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STIPULATED REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO DEFER ADJUDICATION OF WHETHER 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 6 GOVERNS CERTAIN LIMITATIONS

Overture Services, Inc. ("Overture") and Google Technology Inc. ("Google") hereby jointly request that the Court defer briefing and resolution of whether 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 6 governs certain claim terms.

Patent Local Rule 4-1(a) requires that each party simultaneously exchange "a list of claim terms, phrases, or clauses which that party contends should be construed by the Court" and that each party "identify any claim element which that party contends should be governed by 35 U.S.C. § 112(6)." The parties timely exchanged disclosures pursuant to Patent Local Rule 4-1(a). After meeting and conferring about these disclosures, the parties agreed that twelve terms or phrases should be briefed for construction by the Court, and so notified the Court in a letter dated May 14, 2003.

In addition to identifying terms requiring construction, Google identified the following eight clauses in claim 14 of the patent-in-suit that it contends are governed by 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 6:

- programming code for providing the advertising web site promoter with login access in response to authentication, wherein the advertising web site promoter's login access grants the advertising web site promoter access to modify the advertising web site promoter not being provided with access to modify the accounts of others;
- programming code on said computer system for adding money to the account of an advertising web site promoter in substantially real time upon receiving a request from said advertising web site promoter;
- programming code on said computer system for adding a search listing to an account of an advertising web site promoter in substantially real time upon receiving a request from said advertising web site promoter;
- programming code on said computer system for deleting a search listing to an account of an advertising web site promoter in substantially real time upon receiving a request from said advertising web site promoter;
- programming code on said computer system for modifying in substantially real time the search listing of an advertising web site promoter upon receiving a request from said advertising web site promoter;
- programming code for generating in substantially real time an activity report for an advertising web site promoter upon receiving a request from said advertising web site promoter;

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1 2	programming code for receiving a search request from a remote computer, the search request including at least one keyword, the search request being received over the computer network from the remote computer through a web
3	site that is publicly accessible without authentication; and
4	programming code for generating in substantially real time a search result list in response to the search request, the search result list including search listings
5	from the accounts on the database, wherein the search term for each search listing in the search result list generates a match with the search request, the
6	search listings in the search result list arranged in an order determined using the bid amounts of the search listings.
7	Overture contends that these clauses are not governed by 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 6. The eight clauses
8	identified by Google appear only in claim 14. Given that this dispute relates to only one of the
9	62 asserted claims (Overture has asserted that Google infringes claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-18, 20-30, and
10	33-67 of the patent-in-suit), the parties propose to defer briefing of this issue until after the Court
11	has issued a claim construction order addressing the twelve terms identified in the May 14, 2003
12	letter to the Court.
13	The parties jointly request that the Court enter an order deferring adjudication of whether
14	the eight clauses identified above are governed by 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 6, and the subordinate issue
15	of what structure, acts, or materials correspond to those elements, if any of the identified clauses
16	are governed by 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 6. The parties further request that the Court hold a further
17	case management conference shortly after issuing a claim construction order addressing the
18	twelve terms identified in the May 14, 2003 letter to the Court, at which time the Court and the
19	parties can discuss whether and how the § 112 ¶ 6 issue should be addressed, and other case
20	management issues.
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