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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GLASS EGG DIGITAL MEDIA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
GAMELOFT, INC., et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. [17-cv-04165-MMC](#)

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND  
DENYING IN PART DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM  
DISCOVERY ORDER; DENYING  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR RELIEF  
FROM DISCOVERY ORDER**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 184, 185

Before the Court are (1) plaintiff Glass Egg Digital Media's ("Glass Egg") "Motion for Relief from Nondispositive Pretrial Order of Magistrate Judge" and (2) defendant Gameloft SE's ("GLSE") "Motion for Relief from Nondispositive Pretrial Order of Magistrate Judge," both filed July 2, 2019, and by which the parties submit their respective objections to the Discovery Order filed June 17, 2019, by Magistrate Judge Robert Illman. A Response to each said motion has been filed.<sup>1</sup>

As Judge Illman points out, the instant dispute concerns "the scope of permissible jurisdictional discovery under [this Court's] Order of February 12, 2018" ("February 12 Order") (see Disc. Order at 1:23-25), in which Glass Egg was granted leave to conduct discovery "pertaining to (a) the size of Gameloft SE's business in California and (b) the identity of the Gameloft entity/entities that operate(s) the website accessible to website users within California" (see February 12 Order at 2:1-3). In particular, the parties'

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<sup>1</sup> GLSE's "Administrative Motion," filed July 18, 2019, "for Leave to File Reply" is hereby DENIED, as the factual assertions GLSE seeks to rebut are not relevant to the issue underlying the instant dispute, namely, as set forth below, the meaning of "size" as used in this Court's February 12 Order.

1 dispute centers on the definition of “size” as used in said order.

2           Regrettably, the parties did not return to this Court for clarification, thereby  
3 imposing on Judge Illman the unenviable burden of having to rule on close to 400  
4 disputed requests for discovery.

5           Given the considerable time and effort Judge Illman expended in resolving those  
6 matters, it is tempting to accept his reasonable determination that the word “size” coupled  
7 with the word “business” has a “common understanding.” (See Disc. Order at 4:17-18.)  
8 In this instance, however, the Court’s intention was not to use such phrase in quite as  
9 broad a manner as it might otherwise be used, and, consequently, the Court rules as  
10 follows.<sup>2</sup>

11           The February 12 Order was issued following the hearing conducted February 9,  
12 2018, on GLSE’s motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction. During that hearing,  
13 the Court granted “limited” jurisdictional discovery (see Hr’g Tr. at 24:11) and Glass Egg  
14 proposed the now-disputed term, “the size of [GLSE’s] business in California” (see id.  
15 47:1), which the Court accepted, and to which GLSE made no objection. At the time of  
16 said ruling, the Court had in mind the test for specific jurisdiction commonly applied to  
17 claims sounding in tort, specifically, whether a defendant has “(1) committed an  
18 intentional act, (2) expressly aimed at the forum state, (3) causing harm that the  
19 defendant knows is likely to be suffered in the forum state,” see Picot v. Weston, 780  
20 F.3d 1206, 1214 (9th Cir. 2015) (internal quotation and citation omitted), the key factor  
21 here being whether GLSE, by operating its interactive website containing the allegedly  
22 infringing car models, directly targeted California residents.

23           With that understanding, the Court finds the discovery requests seeking  
24 information as to the revenue GLSE received from the use of its website by California  
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27 <sup>2</sup> Although, ordinarily, a district court may “reconsider [a nondispositive] pretrial matter . . .  
28 where it has been shown that the magistrate judge’s order is clearly erroneous or  
contrary to law,” see 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), given the nature of the dispute presented  
here, the Court finds such standard inapplicable.


1 residents and from entities who directed their advertisements on GLSE's website to  
2 California residents, namely, the discovery requests contained in List Nos. (4) through  
3 (8), (14) through (18), (67) through (72),<sup>3</sup> (76), (179), (225), (268), (343), (344), (357),  
4 (362), (373), (375), and (383) through (385), fall within the scope of the February 12  
5 Order, and that the remaining disputed requests do not fall within the scope of said order,  
6 as they seek information concerning revenue sources and activities that, regardless of  
7 their location, are unrelated to the allegedly infringing conduct.

8 Accordingly, for the reasons stated above:

- 9 1. To the extent GLSE seeks modification of the Discovery Order as to the  
10 discovery requests contained in List Nos. (12), (19), (73) through (75), (79)  
11 through (82), (206) through (222), (227), (228), (239), (241), (243), (244),  
12 (267), (269), (270), (276), (278), (347), (349), (353), (355), (367), (370), and  
13 (376) through (380), GLSE's Motion for Relief is hereby GRANTED and said  
14 discovery requests are DISALLOWED; in all other respects, GLSE's Motion for  
15 Relief is hereby DENIED.
- 16 2. Glass Egg's Motion for Relief is hereby DENIED.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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19 Dated: July 18, 2019

  
MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge

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28 <sup>3</sup> In GLSE's motion, as Glass Egg points out, Judge Illman's rulings as to discovery requests (67) through (72) are not listed as challenged, but are so listed in GLSE's proposed order.