OVERTURE'S NOTICE OF MOT. AND MOT. TO COMPEL 02-01991 JSW (EDL)

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Hearing Date: March 2, 2004

Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Elizabeth D. Laporte

NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO COMPEL

TO GOOGLE INC. AND ITS COUNSEL:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on March 2, 2004, at 9 a.m., or at such time as the parties may agree and the court may allow, at the United States Courthouse, located at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, in the Courtroom of Magistrate Elizabeth D. Laporte, plaintiff Overture Services, Inc. ("Overture") will move this Court for an order compelling defendant Google Inc. ("Google") to produce on or before April 1, 2004 documents relating to damages and responsive to outstanding document requests, which documents Google has refused to produce and for which Google has refused to agree to a date certain for their production.

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(b)(1) and 37(a)(2)(B), Overture moves this Court for an order compelling Google to produce on or before April 1, 2004 all documents relating to damages and responsive to Overture's document requests, including documents responsive to Requests for Production Nos. 26-29, 31-66, 78, 99, 107-110 and 112. This motion is based on the Memorandum of Points and Authorities below, Appendix A attached to this brief, the Declaration of Andrew C. Byrnes ("Byrnes Decl.") filed herewith, and any oral argument or further briefing the Court may permit.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. STATEMENT OF ISSUE TO BE DECIDED

The issue to be decided by the Court is whether Google should be compelled to produce to Overture unquestionably responsive documents regarding damages on a date certain after the claim construction hearing, *i.e.*, April 1, 2004, where Google's justification for delaying production to date has been the parties' 2002 informal agreement that damages discovery should be produced only after the claim construction hearing, then set for March 2003.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Overture brought the instant patent infringement lawsuit against Google on April 23, 2002. In August 2002, at the parties' request, the Court set the claim construction hearing

for March 25, 2003. Byrnes Decl., Ex. A (8/19/2002 Joint Report, Case Management
Statement and [Proposed] Order); id., Ex. B (8/30/2002 Minute Order). That same month,
on August 5, 2002, Overture propounded its first set of document requests, which included
Requests Nos. 1-72. <i>Id.</i> , Ex. C (8/5/2002 Overture's First Set of Document Requests).
Shortly thereafter, the parties came to an informal agreement that damages discovery would
be postponed until after the claim construction hearing. See, e.g., id., Ex. D (9/18/2002
Berenzweig to Kwun Letter) at 3. While Google's written responses to Overture's
document requests, for the most part, did not proffer the agreement as a specific objection to
requests calling for damages discovery, Google in fact refrained from producing damages
documents on that basis.

Later, in January 2003, the date for the claim construction hearing was extended to "on or after" July 9, 2003 due to the Magistrate Judge's granting Google's motion to extend time to provide its preliminary invalidity contentions. Byrnes Decl., Ex. E (1/7/2003 Order). After the case was reassigned, Judge White first reset the claim construction hearing for July 17, 2003, *id.*, Ex. F (1/31/2003 Case Management Order), and subsequently reset it to August 7, 2003, *id.*, Ex. G (2/7/2003 Second Case Management Order). Later, the Court again continued the hearing, to October 22, 2003. *Id.*, Ex. H (3/31/2003 Order). Most recently, on September 2, 2003, upon granting Overture's miscellaneous administrative request to strike Google's oversized Responsive Claim Construction Brief, the Court set the hearing for its currently scheduled date, March 24, 2004. *Id.*, Ex. I (9/2/2003 Order). Therefore, the date for the claim construction hearing has been changed five times since the parties' agreement, and is now almost exactly one year after its originally scheduled date.

In the interim, on August 12, 2003, Overture propounded its Fourth Set of Document Requests, which included Request No. 78. *Id.*, Ex. J (8/12/2003 Overture's Fourth Set of Document Requests). Later, on December 5, 2003, Overture propounded its Fifth Set of Document Requests, which included Requests Nos. 99, 107-110 and 112. *Id.*, Ex. K (12/5/2003 Overture's Fifth Set of Document Requests).

III. ARGUMENT

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Overture is entitled to discovery from Google that relates to facts that could form the basis for Overture's damages claim. There is no question that the documents responsive to the requests at issue are relevant to the damages to which Overture is entitled by this lawsuit. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1). The discovery requested is proportional to the importance of the damages issue to the case and Overture's need for the information, is not unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, and for the most part cannot be found from a

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27 28 source other than Google without substantial difficulty, if at all. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(2). Overture has a substantial need to obtain these critical documents now to conduct its damages analysis and prepare its case. The recent mediation, in particular, further highlighted the need for this information.

Google's justification for postponing its production of these documents is the parties' August 2002 informal agreement to delay production until after the claim construction hearing, which was then set for March 2003 and is now set to occur on March 24, 2004. Given the repeated postponement of the claim construction hearing, and the continued pendency of this now nearly-two-year-old case, Google's justification no longer makes sense. Even assuming arguendo that the justification retains merit, it will be moot by April 1, 2004, the date by which Overture requests the production be made.

Nor is there justification for further delay, particularly since the vast majority of the document requests at issue have been outstanding since August 2002 and Google will have had ample time, prior to the press of the claim construction hearing, to search for responsive documents.

In Appendix A, attached to this motion, Overture sets forth each request that calls for documents related to damages and is therefore the subject of this motion, Google's written objections and responses, and Overture's contention regarding why Overture is entitled to production of these documents on or before April 1, 2004. Civ. L. R. 37-2.

IV. **CONCLUSION**

For all of the reasons stated above, this Court should require that Google produce on or before April 1, 2004 all "damages documents" responsive to Overture's outstanding document requests, including Requests Nos. 26-29, 31-66, 78, 99, 107-110 and 112.

¹ Overture is, of course, willing to reciprocate and produce damages documents responsive to Google's outstanding document requests on the same date.

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