EXHIBIT 16

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PROPOUNDING PARTY: Defendant STACY FERGUSON
RESPONDING PARTY: Plaintiff BRYAN PRINGLE
SET NO.: One

Plaintiff Bryan Pringle submits this Answer to Defendant, Stacy Ferguson's ("Ferguson"), First Set of Interrogatories (the "Interrogatories").

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. Plaintiff objects to each interrogatory insofar as it is vague, overly broad, not limited in time and scope, oppressive, harassing or vexatious, imposes burden or expense that outweighs the likely benefit, seeks legal conclusions, and/or seeks information not relevant to the lawsuit nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 2. Plaintiff objects to the extent that these interrogatories seek information protected by the attorney/client or the work product privilege. Plaintiff will not provide any such privileged information.
- 3. The following answers are given based upon the information and documents of which Plaintiff's counsel is currently aware. Plaintiff's investigation continues and Plaintiff specifically reserves the right to supplement the following answers as this litigation proceeds. The following answers are given herein without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to supplement or change its answers or objections and to produce evidence of additional facts.
- 4. Plaintiff's answers are not an admission that any such information is relevant or admissible.
- 5. Plaintiff objects to each interrogatory, instruction or definition that purports to impose any obligation greater than or different from those required under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Orders of the Court.
 - 6. Plaintiff specifically reserves the right to assert additional objections.

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DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Plaintiff objects to each and every definition and instruction as set forth in Defendant's Interrogatories because each purports to impose an obligation greater than or different from those required under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Orders of the Court.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: State with specificity, using standard music notation and concrete musical examples (as opposed to merely listing generalized musical elements and descriptions) each and every difference between the MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS embodied in TAKE A DIVE and TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION).

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 1 because it is overbroad, unduly burdensome and calls for the disclosure of attorney work product and attorney client privileged information. Without waiving said objection, Plaintiff directs Defendant to Plaintiff's declaration in support of his Motion for Preliminary Injunction and to the allegations contained within his First Amended complaint, including Paragraphs 27 - 30. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: State in seriatim and with specificity all things YOU used to create the MUSICAL COMPOSITION embodied in TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), including all hardware, software, instruments (including human voice), or otherwise.

ANSWER: Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 2 because it is vague, overly broad and unduly burdensome. Without waiving his objection, Plaintiff states that he used an Ensoniq ASR-10, 16 track midi sequencer, sampler and workstation, with a built in effects processor,

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floppy drive, with an expandable 16 mb ram and optional SCSI port for storage to compatible hard drives. Plaintiff had the optional digital I/O port, the fully expanded (16) mb ram, the SCSI port, with multiple compatible hard drives, and other compatible cd-rom drives, as well as a Sony multi-cd player with a digital I/O port (for sampling instrumentation and effects from licensed sources such as instrumental construction disks from third party vendors). Instruments would either be loaded into the ASR-10 via floppy drive, cd-rom and hard drive, or sampled into the ASR-10, via the digital I/O port or sampled from an external audio source such as one of the many different midi keyboards that he used, including but not limited to, Akai, Korg, Yamaha, Roland, Kurzweil, Emu, and Ensoniq, or custom instruments would be created and then individual wavesamples would be loaded into the custom created instruments via cd-rom, hard drive, or floppy drive. Plaintiff also used an Audio Technica microphone, rackmount compressor, and rackmount Digitech effects processor, as well as other unknown equipment. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: State in seriatim and with specificity all things YOU used to create TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR, including all hardware, software, instruments (including human voice), or otherwise.

ANSWER: See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 2.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4: State with specificity the date or dates during which YOU claim to have authored the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION).

> **ANSWER:** Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 4 because it is vague. Without waiving his objection, Plaintiff directs Defendant

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to the allegations contained within the First Amended Complaint, to his declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction and states that he authored TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) during 1998 to 1999. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: State with specificity the date or dates during which YOU claim to have authored the TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR.

> **ANSWER:** Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 5 because it is vague. Without waiving his objection, Plaintiff directs defendant to the allegations in his First Amended Complaint, to his declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction and states that he authored TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR during 1998 to 1999. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 6: IDENTIFY all other PERSONS besides YOU who assisted with, participated in, have knowledge concerning, or are in any way connected with, the creation of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION).

> ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 6 because it is overly broad, unduly burdensome and not likely to lead to the discovery of relevant evidence. Without waiving said objections, none. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 7: IDENTIFY all other PERSONS besides YOU who assisted with, participated in, have knowledge concerning, or are in any way connected with the creation of TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR, including as a result of having rendered a performance of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION embodied therein.

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ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 7 because it is vague, overly broad, unduly burdensome and not likely to lead to the discovery of relevant evidence. Without waiving said objections, none. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 8: State all FACTS that YOU contend demonstrate that any of the DEFENDANTS had ACCESS to the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), prior to 2009. The term "ACCESS" as used herein means to have actually heard, or had a reasonable opportunity or possibility to hear the MUSICAL COMPOSITION at issue.

> ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 8 because it is overly broad, unduly burdensome and not likely to lead to the discovery of relevant evidence. Without waiving said objections, Plaintiff directs Defendant to his declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction and to Paragraphs 31 to 39 of the First Amended Complaint. Plaintiff further refers Defendant to the musicologist expert report attached to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9: State with specificity each element of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), that YOU contend to be ORIGINAL to YOU. The term "ORIGINAL" as used herein means those elements of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION that were actually created by YOU as opposed to copied from, or merely reference, other sources, and that exhibit some minimal level of creativity.

> ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 9 because it is vague and requiring disclosure of attorney work product and attorney client privileged information. Without waiving said objection,

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Plaintiff states that the entire musical composition of TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) is original to Plaintiff. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10: State in seriatim, and in full and explicit terms, each element of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), that YOU contend is protectable according to established copyright law irrespective of whether YOU view the work to be copyrightable subject matter under either 17 U.S.C. § 102(a)(2), 17 U.S.C. § 103, or both.

> ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 10 as requiring disclosure of attorney work product and attorney-client privileged information and to the extent it asks for a legal conclusion. Subject to and without waiving his objections, Plaintiff states that the entire musical composition TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) is protectable according to established U.S. copyright law. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11: State in seriatim, specificity, and with all DOCUMENTS, copyright principles and authority, music-related texts, expert reports, or other sources of authority that YOU actually used in determining YOUR response to Interrogatory No. 10, above.

> **ANSWER:** Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 11 to the extent it asks for information that is work product or attorney client privileged. Plaintiff further objects to Interrogatory No. 11 to the extent that it requires a legal conclusion. Subject to and without waiving his objections, Plaintiff refers Defendant to U.S. Copyright Law and case law, including Feist Publications Inc. v. Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc., 499 U.S. 340 (1991), Metcalf v. Bochco, 294 F.3d 1069 (9th Cir. 2002) and Three Boys Music Corp. v. Michael Bolton, 212 F.3d 477

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(9th Cir. 2000). Plaintiff also relied on the professional opinions and reports of his experts. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 12: State in seriatim, explicitly and with specificity, all protectable elements YOU set forth in response to Interrogatory No. 10 above, that YOU contend appear in, or are shared by, the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, Gotta Feeling."

> **ANSWER:** Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 12 because it is overly broad, unduly burdensome and asks for information that is work product or attorney client privileged. Without waiving said objection, Plaintiff directs Defendant to Plaintiff's declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction, to the musicologist report attached to his Motion for Preliminary Injunction, and to the First Amended Complaint, including paragraphs 40 through 43. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 13: For each element set forth in YOUR response to Interrogatory No. 12, above, state all FACTS supporting YOUR contention that each shared element resulted from, and only from, copying the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, "TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION)."

> **ANSWER:** See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 12. Plaintiff further directs Defendant to Plaintiff's declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction, and to paragraphs 31 through 39 of the First Amended Complaint. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 14: List in seriatim and in full and explicit terms, each similarity YOU perceive to exist between the MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS "TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION)" and "I Gotta Feeling."

ANSWER: See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 12. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 15: State all FACTS that evidence that any of the DEFENDANTS actually copied the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), when creating the MUSICAL COMPOSITION entitled "I Gotta Feeling."

ANSWER: See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 13. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 16: State all FACTS that YOU contend demonstrate that any of the DEFENDANTS had ACCESS to TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR prior to 2009. The term "ACCESS" as used herein means to have actually heard, or had a reasonable opportunity or possibility to hear, the SOUND RECORDING at issue.

ANSWER: See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 8. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 17: List *in seriatim* and in full and explicit terms, each similarity YOU perceive to exist between TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR and "I Gotta Feeling."

ANSWER: See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 13. Investigation continues.

<u>INTERROGATORY NO. 18:</u> State all FACTS that any of the DEFENDANTS physically appropriated any portion of TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR when creating "I Gotta Feeling."

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 18 because it is overly broad, unduly burdensome and requires the

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disclosure of attorney work product and attorney client privileged Without waiving said objections, Plaintiff refers information. Defendant to the report of expert Mark Rubel attached to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 19: State with specificity, and according to YOUR personal knowledge, each and every PUBLIC PERFORMANCE, throughout the world, of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), including FACTS concerning when, where, by what means, and by whom the work was performed.

> ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to interrogatory No. 19 because it is unduly burdensome. Without waiving his objection, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) was played throughout North America and Western Europe on the internet and the radio. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 20: State with specificity, and according to YOUR personal knowledge, each and every DISTRIBUTION, throughout the world, of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), including FACTS concerning when, where, by what means, by whom, and to whom the work was distributed.

> ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 20 because it is vague, overly broad and unduly burdensome. Without waiving his objection, from around 1999 through 2006, Plaintiff submitted hundreds of demo cd's and tapes, all of which included "Take a Dive (Dance Version)," to various music publishers, record companies, talent managers, songwriters, booking agents and radio stations, including but not limited to: Universal (UMG), EMI, Interscope/Geffen, EMI Music Publishing (Jody Gerson, Big Jon Platt, Benjamin Groff, Andy

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Furhman, Rebecca Wright), TVT Records, Reprise, Atlantic Records (WEA), Columbia (Sony), Electra (WEA), Hollywood Records, Epic Records, Electra Entertainment, Sony (ATV) Publishing (Bill Brown, Eric Beall), Interscope/UMG, Lava (WEA), Island Def-Jam Music Group, RCA, Maverick (WEA), Lava (WEA), Jennifer Havey, Sal Guastella, Matt Marshall, Ashley Newton, Brian Leach, Scott Austin, Debbie Southwood, Karen Kwak, Duff Marlowe, Ken Komisar, Mark Gormley, Wendy Higgs, Kaz Utsunomia, Mike Caren, John Pikus, Virgin Records, Warner Bros. Records, Craig Aaronson, A&M Records, Arista Records, Virgin Records, Sire, Rykodisc, Jen Bailey, ATN Management, Azoff Music Mangement, Caliente Entertainment, East End Management, Lindsay Scott, Mosaic Media Group, T. Skorman, McGhee Entertainment, Netwerk Management and Rebel Waltz Management. This list includes various individuals and entities in Australia, America, Canada, Japan, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Great Britain and Ireland. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 21: State with specificity, and according to YOUR personal knowledge, each and every PUBLIC PERFORMANCE, throughout the world, of TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR, including FACTS concerning when, where, by what means, and by whom the work was performed.

> **ANSWER:** See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 19. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 22: State with specificity, and according to YOUR personal knowledge, each and every DISTRIBUTION, throughout the world, of TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR, including FACTS concerning when, where, by what means, by whom, and to whom the work was distributed.

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ANSWER: See answer and objections to Interrogatory Nos. 19 and 20. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 23: To the extent not covered by Interrogatories Nos. 19 and 20 above, state with specificity all non-public or limited exploitations, throughout the world, of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION, TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION), including all such performances and dispositions of COPIES thereof, as well as the activities YOU reference in Paragraphs 31 and 32 of YOUR COMPLAINT. In connection with such non-public or limited exploitations, YOU are to state all FACTS concerning when, where, by what means, by whom TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) was performed or distributed, and to whom it was distributed.

> **ANSWER:** See answer and objections to Interrogatory Nos. 19 and 20. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 24: To the extent not covered by Interrogatories Nos. 21 and 22 above, state with specificity all non-public or limited exploitations, throughout the world, of TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR, including all such performances and dispositions of PHONORECORDS thereof, as well as the activities YOU reference in Paragraphs 31 and 32 of YOUR COMPLAINT. In connection with such non-public or limited exploitations, YOU are to state all FACTS concerning when, where, by what means, by whom TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) SR was performed or distributed, and to whom it was distributed.

> **ANSWER:** See answer and objections to Interrogatory No. 21 and 22. Investigation continues.

INTERROGATORY NO. 25: If other adaptations exist beyond TAKE A DIVE (DANCE VERSION) of the MUSICAL COMPOSITION entitled TAKE A DIVE

that YOU claim were created prior to 2009 and YOU claim are relevant to this lawsuit, please list all such adaptations.

ANSWER: Objection. Plaintiff objects to Interrogatory No. 25 because it is vague and overly broad. Without waiving his objection, Plaintiff states that there were multiple derivative versions of "Take a Dive" that were included on Plaintiffs' demo cds and tapes, including several where the guitar twang sequence was soloed out as the introduction of the song. Plaintiff also states that the MUSICAL COMPOSITION is based at least in part, on Plaintiff's song copyrighted songs "Faith" and "Faith Re-mix". Investigation continues.

Dated: April 13, 2011

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By: Attorneys for Plaintiff Bryan Pringle

VERIFICATION

I, Bryan Pringle, state that I have knowledge of the foregoing events, and that the answers made to Defendant Ferguson's First Set of Interrogatories are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

I declare the foregoing to be true under penalty of perjury.

Bryan Pringle

April 12, 2011.

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1 2 3 PROOF OF SERVICE 4 I am employed in the County of Cook, State of Illinois. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 225 West Washington Street, Suite 2600, Chicago, Illinois 60606. 6 On this date, I served the foregoing document and disc on all interested parties in this action listed on the attached Service List as follows: ☑ (BY MAIL) - I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Chicago, Illinois in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or 10 postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing on affidavit. 11 (BY FACSIMILE) - By transmitting a true copy thereof by facsimile from facsimile number 312.460-4201 to the facsimile number(s) shown on the attached Service List, for which electronic confirmation was received from the facsimile machine that said document was successfully transmitted without error. (BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY) - By depositing the above 14 document(s) in a box or other facility regularly maintained by FedEx in an envelope or package designated by FedEx with delivery fees paid. 15 (BY EMAIL) - By causing a true copy of the document(s) to be served 16 by electronic mail transmission at the time shown on each transmission, to each interested party at the email address shown on the attached Service List. Each transmission was reported as complete and without error. 18 (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct. 19 (Federal) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United 20 States that the foregoing is true and correct. 21 Executed on April 13, 2011, at Chicago, Illinois. 22 Irina V. Frye 23 24 25

Service List

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