects of
4 Defendants' infringing activities occur in the United States and primarily in
5 California, where Blizzard has its principal place of business, and (d) Defendants'
6 infringing activities are part of a joint, international effort among defendants
7 residing within the United States and outside the United States.

8 9. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 and
9 1400 because this is a judicial District in which a substantial part of the events
10 giving rise to the claims occurred, and/or which Blizzard's injury was suffered.

11 THE PARTIES

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13 10. Blizzard is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws
14 of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in Irvine, California.

15 11. Blizzard is, and at all relevant times has been, the owner of copyrights
16 in numerous computer software entertainment products, including the computer
17 game "StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty" ("StarCraft II"). StarCraft II is the subject
18 of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of
19 Copyrights. Blizzard's copyright in StarCraft II covers nearly all aspects of the
20 game as distributed, including without limitation, (a) all of the human and machine
21 readable computer code and any other data distributed as part of the game client,
22 (b) all graphical and textual elements of the screens that appear in the game client
23 when the game is executed on a personal computer, (c) all graphical and textual
24 elements of documents distributed with the game client, and (d) all motion picture
25 and sound recordings, and other audio-visual elements distributed with and as part
26 of the game client.

27 12. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that each of
28 the Defendants herein is engaged in the development, sale and/or distribution of

1 software products designed to modify or hack online computer games, including
2 StarCraft II. The primary purpose of such software products is to give users of
3 such products certain unfair competitive advantages (i.e. to allow users to cheat) in
4 online computer games, including without limitation the hacks entitled
5 “[Undetected] Perma’s Starcraft II Maphack,” “Havok,” “CraniX Maphack,”
6 “Open Source External Map Hack for SC2 1.1” and other related or similar
7 software programs (the “Hacks”).

8 13. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that
9 Defendant Michael VanKuipers a/k/a “Perma” and “Permaphrost” is an individual
10 residing in Burnaby, Canada. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis
11 avers, that VanKuipers is the author, developer and distributor of “[Undetected]
12 Perma’s Starcraft II Maphack” and “Havok,” and is a driving force behind
13 gamethreat.com.

14 14. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that
15 Defendant Michael Simpson a/k/a Matt Cooper, a/k/a “Cranix” and “Cranyx” is an
16 individual residing in Banff, Canada. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on
17 that basis avers, Simpson is the author, developer and distributor of “CraniX
18 Maphack,” and is a driving force behind sc2hackdev.org and other websites.

19 15. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that
20 Defendant John Roe a/k/a “linuxawesome” is an individual residing in Lima, Peru.
21 Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, “linuxawesome” is the
22 author, developer, and distributor of “Open Source External Map Hack for SC2
23 1.1” and directly participated in, authorized, and caused the conduct described in
24 this complaint.

25 16. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate,
26 associate, or otherwise, of defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive,
27 are unknown to Blizzard, which sue said defendants by such fictitious names (the
28 “Doe Defendants”). The Doe Defendants may include individuals whose real

1 identities are not yet known to Blizzard, but who are acting in concert with the
2 named defendants, often in the guise of Internet aliases, in committing the
3 unlawful acts alleged herein. Does 1 through 10 may use the aliases “Wiggley,”
4 “Zynastor,” and “Dark Mage” in connection with their hacking activities. If
5 necessary, Blizzard will seek leave to amend this complaint to state their true
6 names and capacities. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers,
7 that the Doe Defendants are liable to Blizzard as a result of their participation in all
8 or some of the acts hereinafter set forth (all of the Defendants, including the Doe
9 Defendants, collectively are referred to as “Defendants”).

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11 **FACTS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS**

12 **Blizzard’s StarCraft® Computer Games**

13 17. Blizzard is a computer game publisher, engaged in the business of
14 developing, financing, producing, marketing, and distributing high-quality
15 software game products for personal computers (PCs). Among the software
16 products produced and distributed by Blizzard are some of the most popular
17 computer games in the world, including the StarCraft® series of games, as well as
18 the massively popular Diablo®, Warcraft® and World of Warcraft® gaming
19 franchises. Since establishing the Blizzard label in 1994, Blizzard has become one
20 of the world’s most respected and popular makers of computer games. Many of
21 Blizzard’s games, including the StarCraft® series of games, feature online game
22 play over the Internet via an online gaming service known as “Battle.net” provided
23 by Blizzard (“Battle.net”). Over 11 million individuals actively play Blizzard’s
24 games online.

25 18. The StarCraft® series of computer games has become one of
26 Blizzard’s flagship properties, and currently consists of two games: “StarCraft”
27 and “StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty” (“StarCraft II”). The StarCraft® series of
28 games are widely considered among the best in their genre, and StarCraft II is

1 reported to have sold more than 1.5 million units of the game in the 48 hours after
2 it was released to the public.

3 19. StarCraft II is a military science fiction “real-time strategy” computer
4 game, by which the player plays one of three military factions competing to
5 achieve certain military objectives on a computer-generated “map.” The software
6 code responsible for the extensive and richly detailed creative elements of the
7 StarCraft II gaming environment is a copyrighted work owned by Blizzard.

8 20. Among the most important features of StarCraft II are its robust
9 “multiplayer” modes, which enable multiple players to compete against each other
10 via a connection to the Internet. The multiplayer environment often is highly
11 competitive, with players being awarded “ranks,” placed on public “leaderboards,”
12 or given access to unique weapons or abilities based on their performance. The
13 competitive aspect of StarCraft II’s multiplayer environment is one of the driving
14 forces behind sales of the game. (In fact, the StarCraft® games are played as a
15 competitive sport around the world, with professional or semi-professional players
16 competing for national and international titles). Additionally, the ability to play
17 the game against skilled human opponents keeps the player experience fresh and
18 interesting, thus ensuring that players return to the game frequently, purchase and
19 play the games (and downloadable content, such as new “maps” or “modes”) long
20 after the games’ release, and encourage friends to purchase copies to join in the
21 online experience.

22 21. Each copy of StarCraft II contains a “terms of use,” which expressly
23 prohibits the player from hacking or modifying the game, including to use hacks or
24 cheats to alter the multiplayer experience. Additionally, in order to participate in
25 the online multiplayer component of StarCraft II, players must agree to be bound
26 by the terms of service of Blizzard’s multiplayer network, Battle.net, that enables
27 such multiplayer games to take place.

1 (bots), hacks, or any other unauthorized third-party software designed to modify
2 the Game experience, including without limitation, mods that violate the terms of
3 this License Agreement or the Terms of Use.”

4 27. Additionally, the EULA provides that users may not:

5 (a) “in whole or in part, copy or reproduce (except as provided
6 herein), translate, reverse engineer, derive source code from, modify, disassemble,
7 decompile, or create derivative works based on the Game...”

8 (b) “exploit the Game or any of its parts, including without
9 limitation the Game Client, for any commercial purpose...”

10 (c) “host, provide or develop matchmaking services for the Game
11 or intercept, emulate or redirect the communication protocols used by Blizzard in
12 any way, for any purpose, including without limitation unauthorized play over the
13 internet, network play, or as part of content aggregation networks...”

14 (d) “facilitate, create or maintain any unauthorized connection to
15 the Game or the Service, including without limitation (a) any connection to any
16 unauthorized server that emulates, or attempts to emulate, the Service; and (b) any
17 connection using programs or tools not expressly approved by Blizzard.”

18 28. The provisions of the EULA are designed to protect the integrity of
19 the game. The EULA provides commercially reasonable contractual protection of
20 Blizzard’s rights in and to the game client and server elements of StarCraft II.

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22 **The Battle.net Terms of Use**

23 29. Prior to playing StarCraft II, a user must create an account with
24 Blizzard on Battle.net. During the account creation process, Blizzard displays a
25 contract to the user called the Battle.net Terms of Use (the “ToU”). The ToU is
26 attached hereto as Exhibit B and hereby is incorporated by reference.

27 30. In order to create a Battle.net account, the user must manifest assent to
28 the ToU by clicking on a button labeled “Accept.” The user also may decline to

1 enter into this contract by clicking on a button labeled “Decline,” at which point
2 the account creation process will terminate, denying access to the user.

3 31. Any use of the StarCraft II game client or access to the gaming
4 environment that is not in accordance with the ToU is expressly prohibited.

5 32. Among other provisions, the ToU provides that the user may not,
6 under any circumstances, “use cheats, automation software (bots), hacks, mods, or
7 any other unauthorized third-party software designed to modify the [Battle.net]
8 Service, any Game, or any Game experience.” Additionally, the ToU prohibits
9 modifying StarCraft II software or adding components to StarCraft II, including
10 using tools to “hack or alter” StarCraft II software. The ToU also provides that the
11 user may not “exploit the Game or any of its parts, including without limitation the
12 Game Client, for any commercial purpose...”

13 33. The provisions of the ToU are designed to protect the integrity of the
14 game by, among other things, preventing the very conduct demonstrated by the
15 Defendants – providing certain players an unfair competitive advantage against
16 other players. The ToU provides commercially reasonable contractual protection
17 of Blizzard’s rights in and to the game client for StarCraft II.

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19 **Defendants’ Unlawful Activities**

20 34. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that each of
21 Defendants, either individually or collectively, are engaged in the development,
22 sale and/or distribution of software products (including without limitation, the
23 Hacks) designed to modify or hack online games, including StarCraft II, in order to
24 give users unfair competitive advantages (i.e. to allow users to cheat) in such
25 games. For example, Defendants’ “maphacks” permit one player to view the
26 entirety of the playing field or “map”, while the other player’s view is limited.

27 35. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that
28 Defendants themselves developed the Hacks, commissioned third parties to

1 develop the Hacks, worked closely in concert with individuals who developed the
2 Hacks, distributed the Hacks or caused the Hacks to be distributed, and/or
3 otherwise participated in, directed, or oversaw the creation and distribution of the
4 Hacks.

5 36. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that
6 Defendants themselves are users of the Hacks who when they download, install,
7 and use the Hacks, copy StarCraft II copyrighted content into their computer's
8 RAM in excess of the scope of their limited license, as set forth in the EULA and
9 ToU.

10 37. Defendants are well aware that they do not have any license, right, or
11 authority to engage in any of the foregoing infringing activities. It is well-known
12 to the public, and Defendants certainly know, that Blizzard owns the copyright in
13 StarCraft II, and never has authorized Defendants to develop and/or distribute
14 Hacks or other software that modify StarCraft II or its online components. In fact,
15 Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that each of Defendants
16 reviewed and assented to the EULA and ToU, which specifically prohibits the
17 creation, dissemination, and use of cheating and modification software such as the
18 Hacks.

19 38. Defendants know that by distributing and selling the Hacks, they are
20 encouraging and inducing their users to violate their terms of service and contracts
21 with Blizzard and/or third party network providers. While some versions of the
22 Hacks are available publicly, in order to conceal the full scope and nature of their
23 infringing conduct, Defendants often do not offer downloads of the Hacks on any
24 publicly accessible webpages, including publicly accessible pages of the Hacks
25 Website. Instead, in many circumstances, upon payment of a fee (payable through
26 third-party service PayPal or a credit card), members of the public are given an
27 anonymous user account that grants them access to "underground" or "private"
28 message boards. These message boards contain links to an online location where

1 the Hacks can downloaded by registered users. The “underground” Internet
2 message boards, instruct users how to install the Hacks, how to use the Hacks, and
3 how to avoid detection of the Hacks by other users or by anti-cheating
4 technologies.

5 39. In addition to the foregoing, defendants VanKuipers and Simpson
6 have been contacted by Blizzard and placed on notice of their infringing conduct.
7 Simpson has failed to respond to Blizzard’s contacts. VanKuipers purported to
8 comply with Blizzard’s requests that he cease his infringing activity, but then
9 informed his customers that he would make one of his Hacks available through
10 others. VanKuipers also openly represented to others that because Blizzard had
11 not discovered other Hacks he was creating, he would continue to develop and
12 support those Hacks.

13 40. The harm to Blizzard from Defendants’ conduct is immediate,
14 massive and irreparable. By distributing the Hacks to the public, Defendants cause
15 serious harm to the value of StarCraft II. Among other things, Defendants
16 irreparably harm the ability of Blizzard’s legitimate customers (i.e. those who
17 purchase and use unmodified games) to enjoy and participate in the competitive
18 online experience. That, in turn, causes users to grow dissatisfied with the game,
19 lose interest in the game, and communicate that dissatisfaction, thereby resulting in
20 lost sales of the game or “add-on” packs and expansions thereto.

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22 **COUNT I**

23 **Direct Copyright Infringement**

24 41. Blizzard realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1
25 through 40, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

26 42. Blizzard owns valid copyrights in StarCraft II.

27 43. Defendants have infringed Blizzard’s copyrights in StarCraft II by
28 reproducing, adapting, and distributing StarCraft II without authorization, in

1 violation of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106 and 501. Such infringing conduct
2 includes, but is not limited to, (a) copying and adapting StarCraft II to create the
3 Hacks (including in the process of reverse engineering or decompiling StarCraft II
4 to create the Hacks); (b) creating a derivative work of StarCraft II by modifying it
5 via the installation and use of the Hacks; and (c) copying StarCraft II into their
6 computer's RAM (including at the time they use the Hacks) outside the scope of
7 the license set forth in the EULA and ToU.

8 44. Each such infringement by Defendants of StarCraft II constitutes a
9 separate and distinct act of infringement.

10 45. Defendants' acts of infringement are willful, in disregard of and with
11 indifference to the rights of Blizzard.

12 46. As a direct and proximate result of the infringements by Defendants,
13 Blizzard is entitled to damages and to Defendants' profits in amounts to be proven
14 at trial which are not currently ascertainable. Alternatively, Blizzard is entitled to
15 maximum statutory damages of \$150,000 for each copyright infringed, or in such
16 other amount as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).

17 47. Blizzard further is entitled to its attorneys' fees and full costs pursuant
18 to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

19 48. As a result of Defendants' acts and conduct, Blizzard has sustained
20 and will continue to sustain substantial, immediate, and irreparable injury, for
21 which there is no adequate remedy at law. Blizzard is informed and believes, and
22 on that basis avers, that unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, Defendants
23 will continue to infringe Blizzard's rights in StarCraft II. Blizzard is entitled to
24 temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin
25 Defendants' continuing infringing conduct.

1 **COUNT II**

2 **Inducement to Infringe Copyright**

3 49. Blizzard realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1
4 through 48, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

5 50. When users of the Hacks download, install, and use the Hacks, they
6 copy StarCraft II copyrighted content into their computer's RAM in excess of the
7 scope of their limited license, as set forth in the EULA and ToU, and create
8 derivative works of StarCraft II. In doing so, users of the Hacks infringe
9 Blizzard's copyrights in StarCraft II, including by reproducing and publicly
10 performing StarCraft II without authorization, in violation of the Copyright Act.
11 17 U.S.C. §§ 106 and 501.

12 51. Defendants have actively encouraged and induced users of the Hacks
13 to engage in the foregoing copyright infringement, including, among other things,
14 by promoting the Hacks and providing users of the Hacks with the tools to
15 infringe, instructions on how to install and use the Hacks, instructions on how to
16 use the Hacks in a manner least likely to be caught or arouse suspicion, and the
17 ability to infringe anonymously. As a direct and proximate result of such
18 inducement, Defendants' users have infringed Blizzard's rights in StarCraft II.

19 52. Each such infringement by users of the Hacks constitutes a separate
20 and distinct act of infringement.

21 53. Defendants' acts of infringement were willful, in disregard of and
22 with indifference to the rights of Blizzard.

23 54. As a direct and proximate result of the infringements by Defendants,
24 Blizzard is entitled to damages and to Defendants' profits in amounts to be proven
25 at trial which are not currently ascertainable. Alternatively, Blizzard is entitled to
26 maximum statutory damages of \$150,000 for each copyright infringed, or in such
27 other amount as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).

1 performing StarCraft II without authorization, in violation of the Copyright Act.
2 17 U.S.C. §§ 106 and 501.

3 67. Defendants have the right and ability to supervise and control the
4 infringing conduct of users of the Hacks. Defendants have failed and refused to
5 exercise such supervision and control to limit infringement to the extent required
6 by law. As a direct and proximate result of such refusal, users of the Hacks have
7 infringed Blizzard's copyrights in StarCraft II.

8 68. Defendants derive a direct financial benefit from this infringement,
9 including, but not limited to, from sales of the Hacks and from financial
10 "donations" from users of the Hacks.

11 69. Each such infringement by users of the Hacks constitutes a separate
12 and distinct act of infringement.

13 70. Defendants' acts of infringement were willful, in disregard of, and
14 with indifference to, the rights of Blizzard.

15 71. As a direct and proximate result of the infringements by Defendants,
16 Blizzard is entitled to damages and to Defendants' profits in amounts to be proven
17 at trial which are not currently ascertainable. Alternatively, Blizzard is entitled to
18 maximum statutory damages of \$150,000 for each copyright infringed, or in such
19 other amount as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).

20 72. Blizzard further is entitled to its attorneys' fees and full costs pursuant
21 to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

22 73. As a result of Defendants' acts and conduct, Blizzard has sustained
23 and will continue to sustain substantial, immediate, and irreparable injury, for
24 which there is no adequate remedy at law. Blizzard is informed and believes, and
25 on that basis avers, that unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, Defendants
26 will continue to infringe Blizzards' copyrights. Blizzard has no adequate remedy
27 at law. Blizzard is entitled to injunctive relief to restrain and enjoin Defendants'
28 continuing infringing conduct.

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COUNT V

Breach of EULA and ToU

74. Blizzard realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 73, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

75. Defendants' actions, as stated above, constitute breach of the EULA and ToU entered into or agreed to by Defendants, in violation of the laws of the States of Delaware and California, by reason of which Blizzard has suffered and will continue to, suffer harm and irreparable injury.

COUNT VI

Intentional Interference with Contractual Relations

76. Blizzard realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 75, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

77. As described herein, before playing the game, licensed users of StarCraft II must first assent to the EULA and the ToU, thereby creating contracts between the users and Blizzard. Among other provisions, the EULA provides that the user may not "use cheats, automation software (bots), hacks, or any other unauthorized third-party software designed to modify the Game experience, including without limitation, mods that violate the terms of this License Agreement or the Terms of Use." Likewise, the ToU provides that the user may not, under any circumstances, "use cheats, automation software (bots), hacks, mods, or any other unauthorized third-party software designed to modify the [Battle.net] Service, any Game, or any Game experience."

78. Blizzard's contracts with its users are valid and enforceable.

79. Blizzard is informed and believes, and on that basis avers, that Defendants are aware of the contracts between Blizzard and its users, and additionally are aware of the Blizzard EULA and ToU by virtue of their own personal Battle.net accounts. Defendants specifically are aware that the EULA and

1 ToU prohibit StarCraft II players from using or providing unauthorized
2 hacks/cheats. Nevertheless, Defendants intentionally induce users of StarCraft II
3 to use the Hacks in breach of StarCraft II users' contracts with Blizzard.

4 80. By inducing licensed users to breach their contracts with Blizzard,
5 Defendants intentionally interfere with the contracts between Blizzard and licensed
6 users of StarCraft II.

7 81. Defendants' actions were committed willfully and knowingly.
8 Defendants knowingly induced breaches with an improper motive, namely to profit
9 from "donations" or other fees received from players for the Hacks, which harm
10 the StarCraft II game experience and which Defendants knew Blizzard prohibited.

11 82. As a result of Defendants' actions, Blizzard has suffered damage in an
12 amount to be proven at trial, including but not limited to loss of goodwill among
13 StarCraft II users, diversion of Blizzard resources to attempt to prevent the
14 development of hacks, loss of revenue from terminated users, and decreased
15 revenue.

16 83. Defendants' intentional interference with the contracts between
17 Blizzard and its licensed users entitle Blizzard to injunctive relief and
18 compensatory damages, and other available relief.

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20 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

21 WHEREFORE, Blizzard prays that this Court enter judgment in its favor on
22 each and every claim for relief set forth above and award it relief including but not
23 limited to, an Order:

24 1. Preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants, their officers,
25 employees, agents, subsidiaries, representatives, distributors, dealers, members,
26 affiliates, and all persons acting in concert or participation with them from: (i)
27 infringing Blizzard's copyrighted works; (ii) inducing or contributing to third party
28 infringements of Blizzard's copyrighted works; (iii) intentionally interfering with

1 Blizzard's contracts with players; and (iv) violating the StarCraft II EULA and
2 Battle.net ToU.

3 2. Requiring Defendants to shut down the Hacks and any colorable copy
4 thereof, hosted at any domain, address, location, or ISP within the jurisdiction of
5 this Court.

6 3. Requiring Defendants to deliver to Blizzard all copies of materials
7 that infringe or violate any of Blizzard's rights described herein.

8 4. Requiring Defendants to provide Blizzard with an accounting of any
9 and all sales of products or services that infringe or violate any of Blizzard's rights
10 described herein.


11 5. Awarding Blizzard monetary relief including damages sustained by
12 Blizzard in an amount not yet determined, including actual or statutory damages
13 for copyright infringement and willful copyright infringement under 17 U.S.C. §§
14 504, as appropriate.

15 6. Awarding Blizzard its costs and attorneys' fees in this action pursuant
16 to 17 U.S.C. §§ 505 and other applicable laws.

17 7. Awarding such other and further relief as this Court may deem just
18 and appropriate.

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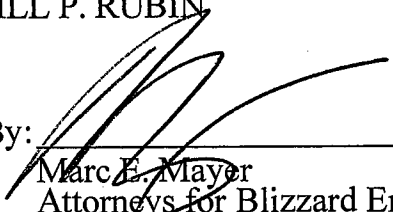
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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. ("Blizzard") hereby demands a trial by jury on all matters and issues so triable.

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9. Ownership.

A. Game clients and Service.

The Game clients and the Service (including without limitation any titles, computer code, themes, objects, characters, character names, stories, dialogue, catch phrases, concepts, artwork, animations, sounds, musical compositions, audio-visual effects, methods of operation, moral rights, documentation, in-game chat transcripts, character profile information, recordings or replays of Games, and the Game client and server software) are copyrighted works owned by Blizzard and its licensors. Blizzard reserves all rights in connection with the Games and the Service, including without limitation the exclusive right to create derivative works. You agree that you will not create any work based on the Games or the Service except as expressly set forth by Blizzard in contest rules, or in Blizzard's Fan Policies, which include without limitation Blizzard's Machinima Policy and Fan Art Submission Policy. Any reproduction or redistribution of any Game not in accordance with any policy or agreement, including without limitation the Game EULA and the TOU, is expressly prohibited by law, and may result in severe civil and criminal penalties.

B. Account.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREIN, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT YOU SHALL HAVE NO OWNERSHIP OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE ACCOUNT, AND YOU FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT ALL RIGHTS IN AND TO THE ACCOUNT ARE AND SHALL FOREVER BE OWNED BY AND INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF BLIZZARD. Blizzard does not recognize the transfer of Accounts. You may not purchase, sell, gift or trade any Account, or offer to purchase, sell, gift, or trade any Account, and any such attempt shall be null and void.

C. Virtual Items.

Blizzard owns, has licensed, or otherwise has rights to all of the content that appears in the Service or the Games. You agree that you have no right or title in or to any such content, including without limitation the virtual goods or currency appearing or originating in any Game, or any other attributes associated with the Account or stored on the Service. Blizzard does not recognize any purported transfers of virtual property executed outside of a Game, or the purported sale, gift or trade in the "real world" of anything that appears or originates in a Game, unless otherwise expressly authorized by Blizzard in writing. Accordingly, you may not sell in-game items or currency for "real" money, or exchange those items or currency for value outside of a Game, without Blizzard's written permission.

10. Fees.

You agree to pay all fees and applicable taxes incurred by you or anyone using an Account registered to you. If you choose a recurring subscription for any Game, you

acknowledge that payments will be processed automatically (e.g., debited from your account or charged to your credit card) until you cancel the subscription or the Account. Blizzard may revise the pricing for the goods and services offered through the Service, including without limitation subscription plans for any Game, at any time. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BLIZZARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A REFUND FOR ANY REASON, AND THAT YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE MONEY BACK FOR PREPAID TIME WHEN THE ACCOUNT IS CLOSED, WHETHER SUCH CLOSURE WAS VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY.

11. Game Transfers.

The Authentication Key that accompanies most Game clients can only be used once, and will connect a Game license to the Account under which it is registered. The transferability of your license to a Game client is governed by the Game EULA; provided, however, that any transfer of the Game client shall have no impact on the Account registered to you, and that Account shall not transfer with the Game client. Purchasers of a license to a used Game client must follow the process detailed on the www.Blizzard.com website, which may require payment of a processing fee.

12. RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF USE

A. No Violation of Laws.

You agree that you will not, in connection with your use of a Game client or the Service, violate any applicable law or regulation. Without limiting the foregoing, you agree that you will not make available through the Service any material or information that infringes any copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, or other right of any party (including rights of privacy or publicity).

B. Misuse of Service.

You may not connect to or use the Service in any way not expressly permitted by this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, you agree that you will not (a) institute, assist, or become involved in any type of attack, including without limitation denial of service attacks, upon the Service or otherwise attempt to disrupt the Service or any other person's use of the Service; or (b) attempt to gain unauthorized access to the Service, Accounts registered to other players, or the computer systems or networks connected to the Service.

C. No Data Mining.

You agree that you will not (a) obtain or attempt to obtain any information from the Service or any Game using any method not expressly permitted by Blizzard; (b) intercept, examine or otherwise observe any proprietary communications protocol used by a client or the Service, whether through the use of a network analyzer, packet sniffer or other device; (c) use any third-party software to collect information from or through a Game client or the Service, including without limitation information about your character, any Account registered to you, virtual items, other players, or other Game data.

D. User Content.

"User Content" means any communications, images, sounds, and all the material and information that you upload or transmit through a Game client or the Service, or that other users upload or transmit, including without limitation any chat text. You hereby grant Blizzard a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, paid-up, non-exclusive, license, including the right to sublicense to third parties, and right to reproduce, fix, adapt, modify, translate, reformat, create derivative works from, manufacture, introduce into circulation, publish, distribute, sell, license, sublicense, transfer, rent, lease, transmit, publicly display, publicly perform, or provide access to electronically, broadcast, communicate to the public by telecommunication, display, perform, enter into computer memory, and use and practice such User Content as well as all modified and derivative works thereof. To the extent permitted by applicable laws, you hereby waive any moral rights you may have in any User Content.

E. Content Screening and Disclosure.

We do not, and cannot, pre-screen or monitor all User Content. However, our representatives may monitor and/or record your communications (including without limitation chat text) when you are using the Service or playing a Game, and you hereby provide your irrevocable consent to such monitoring and recording. You acknowledge and agree that you have no expectation of privacy concerning the transmission of any User Content, including without limitation chat text or voice communications. We do not assume any responsibility or liability for User Content that is generated by users. We have the right, but not the obligation, in our sole discretion to edit, refuse to post, or remove any User Content. WE ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT, AT ALL TIMES AND IN OUR SOLE DISCRETION, TO DISCLOSE ANY USER CONTENT AND OTHER INFORMATION (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION CHAT TEXT, VOICE COMMUNICATIONS, IP ADDRESSES, AND YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION) FOR ANY REASON, including without limitation (a) to satisfy any applicable law, regulation, legal process or governmental request; (b) to enforce the terms of this or any other agreement or Blizzard policy; (c) to protect our legal rights and remedies; (d) where we feel someone's health or safety may be threatened; or (e) to report a crime or other offensive behavior.

F. Real Life Friends Feature and Identity Disclosure.

The Service allows you to disclose your identity to other users of the Service through the "Real Life Friends" feature. If you use the Real Life Friends feature and opt-in to a request to be "Real Life Friends" with another user, that user will be able to see your real name. Certain features, such as the Battle.net Voice Chat Client, are only available between users of the Service who have opted in to the Real Life Friends feature. IF YOU OPT-IN TO THE REAL LIFE FRIENDS FEATURE, THOSE PEOPLE YOU DESIGNATE AS "REAL LIFE FRIENDS" WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE NAMES OF YOUR OTHER "REAL LIFE FRIENDS," AND YOUR NAME WILL BE VISIBLE BY THOSE PEOPLE THAT YOUR "REAL LIFE FRIENDS" HAVE DESIGNATED USING THE SAME FEATURE. You may opt out of the Real Life Friends feature at any time by deleting all Real Life Friends from your Battle.net Account.

13. **DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES.**

THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS FOR YOUR USE, WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE, NON-INFRINGEMENT, AND THOSE ARISING FROM COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE. BLIZZARD DOES NOT WARRANT THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS OR USE THE SERVICE AT THE TIMES OR LOCATIONS OF YOUR CHOOSING; THAT THE SERVICE WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE; THAT DEFECTS WILL BE CORRECTED; OR THAT THE GAME CLIENT OR THE SERVICE ARE FREE OF VIRUSES OR OTHER HARMFUL COMPONENTS.

14. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY; INDEMNIFICATION**

- A. BLIZZARD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF YOUR USE OF THE SERVICE OR YOUR INABILITY TO USE THE SERVICE. IN NO CASE SHALL BLIZZARD BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING FROM YOUR USE OF THE SERVICE, ANY GAME OR ANY GAME CLIENT. IN NO CASE SHALL THE LIABILITY OF BLIZZARD EXCEED THE AMOUNT THAT YOU PAID TO US DURING THE SIX (6) MONTHS PRIOR TO THE TIME YOUR CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE. Because some states or jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or the limitation of liability for consequential or incidental damages, in such states or jurisdictions, the liability of Blizzard and its affiliates shall be limited to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- B. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT YOUR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ANY DISPUTE WITH BLIZZARD IS TO STOP USING THE SERVICE, AND TO CANCEL ALL ACCOUNTS REGISTERED TO YOU.
- C. You agree to indemnify, defend and hold Blizzard harmless from any claim, demand, damages or other losses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, asserted by any third-party resulting from or arising out of your use of the Service or any Game, or any breach by you of this Agreement, the Code of Conduct or any Game EULA.

15. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND GOVERNING LAW.**

- A. Disputes can be expensive and time consuming for both parties. In an effort to accelerate resolution and reduce the cost of any dispute, controversy or claim related to these Terms of Use ("Dispute"), you and Blizzard agree to first attempt to negotiate any Dispute (except those Disputes expressly provided below) informally for at least thirty (30) days before initiating any arbitration or court proceeding. Negotiations will begin upon written notice. Blizzard will send its notice to your billing address and email you a copy to the email address you have provided to us. You will send your notice to Blizzard at Blizzard Entertainment, 16215 Alton Parkway, Irvine, CA 92618, Attn: Legal Department.
- B. **Binding Arbitration.**

If the parties are unable to resolve a Dispute through negotiations, either you or Blizzard may elect to have the Dispute (with the exception of those Disputes expressly excluded below) finally and exclusively resolved by binding arbitration. Any election to arbitrate by one party shall be final and binding on the other. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT ABSENT THIS PROVISION, YOU WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUE IN COURT AND HAVE A JURY TRIAL. The arbitration shall be commenced and conducted under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") and, where appropriate, the AAA's Supplementary Procedures for Consumer Related Disputes ("AAA Consumer Rules"), both of which are available at the AAA website www.adr.org. The determination of whether a Dispute is subject to arbitration shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act and determined by a court rather than an arbitrator. Your arbitration fees and your share of arbitrator compensation shall be governed by the AAA Rules and, where appropriate, limited by the AAA Consumer Rules. If the arbitrator determines those costs to be excessive, Blizzard will pay all arbitration fees and expenses. The arbitration may be conducted in person, through the submission of documents, by phone or online. The arbitrator will make a decision in writing, but need not provide a statement of reasons unless requested by a party. The arbitrator must follow applicable law, and any award may be challenged if the arbitrator fails to do so. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, you and Blizzard may litigate in court to compel arbitration, stay proceeding pending arbitration, or to confirm, modify, vacate or enter judgment on the award entered by the arbitrator.
- C. **Restrictions.**

You and Blizzard agree that any arbitration shall be limited to the Dispute between Blizzard and you individually. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT (1) NO ARBITRATION SHALL BE JOINED WITH ANY OTHER; (2) THERE IS NO RIGHT OR AUTHORITY FOR ANY DISPUTE TO BE ARBITRATED ON A CLASS-ACTION BASIS OR TO UTILIZE CLASS ACTION PROCEDURES; AND (3) THERE IS NO RIGHT OR AUTHORITY FOR ANY DISPUTE TO BE BROUGHT IN A PURPORTED REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR ANY OTHER PERSONS.
- D. **Exceptions to Negotiations and Arbitration.**

You and Blizzard agree that the following Disputes are not subject to the above provisions concerning negotiations and binding arbitration: (1) any Disputes seeking to enforce or protect, or concerning the validity of, any of your or Blizzard's intellectual property rights; (2) any Dispute related to, or arising from, allegations of theft, piracy, invasion of privacy or unauthorized use; and (3) any claim for injunctive relief.
- E. If you are a resident of the United States, any arbitration will take place at any reasonable location within the United States convenient for you. For residents

outside the United States, any arbitration shall be initiated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, United States of America. Any Dispute not subject to arbitration (other than claims proceeding in any small claims court), or where no election to arbitrate has been made, shall be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction within the County of Los Angeles, State of California, United States of America, and you and Blizzard agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of that court.

F. Governing Law.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, this Agreement shall be governed by, and will be construed under, the Laws of the United States of America and the law of the State of Delaware, without regard to choice of law principles. The application of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods is expressly excluded. For our customers who access the Service from Canada, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, or New Zealand, other laws may apply if you choose not to agree to arbitrate as set forth above, and in such an event, shall affect this Agreement only to the extent required by such jurisdiction. In such a case, this Agreement shall be interpreted to give maximum effect to the terms and conditions hereof. If you access the Service from New Zealand, and are a resident of New Zealand, The New Zealand Consumer Guarantees Act of 1993 ("Act") may apply to the Game and/or the Service as supplied by Blizzard to you. If the Act applies, then notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, you may have rights or remedies as set out in the Act which may apply in addition to, or, to the extent that they are inconsistent, instead of, the rights or remedies set out in this Agreement. Those who choose to access the Service from locations outside of the United States, Canada, Australia, Singapore, or New Zealand do so on their own initiative contrary to the terms of this Agreement, and are responsible for compliance with local laws if and to the extent local laws are applicable.

G. Severability.

You and Blizzard agree that if any portion of this Section 14 is found illegal or unenforceable (except any portion of Section 14C above), that portion shall be severed and the remainder of the Section shall be given full force and effect. If this Section 14 is found to be illegal or unenforceable then neither you nor Blizzard will elect to arbitrate any Dispute falling within that portion of this Section 14 to be illegal or unenforceable and such Dispute shall be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction within the County of Los Angeles, State of California, United States of America, and you and Blizzard agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of that court.

16. DISCLOSURES; THIRD PARTY FEATURES.

A. Massive.

Blizzard's Games and the Service may incorporate technology of Massive Incorporated ("Massive"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft"), that enables in-game advertising, and the display of other similar in-game objects, which are downloaded temporarily to your personal computer and replaced during online game play. As part of this process, Massive may collect some information about the game and the advertisements delivered to you, as well as standard information that is sent when your personal computer or game console connects to the Internet including your Internet protocol (IP) address. Massive will use this information to transmit and measure in-game advertising, as well as to improve the products and services of Massive and its affiliates. None of the information collected by Massive will be used to identify you. For additional details regarding Massive's in-game advertising practices, please see Massive's In-Game Advertising privacy statement at <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=122085&clcid=0x409>. The trademarks and copyrighted material contained in all in-game advertising are the property of the respective owners. Portions of the Service are © 2008 Massive Incorporated. All rights reserved.

B. Facebook.

If you are a registered user of Facebook you may use your Facebook data to enable you to find your Facebook friends on the Service. Your Facebook account is subject to separate terms and conditions provided by Facebook. Note that if you have a Facebook account, your Facebook friends will be able to associate your screen name with your real name on the Service when they use the Facebook friends feature. You hereby acknowledge that Facebook is not responsible for any liability as a result of your use of the Service.

17. GENERAL

A. TOU Revisions.

The TOU may only be revised in a writing signed by Blizzard or published by Blizzard on its website.

B. Assignment.

Blizzard may assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, to any person or entity at any time with or without your consent. You may not assign the TOU without Blizzard's prior written consent, and any unauthorized assignment by you shall be null and void.

C. Severability.

If any part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, then that portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Agreement shall be given full force and effect.

D. Attorneys' Fees.

In the event any litigation is brought by either party in connection with the TOU, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to recover from the other party all the reasonable costs, attorneys' fees and other expenses incurred by such prevailing party in the litigation.

E. Entire Agreement.

This TOU, including the documents expressly incorporated by reference herein, constitutes the entire agreement between you and us with respect to the Service and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, whether electronic, oral or written, between you and us with respect to the Service; provided, however, that this Agreement shall coexist with, and shall not supersede, Game EULAs and Terms of Use specific to a Blizzard Game.

F. No Waiver.

Our failure to enforce any provision of the TOU shall in no way be construed to be a present or future waiver of such provision, nor in any way affect the right of any party to enforce each and every such provision thereafter. The express waiver by us of any provision, condition or requirement of the TOU shall not constitute a waiver of any future obligation to comply with such provision, condition or requirement.

G. Notices.

All notices given by you or required under the TOU shall be in writing and addressed to: Blizzard Entertainment, 16215 Alton Parkway, Irvine, CA 92618. Attn: Legal Department.

H. Equitable Remedies.

You hereby agree that Blizzard would be irreparably damaged if the terms of this Agreement were not specifically enforced, and therefore you agree that we shall be entitled, without bond, other security, or proof of damages, to appropriate equitable remedies with respect to breaches of the TOU, in addition to such other remedies as we may otherwise have available to us under applicable laws.

I. Force Majeure.

Blizzard shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform resulting from causes outside the reasonable control of Blizzard, including without limitation any failure to perform hereunder due to unforeseen circumstances or cause beyond Blizzard's control such as acts of God, war, terrorism, riots, embargoes, acts of civil or military authorities, fire, floods, accidents, strikes, or shortages of transportation facilities, fuel, energy, labor or materials.

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Cormac J. Carney and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Marc Goldman.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

SACV10- 1495 CJC (MLGx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

Western Division
312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Southern Division
411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053
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3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134
Riverside, CA 92501

Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself)
Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

DEFENDANTS
MICHAEL VANKUIPERS a/k/a "Perma" or "Permaphrost," an individual; MICHAEL SIMPSON a/k/a Matt Cooper, a/k/a Cranix" and "Cranyx"; JOHN ROE a/k/a "linuxawesome" and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive.

(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.)
Marc E. Mayer
Jill P. Rubin
Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp
11377 Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064
(310) 312-2000

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
 2 U.S. Government Defendant 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only
(Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.)

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| Citizen of This State | PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State | PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

- 1 Original Proceeding 2 Removed from State Court 3 Remanded from Appellate Court 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from another district (specify): 6 Multi-District Litigation 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: Yes No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: Yes No

MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ _____

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U. S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	TORTS PERSONAL INJURY	TORTS PERSONAL PROPERTY	PRISONER PETITIONS	LABOR
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<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations
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<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 22 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	FORFEITURE / PENALTY	PROPERTY RIGHTS
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<input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury-Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws	SOCIAL SECURITY
<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> 61 HIA(1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act	REAL PROPERTY	IMMIGRATION	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 American with Disabilities - Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	<input type="checkbox"/> 446 American with Disabilities - Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety /Health	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW 405(g)
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? No Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? No Yes

If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply) A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
 B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
 C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
 D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.

Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles, California Orange County, California	

(b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named defendant resides.

Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named defendant. If this box is checked, go to item (c).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
	British Columbia, Canada

(c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.

Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles, California Orange County, California	

* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties

Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved

X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): Marc E. Mayer Date October 4, 2010

Notice to Counsel/Parties: The CV-71 (JS-44) Civil Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required pursuant to Local Rule 3 -1 is not filed but is used by the Clerk of the Court for the purpose of statistics, venue and initiating the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions, see separate instructions sheet.)

Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))