Plaintiff, 21

22 v.

23 GOOGLE INC.,

Defendant. 24

Hearing Date: March 9, 2004 Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m. Hon. Elizabeth D. Laporte

CORRECTED MOTION

PLAINTIFF OVERTURE SERVICES,

MOTION AND MOTION TO COMPEL

DOCUMENTS; MEMORANDUM OF

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INC.'S CORRECTED NOTICE OF

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO COMPEL

TO GOOGLE INC. AND ITS COUNSEL:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on March 9, 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, 32, 36-45, 52-57, 59-60, 99, 107-110 and 112. This corrected motion is based on the Memorandum of Points and Authorities below, Corrected Appendix A attached to this brief, the Corrected Declaration of Andrew C. Byrnes ("Byrnes Decl.") filed herewith, and any oral argument or further briefing the Court may permit.

This corrected motion supercedes Overture's Motion to Compel Damages Documents, filed on January 28, 2004.

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. *Id.*, 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; *id.*, Ex. S (9/26/2002 Kwun to Berenzweig Letter); *id.*, Ex. T (2/12/2003 McMahon to Sun Letter) at 2-3. Google stated, specifically, that it would defer production of documents responsive to Overture's Requests for Production Nos. 26, 31, 32, 36-45, and 51-60. *Id.*, Ex. S.

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

¹ In subsequent meet and confer discussions, Google represented that it had produced documents, if any, responsive to Requests Nos. 31 and 51. *See*, *e.g.*, Byrnes Decl., Ex. U (3/12/2003 Kwun to White Letter); *id.*, Ex. V (4/17/2003 Kwun to White 3-page Letter). Based upon Google's representations regarding Request No. 58, Overture is not presently moving to compel Google to produce the documents in its possession responsive to that request. *Id.*, Ex. W (4/17/2003 Kwun to White 1-page Letter).

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(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. 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, as to which Google objected on the grounds that they called for damages documents that would not be produced until the "damages" phase" of discovery. *Id.*, Ex. K (12/5/2003 Overture's Fifth Set of Document Requests).

On January 8, 2004, counsel for Overture requested that Google, in light of the rescheduling of the claim construction hearing and the length of time the case has been pending, respond to Overture's damages discovery in full by February 6, 2004. *Id.*, Ex. L (1/8/2004 Byrnes to Durie Letter). Google rejected Overture's proposal, citing the parties' 2002 agreement. *Id.*, Ex. M (1/9/2004 Sun to Byrnes Letter). On January 12, Overture's counsel wrote to ask that Google reconsider its objection, id., Ex. N (1/12/2004 Byrnes to Sun letter), and, having received no response in one week, left a voicemail message for Google's counsel on January 20 suggesting that Overture was interested in reaching a compromise and avoiding motion practice on this issue. Id., ¶ 17. In a telephone conversation on January 21, Overture made a compromise proposal that the parties set a date certain shortly after the claim construction hearing, e.g., April 1, 2004, on which they would exchange damages discovery, emphasizing the need for timely resolution of the parties' dispute and timely production of the responsive documents. See id.; id., Ex. O (1/22/2004 Byrnes to Sun Letter); id., Ex. P (1/23/2004 Byrnes to Sun Letter). Google's counsel stated that she would try, if possible, to respond to Overture's proposal on or before January 23, 2004. See id.; see also id., Ex. Q (1/23/2004 Sun to Byrnes Letter). On January 26, Google's counsel phoned Overture's counsel and made a counterproposal that Google produce "summary financial data" in "early April" and the remaining damages discovery at some unspecified later time. *Id.*, ¶ 21; *id.*, Ex. R (1/27/2004 Byrnes to Sun Letter).

Overture rejected that proposal as failing to provide the appropriate certainty and timeliness of the production, and now brings this motion. Id., ¶¶ 21-22; $see\ id.$, Ex. R.

III. ARGUMENT

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 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 (1) that Google stated were the Overture requests subject to the parties' 2002 agreement to delay production of documents related to damages (Requests Nos. 26, 32, 36-45, 52-57, 59-60), or (2) as to which Google proffered a specific written objection that it would delay production

of responsive damages-related documents (Requests Nos. 99, 107-110 and 112). For each request, Overture also sets forth Google's written objections and responses thereto, and Overture's contention as to why Overture is entitled to production of these documents on or before April 1, 2004. Civ. L. R. 37-2.²

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, 32, 36-45, 52-57, 59-60, 99, 107-110 and 112, production of which Google has been withholding pursuant to the parties' 2002 agreement.

DATED: January 29, 2004 HELLER EHRMAN WHITE & McAULIFFE LLP

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² Overture is, of course, willing to reciprocate and produce damages documents responsive to Google's outstanding document requests on the same date.