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12	OVERTURE SERVICES, II	NC.,	Case No. C 02-0199	1 JSW (EDL)	
12	Plaintiff and Cou	unterdefendant,	[PROPOSED] ORI GOOGLE INC 'S	DER GRANTING MOTION TO COM	PEL
13	v.		PRODUCTION OI	F DOCUMENTS AN PROSECUTION O	VD
15	GOOGLE INC.,		THE '361 PATENT		
16	Defendant and Co	ounterclaimant.			
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The hearing on Defendant and Counterclaimant Google Inc.'s ("Google") Motion to 1 2 Compel Production of Documents And Testimony Re: Prosecution of the '361 Patent came on 3 regularly for hearing on August 3, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. before this Court. Upon consideration of 4 the papers filed in support of and in opposition to the Motion to Compel, and the arguments of 5 counsel in connection therewith, as well as the relevant papers and pleadings in this action, the Court finds: 6

7 1. Plaintiff and Counterdefendant Overture Services, Inc. ("Overture") has waived the 8 attorney-client privilege over any and all communications related to the prosecution of U.S. 9 Patent 6,269,361 ("the '361 patent") by voluntarily disclosing the substance of such 10 communications on that subject matter. See Weil v. Inv. Indicators, 647 F.2d 18, 24 (9th Cir. 11 1981); ACLARA Biosciences, Inc. v. Caliper Tech. Corp., 2001 WL 777083,*6 (N.D. Cal. June 12 16, 2000).

13 2. Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione ("Brinks Hofer"), prosecution counsel for the '361 14 patent, has not met its burden of establishing that its attorney work product related to the '361 15 patent was created in anticipation of litigation. See Connor Peripherals, Inc. v. Western Digital 16 Corp., 1993 WL 726815, *4 (N.D. Cal. June 8, 1993). The Court further finds that Brinks Hofer 17 has voluntarily revealed the prosecuting attorneys' mental impressions about the events that are 18 at the core of Google's inequitable conduct allegations. Thus, to the extent that work product 19 immunity applies to information related to the '361 prosecution, Brinks Hofer's disclosure has 20 placed such information directly at issue and Google's need for production of that information is 21 compelling. See Bio-Rad Labs., Inc. v. Pharmacia, Inc., 130 F.R.D. 116, 122 (N.D. Cal. 1990); 22 ACLARA Biosciences, Inc., 2001 WL 777083 at *9.

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3. Google has met its burden of making a *prima facie* showing that inventor Darren 24 Davis and attorney John Rauch committed fraud on the patent office during the prosecution of 25 '361 patent. See Starsight Telecast, Inc. v. Gemstar Dev. Corp., 158 F.R.D. 650, 655 (N.D. Cal. 26 1994).

- Good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:
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1. Overture shall produce any and all communications within its possession, custody, or

1	control between and among Brinks Hofer and Overture (including GoTo.com) related to the				
2	prosecution of the '361 patent, including but not limited to any and all documents summarizing				
3	or reflecting such communications, by no later than August 31, 2004.				
4	2. Overture shall permit any and all testimony about the communications between and				
5	among Brinks Hofer and Overture (including GoTo.com) related to the prosecution of the '361				
6	patent.				
7	3. Overture shall produce any and all work product of Brinks Hofer within its				
8	possession, custody, or control related to the prosecution of the '361 patent by no later than				
9	August 31, 2004.				
10	4. Overture shall permit any and all testimony about the work product of Brinks Hofer				
11	related to the prosecution of the '361 patent.				
12	5. Overture shall make James Naughton available for a second day of deposition and				
13	permit Google to obtain testimony that is consistent with Order.				
14	6. In the alternative, Overture shall produce any and all communications between Mr.				
15	Rauch and Mr. Davis within its possession, custody, or control for an <i>in camera</i> inspection by				
16	the Court, so that the Court may determine if those communications were made in furtherance of				
17	fraud, by no later than August 31, 2004.				
18	IT IS SO ORDERED.				
19	Dated:				
20 21	Honorable Elizabeth D. Laporte Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court, Northern District of				
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	[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING GOOGLE INC.'S MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY RE: PROSECUTION OF THE '361 PATENT CASE NO. C 02-01991 JSW (EDL)				