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v.

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Defendant.

Case No. 3:10-cv-03561 WHA

**GOOGLE INC.'S STATEMENT
REGARDING THE IMPORT OF FACTS
DEEMED UNDISPUTED FOR TRIAL**

Dept.: Courtroom 8, 19th Floor
Judge: Hon. William Alsup

1 Facts and issues deemed admitted should be treated as conclusively established for
2 purposes of the trial; they are not merely items of proof that may be contradicted by other
3 evidence in the record. As the Court noted at the March 28, 2012 hearing: “If you want
4 something like that to be instructed to the jury or for me -- for me on the issues I've got to decide,
5 you ought to make a motion that it be deemed accepted, for purposes of the trial, that this is true.”
6 Hrg. Tr. 119:16-16. Google’s deeming motion was made with the understanding in mind, as
7 reflected in the title: Google Inc.’s Motion for Administrative Relief to *Deem Issues Undisputed*
8 (Dkt. No. 861 (emphasis added).)

9 The issues on which Google moved are and should remain conclusively established.
10 *First*, the Java programming language is open and free for everyone to use. (*See* Order Granting
11 in Part Google’s Mtn to Deem Issues Undisputed (Dkt. No. 896).) Oracle has conceded this point
12 numerous times from the very beginning of this case. Oracle repeated its earlier concessions in
13 opposing Google’s deeming motion. (Oracle’s Opp. to Google’s Mtn for Admin. Relief to Deem
14 Issues Undisputed (Dkt. No. 882) at 1 (“Oracle has asserted no claim regarding use of the Java
15 programming language.”); at 3 (“Oracle has been consistent: it is not asserting copyright claims
16 based on the Java programming language for purposes of this case.”).) Earlier today, Oracle
17 again conceded the point in its opening statement. Trial Tr. 216:18-20 (“Now, I've explained to
18 you, also, that we're not making any claim, a person can use the programming language to their
19 heart's content.”) *Second*, the names of the API packages are not copyrightable. (Dkt. No. 896.)
20 As the Court recognized this morning prior to openings, this statement reflects a definitive
21 summary judgment ruling and is by definition conclusive. (*See* Dkt. No. 433.) In short, the
22 issues that the Court has deemed undisputed in response on Google’s request reflect uncontested
23 issues that are conclusively established, and there is no basis for allowing conflicting testimony or
24 documents.

25 In contrast, the issues on which Oracle moved relate to live disputes between the parties,
26 and should not, therefore, be conclusively established for purposes of trial. While Google does
27 not contest that the Java APIs as a whole meet the low threshold of originality required under the
28 constitution, and reserved its right to argue that many aspects of the APIs are unoriginal, Oracle

1 seeks to turn Google’s concession into an admission that the 37 specific APIs at issue in this case
2 are original. (Dkt. No. 908 at 1-2.) That simply does not line up with the statement on which
3 Oracle bases its deeming motion. (*Id.*) Similarly, while Google has characterized the Java APIs
4 as being “distinct from” the Java programming language in a technical sense, the parties still
5 disagree about whether those APIs are practically, functionally essential to a programmer’s ability
6 to actually use part of the language. Indeed, the Court recognized this when it qualified its
7 statement deeming the Java language to be open and free for anyone to use, noting that “the
8 parties disagree on whether the Java APIs and class libraries are part of the Java programming
9 language.” (Dkt. No. 896.) Because this is an open issue, it would not be appropriate to deem it
10 undisputed for purposes of the trial. Finally, the statements in Google’s answer and
11 counterclaims regarding Sun’s TCK and Java compatibility are ripped from their context. Sun
12 now seeks to have deemed as true Google’s characterizations of Sun’s licensing strategy and
13 practices. This is pure bootstrapping. Just because Google stated in a pleading, on information
14 and belief, that it understood Sun’s position to be that (a) the only way to demonstrate
15 compatibility with Java is by passing the TCK, or (b) that TCK’s are only available through Sun,
16 does not mean that Google accedes to that position. Google’s pleading makes clear that Google
17 disputes those claims. Oracle cannot turn Google’s critique of and disagreement with Oracle’s
18 argument into an admission by Google, much less an undisputed fact.

19 Oracle also seeks to have deemed as admitted the statement that Sun required field-of-use
20 restrictions on the Apache Harmony License. This is simply not true—which may explain why
21 Oracle seeks to have it deemed undisputed rather than present actual evidence on the issue—since
22 that evidence would not get Oracle the result it wants. As Google explained in detail in its
23 Supplemental Copyright Liability Trial Brief pursuant to the Court’s March 26, 2012 Order:

24 The dispute between Apache and Sun was about branding, and the ability
25 to say that Apache Harmony is Java compatible. The end result was that Apache
26 *did not agree* to a field-of-use restriction. Notwithstanding Apache’s refusal to
27 limit the field of use for Apache Harmony, Sun never sued Apache. In fact, Sun’s
28 CEO has testified that *anyone* can use the Apache Harmony code (and thus its
implementation of the Java language API specifications)—so long as it does not
call its product “Java.”

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Br. at 3 (emphases in original). In short, there is no field-of-use restriction on Apache Harmony. Sun wanted to require one, Apache refused, and Sun dropped the issue.

For practical reasons related to the conduct of trial, facts and issues deemed admitted should be treated as conclusively established, rather than subject to contrary evidence. This is the standard applied by the Court to the facts and issues already deemed undisputed. But, because the statements Oracle seeks to have deemed admitted relate to disputed issues between the parties, and have not been conclusively established, Oracle's pending motion should be denied, for the reasons set forth above and those in Google's opposition to that motion..

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