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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Civil L.R. 16-9(a), the parties submit this Joint Case Management Statement with respect to the Case Management Conference set for February 13, 2008 and request that the Court adopt it as the Case Management Order.

This matter was originally set for mediation to have been completed by February 5, 2008. The medication was not able to be completed by this date because of a miscommunication in that telephone calls and correspondence for the pre-mediation scheduling conference that were intended for the undersigned counsel for Defendant were not received at the San Jose number and address listed on the Defendant's initial filing in this case nor was it otherwise received via e-mail notification.

While counsel for the Defendant had been registered with PACER before this action was filed, he is communicating now with the Court's electronic filing help line to ascertain and correct the problems with receiving electronic communication in this matter. All parties and the mediators either have been, or are currently being, appropriately provided with the telephone and fax numbers and mailing address for the Defendant's counsel in San Jose.

Counsel for both sides to this action participated in a telephone conference call with this Court's ADR Department and advised of the communication issue referenced above and have tentatively agreed (subject to the availability of the mediators) to three dates in the next 10 days to conduct the pre-mediation telephone conference. Moreover, the parties have agreed to have mediation completed by April 2, 2008.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Court order that the current Case Management Conference be continued to April 2, 2008 and that it further order that mediation is to have been completed by that date.

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