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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

SARAH ANDERSEN, et al.,

Individual and Representative Plaintiffs,

v.

STABILITY AI, LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:23-cv-00201-WHO

**JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT**

Date: November 7, 2023
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Videoconference
Before: Hon. William H. Orrick

1 Pursuant to the Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California, this
2 Court’s May 25, 2023 Case Management Conference Order, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16,
3 and Civil L.R. 16-9, and the Court’s October 7, 2023 Order (ECF No. 114), Plaintiffs and Stability
4 Defendants¹ have met and conferred and hereby submit this Joint Case Management Statement in
5 advance of the Case Management Conference scheduled for November 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.²

6 **I. JURISDICTION AND SERVICE**

7 This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 to the
8 extent it arises under the Copyright Act, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (“DMCA”), the
9 Lanham Act, and the Declaratory Judgment Act. To the extent this action is maintained as a class
10 action and a class is ultimately certified, the Court may also have subject matter jurisdiction under
11 the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). In view of the current uncertainty regarding
12 the plaintiff(s), claim(s) and defendant(s) in this action, Stability Defendants reserve any challenge
13 they may have to this Court’s subject matter jurisdiction over this action.

14 All Defendants have been served and filed motions in response to the Complaint without
15 contesting this Court’s personal jurisdiction. Plaintiffs contend that Defendant Midjourney is
16 headquartered in California and that all Defendants conduct substantial business in California.
17 Thus, it is Plaintiffs’ position that this Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants. Stability
18 Defendants reserve any challenge they may have to this Court’s personal jurisdiction over them as
19 to any claim asserted in any amended complaint.

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22 ¹ As used herein, “Stability Defendants” or “Stability” refers to Stability AI Ltd. and Stability AI,
23 Inc.; “Stability AI” refers to Stability AI Ltd.

24 ² Defendants DeviantArt, Inc. (“DeviantArt”) and Midjourney, Inc. (“Midjourney”) participated in
25 the parties’ Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) conference prior to the Court’s order suspending
26 their Rule 26 obligations (ECF No. 95). Given that order, that these defendants’ discovery
27 obligations are presently stayed (*see id.*), and that no claims are presently asserted against
28 DeviantArt and Midjourney (*see* ECF No. 117 (dismissing claims with leave to amend)), they
have not substantively participated in the preparation of this Joint Case Management Statement.
DeviantArt and Midjourney reserve all rights to object and respond to any proposed pretrial
schedule or statements or representations made by Plaintiffs and/or Stability Defendants herein
during the forthcoming November 7, 2023 Case Management Conference, or otherwise.

1 **II. FACTS**

2 **A. Plaintiffs' Statement of Facts**

3 Plaintiffs filed this lawsuit on January 13, 2023. ECF No. 1. The primary basis of the
4 lawsuit is Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiffs' intellectual property, specifically their visual
5 works and their names. On July 19, 2023, this Court held a hearing on Defendants' responsive
6 motions and took them under submission. *See* ECF Nos. 49–54, 58–60.³ Pursuant to its tentative
7 ruling at the hearing, the Court ordered Plaintiffs and Stability to comply with their obligations
8 under Rule 26. ECF No. 95. On August 8, 2023, all parties attended a Rule 26(f) Conference, and
9 Plaintiffs filed a report on that conference on August 22, 2023. ECF No. 10.

10 Defendants develop and/or offer generative artificial-intelligence based image generation
11 products (“AI Image Products”). AI Image Products are trained on images paired with descriptive
12 text. Training images are typically gathered through web scraping, i.e., copying from websites
13 using software to automate the process. Defendants' AI Image Products rely on billions of training
14 images, almost all of which are copied without the owners' consent or knowledge, and without
15 providing the owner or creator credit or compensation.

16 In August 2022, Stability began offering Stable Diffusion, a generative AI model that
17 produces images based on training images, under an open-source license. Stability sells
18 DreamStudio, a product that allows customers to utilize Stable Diffusion without an expensive
19 computing platform or serious technical knowledge. Stability illegally copied and/or acquired
20 unauthorized copies of over five billion images from the Internet. Stability did not attempt to
21 acquire licenses for any of the training images used. Through training, Stable Diffusion embeds
22 and stores compressed copies of the training images and relies on those compressed copies to
23 generate its output. Midjourney trained its AI Image Product on the same training data as Stability.
24 DeviantArt offers a product similar to DreamStudio called DreamUp, which, like DreamStudio,
25 gives customers the ability to interface with and utilize Stable Diffusion. DeviantArt also hosts
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28 ³ Further details regarding Defendants' motions and the hearing are set forth below in section IV.

1 millions of images that were copied without authorization to become part of Stable Diffusion’s
2 training data.

3 All output from an AI Image Product is necessarily derived from and depends on the
4 breadth and quality of the images used for training. This means that, unlike a human artist, an AI
5 Image Product can only copy latent images tagged with terms associated with the text prompt, and
6 an AI Image Product can never exceed the limitations of its training images. Indeed, Stability’s
7 CEO, Emad Mostaque, admitted Stable Diffusion “compress[e]d the knowledge of over 100
8 terabytes of images.” Mostaque has publicly acknowledged the importance of using licensed
9 images for training AI Image Products. He has promised future versions of Stable Diffusion will
10 be based on “fully licensed” training images. But Stability has yet to take any steps to obtain or
11 negotiate licenses for Stable Diffusion.

12 Plaintiffs’ injuries were the direct and foreseeable result of Defendants’ conduct. In
13 addition to injunctive relief, Plaintiffs are entitled to compensatory damages, statutory damages,
14 and punitive damages based on Defendants’ oppression, malice, or fraud.

15 **B. Stability Defendants’ Statement of Facts**

16 Stability AI Ltd. (“Stability AI”)⁴ is at the forefront of the burgeoning generative artificial
17 intelligence (“AI”) industry, rapidly expanding the boundaries of human creativity and capability
18 while maintaining a commitment to make its technology available to all.

19 Stable Diffusion is an open-source generative AI text-to-image model that has rapidly
20 become a base model for developers and artists around the world. Generative AI models are
21 “generative” because they can generate complex new content by analyzing vast datasets to
22 understand the relationships between words, concepts, and visual or textual features. This is
23 similar to a student visiting a library to learn the relationships between intellectual concepts, or
24 visiting an art gallery to learn how to match colors or best depict perspective. Users can then input
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26 ⁴ Stability AI, Inc. is a non-operating holding company. Accordingly, Stability AI, Inc. has
27 not performed and is not responsible for the performance of any of the acts alleged in the Complaint
28 (ECF No. 1).

1 prompts of their choosing to generative AI models such as Stable Diffusion to create entirely
2 novel images. The learning process for generative AI models is known as training. Stability AI
3 has been involved in various aspects of the development, training and/or release of certain
4 versions of Stable Diffusion.

5 Dream Studio is a platform that was developed by Stability AI to provide users with access
6 to the capabilities of Stable Diffusion.

7 Various versions of Stable Diffusion have been trained by exposure to randomly-selected
8 portions of billions of images that were publicly available on the Internet. Contrary to the
9 pleadings in the Complaint, however, training Stable Diffusion bears no resemblance to creating
10 compressed copies or memorizing images for later distribution. Instead, at a high level, the
11 training for Stable Diffusion involves a component that understands text and a component that
12 generates images. The component that understands text is a special language AI model that takes
13 input text and outputs a list of numbers that represents associations between the text in a
14 mathematical format. That mathematical information is then presented to the component that
15 generates images, and the image generator undergoes a multi-stage process to interpret the
16 mathematical information to a final image. That process involves smaller AI models that are
17 trained so that the distribution of individual elements within images—how pixels are arranged
18 such that the “sky” in images is typically blue and located above the “ground”, “people” have two
19 eyes, and “cats” typically have pointy ears—are learned by the model. With that training, the
20 image generator is able to start with a random, extremely noisy image and gradually modify the
21 noisy image into an entirely new, clear image based on a user’s text prompts. The final result is an
22 AI model that is composed of hundreds of millions or billions of model “weights” or
23 “parameters”—pure numbers that represent in a mathematical format the concepts that are
24 contained in the AI mode—as well as model code, which is the software that can operate the
25 model weights. Neither the model weights nor the model code contains copies (or any other
26 record) of particular images on which the model was trained, beyond the mathematical
27 relationships between concepts that the model learned through the training process and that are
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1 embodied in the model weights.

2 The purpose of all this training is not to enable users of Stable Diffusion to reproduce
3 copies of training images. Rather, Stable Diffusion is intended to expand humans' capacity for
4 creativity. Crucially, Plaintiffs themselves have acknowledged that "none of the Stable Diffusion
5 output images provided in response to a particular Text Prompt is likely to be a close match for
6 any specific image in the training data." (ECF No. 1 ¶ 93.)

7 It is well established, however, that infringement is possible only where a defendant's
8 work is "substantially similar" to a plaintiff's work—a possibility that Plaintiffs have expressly
9 conceded is not "likely" here. Nor can Plaintiffs point to anything in the code or weights of the
10 Stable Diffusion model (which are freely available open-source and online), that is substantially
11 similar to their own works. Absent such substantial similarity in either Stable Diffusion itself or
12 the images that Stable Diffusion creates, Plaintiffs' copyright claim is fundamentally the same as
13 alleging that an art student who views hundreds of paintings before creating a new, entirely novel
14 work has somehow violated the law. In short, Stability Defendants deny any liability for direct or
15 indirect copyright infringement, or any other unlawful conduct of any kind.

16 **III. LEGAL ISSUES**

17 **A. Plaintiffs' Position**

18 Plaintiffs anticipate the following legal issues will be argued in this case based on their
19 present allegations:

- 20 • Whether Defendants violated the copyrights of Plaintiffs and the Class when they
21 downloaded and stored copies of their works.
- 22 • Whether Defendants violated the copyrights of Plaintiffs and the Class when they used
23 copies of their works to train AI Image Products.
- 24 • Whether Defendants vicariously violated the copyrights of Plaintiffs and the Class
25 when third parties used Defendants' products to create Fakes, as defined in the
26 Complaint (ECF No. 1).

- 1 • Whether Defendants violated the DMCA by removing copyright management
- 2 information (“CMI”) from the Plaintiffs’ and the Class’s works and/or causing their
- 3 respective AI Image Products to omit CMI from their output images.
- 4 • Whether Defendants violated Plaintiffs’ and the Class’s rights of publicity when they
- 5 designed and marketed their AI Image Products to respond to prompts requesting
- 6 output images using the names of specific individuals, namely Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 7 • Whether Defendants’ AI Image Products are being used by Defendants to engage in
- 8 Unfair Competition under the Lanham Act and/or California law.
- 9 • Whether the class should be certified under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.
- 10 • Whether this Court should enjoin Defendants from engaging in the unlawful conduct
- 11 alleged herein. And what the scope of that injunction would be.
- 12 • Whether any affirmative defense excuses Defendants’ conduct, including but not
- 13 limited to whether some or all of Defendants’ conduct is allowed under the fair use
- 14 doctrine.

15 **B. Stability Defendants’ Position**

16 In light of the Court’s October 30, 2023 order granting Stability Defendants’ Motion to
17 Dismiss as to all claims except Plaintiff Andersen’s claim of direct copyright infringement as it
18 relates to the training of Stable Diffusion,⁵ Stability Defendants provide the following list of
19 principal legal issues currently in dispute, noting that the parties do not agree regarding the
20 importance or relevance of each issue, and that the list is therefore preliminary and subject to
21 revision:

- 22 1. Whether Stability Defendants directly infringed registered copyrights owned by Plaintiff
- 23 Sarah Andersen pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 501 by allegedly copying Training Images during
- 24 the training of Stable Diffusion;

26 ⁵ While the Court denied Stability Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs’ declaratory
27 relief claim, the Court explained that its ruling was based on “the unsettled status of the pleadings
28 and the evolving nature of plaintiffs’ theories of liability,” and without prejudice to Stability
Defendants’ renewal of such motion. (ECF No. 117 at 24.)

- 1 2. Whether Stability Defendants' alleged conduct caused any injury to Plaintiffs;
- 2 3. Whether the Plaintiffs can meet the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 for certification of
- 3 one or more putative classes;
- 4 4. Whether Plaintiffs are entitled to the equitable and monetary relief they seek; and
- 5 5. Whether Plaintiffs are entitled to declaratory relief.

6 The parties reserve the right to raise additional issues that become relevant as a result of any
7 new claims, defenses, or counterclaims.

8 **IV. MOTIONS**

9 On April 18, 2023, Stability Defendants filed a motion to dismiss pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.
10 P. 12(b)(6) (ECF No. 58), Midjourney filed a motion to dismiss and/or strike pursuant to Fed. R.
11 Civ. P. 12(b)(6) and 12(f) (ECF No. 52), DeviantArt filed a motion to dismiss pursuant to Fed. R.
12 Civ. P. 12(b)(6) (ECF No. 49), and DeviantArt also filed a motion to strike pursuant to Cal. Code
13 Civ. Proc. § 425.16 (ECF No. 50) (the "Motions"). The Motions were fully briefed on July 3,
14 2023, and the Court heard argument on the Motions on July 19, 2023. On October 30, 2023, the
15 Court issued its Order on Motions to Dismiss and Strike (ECF No. 117), wherein it dismissed
16 McKernan and Ortiz's copyright claims with prejudice; sustained Plaintiff Andersen's direct
17 infringement claim against Stability AI for direct copyright infringement, but limited the claim to
18 the collections she has registered; dismissed Plaintiffs' other claims with leave to amend; denied
19 Midjourney's motion to strike; and deferred ruling on DeviantArt's anti-SLAPP motion, given the
20 dismissal of Plaintiffs' right of publicity claims.

21 On August 3, 2023, in light of the Court's statements during the July 19, 2023 hearing,
22 Defendants filed an Administrative Motion to Continue Case Management Conference and Stay
23 Discovery Pending Resolution of Dispositive Motions. ECF No. 92. On August 8, 2023, the Court
24 granted Defendants' motion in part, continuing the initial case management conference to
25 September 19, 2023, ordering that this Joint Case Management Statement be filed by September
26 12, 2023, and continuing Rule 26 deadlines as to Defendants Midjourney and DeviantArt. ECF
27 No. 95. This Court has twice continued the case management conference, first from September 19,
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1 2023 to October 10, 2023 (ECF No. 111) and then to November 7, 2023 (ECF No. 114). This Joint
2 Case Management Statement supersedes the earlier Joint Case Management Statements filed on
3 September 12, 2023 (ECF No. 110) and October 3, 2023 (ECF No. 113).

4 Stability Defendants anticipate filing additional motions, including pursuant to Rule 12, if
5 appropriate, after the filing of Plaintiffs' amended complaint, if any. Plaintiffs anticipate filing a
6 motion for class certification under Rule 23. The parties anticipate filing motions for summary
7 judgment or adjudication under Rule 56.

8 Plaintiffs anticipate law and motion practice with respect to discovery issues that cannot be
9 resolved by consent.

10 **V. AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS**

11 This Court's Order on Motions to Dismiss and Strike (ECF No. 117), sets the deadline for
12 Plaintiffs to file an amended complaint as thirty days from the date of the order, meaning
13 November 29, 2023. Plaintiffs intend to file an amended complaint by that date.

14 Stability Defendants propose that the amendment of pleadings be governed by the Federal
15 Rules of Civil Procedure.

16 **VI. EVIDENCE PRESERVATION**

17 The parties certify that they have reviewed the Court's Guidelines Relating to the
18 Discovery of Electronically Stored Information, are aware of their obligations, and have taken
19 appropriate steps to preserve potentially relevant evidence. The parties confirm they have met and
20 conferred concerning such obligations.

21 Plaintiffs are not aware of any potentially relevant evidence that has been destroyed or that
22 is not reasonably accessible. At the Rule 26 conference and subsequently, Plaintiffs asked
23 Defendants to confirm whether any material subject to discovery has been destroyed or is not
24 reasonably accessible. *See* Northern District ESI Discovery Guidelines § 2.01 (Preservation) ¶ (e)
25 (“The parties should discuss what ESI from sources that are not reasonably accessible will be
26 preserved, but not searched, reviewed, or produced.”), § 2.02 (Rule 26(f) Meet and Confer), ¶ A.
27 (parties should discuss “[t]he sources, scope and type of ESI that has been and will be preserved.”)

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1 & ¶ B (parties should discuss “Any difficulties related to preservation.”). Stability Defendants
2 stated they are not aware of any relevant Stability Defendants’ information that has been destroyed
3 since the filing of the complaint in this case but cannot represent that potentially relevant
4 information was not destroyed in the ordinary course of business prior to that time. Stability
5 Defendants further advised Plaintiffs that Stability AI maintains massive volumes of data in the
6 ordinary course of its business, that some data may not be readily identified or accessed, and that
7 cost and technological limitations may interfere with long-term preservation efforts. Plaintiffs
8 suggested that the parties table further discussion regarding sources, scope or type of ESI retention
9 and/or production until a later date and have not yet raised the topic again since that time.
10 Midjourney and DeviantArt did not identify any material that has been destroyed or is not
11 reasonably accessible. Plaintiffs are seeking clarity as to these issues and may seek relief from the
12 Court.

13 **VII. DISCLOSURES**

14 Plaintiffs served their Rule 26(a) Initial Disclosures on August 22, 2023. Stability
15 Defendants served their Rule 26(a) Initial Disclosures on September 12, 2023. Midjourney’s and
16 DeviantArt’s obligations under Rule 26 are currently continued, as discussed above.

17 **VIII. DISCOVERY**

18 The parties have not yet served discovery requests.

19 **A. Plaintiffs’ Position**

20 Plaintiffs have shared or intend to share drafts of the following proposed stipulated
21 agreements likely necessary for discovery to commence, particularly documentary discovery.: (1)
22 a stipulated protective order for material that must be kept confidential, (2) an ESI protocol, and
23 (3) an expert discovery agreement.

24 Plaintiffs anticipate the discovery process will require considerable time by all participants
25 and active case management. To ensure this case proceeds at a reasonable pace and because
26 Plaintiffs will likely have a sustained claim against Stability on a core issue, Plaintiffs believe
27 beginning the discovery process with Stability now would be most efficient. Stable Diffusion and
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1 its training material are at the core of Plaintiffs’ claims against all Defendants. It would not be
2 wasteful for Plaintiffs to request relevant information and begin negotiations with Stability as to
3 the details of their search and production.

4 **B. Stability Defendants’ Position**

5 In light of the Court’s ruling on the Motions and the “unsettled status of the pleadings and
6 the evolving nature of plaintiffs’ theories of liability” (ECF No. 117 at 24), Stability Defendants
7 believe that it is premature at this time to consider either the scope of anticipated discovery or any
8 potential limitations or modifications of the discovery rules. Any amended complaint filed by
9 Plaintiffs, and any subsequent motion practice regarding its sufficiency, may significantly impact
10 the scope of this action, including the number of Plaintiffs, the Defendants, and the number of
11 claims that remain in the case. Moreover, the Court’s October 30, 2023 order on the Motions
12 expresses substantial doubt about Plaintiffs’ core theories of liability. Defendants similarly believe
13 consideration of a stipulated e-discovery order, a proposed discovery plan pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.
14 P. 26(f) and any potential discovery disputes would be premature at this time.

15 **IX. CLASS ACTION**

16 All attorneys of record have reviewed the Court’s Procedural Guidance for Class Action
17 Settlements.

18 Plaintiffs assert claims for damages and injunctive relief on behalf of themselves and all
19 others similarly situated as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a), 23(b)(2), and 23(b)(3) of the
20 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of the following classes:

21 ***“Injunctive Relief Class” under Rule 23(b)(2):*** All persons or entities nationalized and/or
22 domiciled in the United States that own a copyright interest in any work that was used to train any
23 version of an AI Image Product that was offered directly and/or incorporated into another product
24 by one or more Defendants during the Class Period.

25 ***“Damages Class” under Rule 23(b)(3):*** All persons or entities nationalized and/or
26 domiciled in the United States that own a copyright interest in any work that was used to train any
27 version of an AI Image Product that was offered directly and/or incorporated into another product
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1 by one or more Defendants during the Class Period.

2 **“DeviantArt Damages Subclass” under Rule 23(b)(3):** All members of the Damages
3 Class who (1) maintained an account on DeviantArt; (2) posted copyrighted work on DeviantArt;
4 and (3) had that work used to train any version of an AI Image Product.

5 **A. Plaintiffs’ Position**

6 Plaintiffs propose class certification be briefed and decided at the close of fact and expert
7 discovery and before motions for summary judgment. Plaintiffs have provided a schedule setting
8 forth proposed dates through trial below.

9 **B. Stability Defendants’ Position**

10 Stability Defendants contend that this action should not be certified as a class action and is
11 not aware of facts showing that Plaintiffs (much less Plaintiff Andersen, individually) are entitled
12 to maintain the action under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b). Stability Defendants further believe
13 that in light of the unsettled status of the pleadings and the evolving nature of Plaintiffs’ theories
14 of liability it is premature to consider the appropriate timing of how and when class certification
15 will proceed (if at all). Stability Defendants intend to oppose any motion for class certification at
16 the appropriate time and further intend to request that the issue of class certification be bifurcated
17 and that all remaining issues be stayed pending resolution of Plaintiffs’ anticipated motion for
18 class certification.

19 **X. RELATED CASES**

20 Stability Defendants identify *Getty Images (US), Inc. v. Stability AI, Ltd. and Stability AI,*
21 *Inc.*, No. 23-cv-00135, filed on February 3, 2023, and currently pending in the United States
22 District Court for the District of Delaware. Stability Defendants moved to dismiss Getty Images
23 (US), Inc.’s Amended Complaint for lack of personal jurisdiction, inability to join a necessary and
24 indispensable party, and failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, and, in the
25 alternative, requested that the action be transferred to the Northern District of California pursuant
26 to 28 U.S.C. § 1631 or § 1404(a). Stability Defendants’ motion is pending before the court.

27 Stability Defendants further identify *Getty Images (US) Inc et al. v. Stability AI Ltd*, Claim
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1 No. IL-2023-000007, which is currently pending in the High Court of Justice, Business and
2 Property Courts of England and Wales.

3 Plaintiffs are unaware of any other cases involving Defendants' AI Image Products other
4 than those set forth above. Plaintiffs reserve opining on whether either of the two *Getty* cases are
5 related to this case until these issues are before this Court, if ever.

6 **XI. RELIEF**

7 **A. Plaintiffs' Position**

8 As set forth in the Complaint, Plaintiffs seek statutory, compensatory, and punitive
9 damages on behalf of themselves and a putative class for Defendants' unauthorized use of their
10 copyrighted material, DMCA violations, right of publicity violations, and various other wrongful
11 acts by Defendants. Plaintiffs also seek injunctive relief to prevent Defendants from continuing to
12 ignore their rights in offering their AI Image Products and to stop further use of Plaintiffs'
13 property to create new AI Image Products.

14 **B. Stability Defendants' Position**

15 Stability Defendants deny that Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief, and contend that the case
16 should be dismissed. Stability Defendants deny liability and that the Plaintiffs are entitled to any of
17 the relief sought. Stability Defendants do not seek relief or damages from any party at this time.

18 **XII. SETTLEMENT AND ADR**

19 No settlements have been reached by the parties. Plaintiffs are willing to participate in a
20 settlement conference with a magistrate judge currently assigned to the Northern District of
21 California. Plaintiffs are open to other forms of non-binding ADR, such as mediation, and will be
22 prepared to discuss ADR options at the upcoming conference. The parties will be prepared to
23 discuss ADR options and seek the Court's guidance at the November 7, 2023 conference.

24 Plaintiffs, Stability Defendants and DeviantArt have filed declarations in compliance with
25 ADR L.R. 3-5(b).

26 **XIII. CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES**

27 Stability Defendants did not consent to proceed before a magistrate judge for all purposes.
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1 ECF No. 14. Accordingly, the case was re-assigned to the Honorable Judge William H. Orrick,
2 currently presiding over this case. ECF No. 18.

3 **XIV. OTHER REFERENCES**

4 This case is not suitable for reference to other courts or administrative bodies.

5 **XV. NARROWING OF ISSUES**

6 The parties have not identified any issues that can be narrowed at this juncture but will
7 meet and confer on any such issues as they arise.

8 **XVI. EXPEDITED TRIAL PROCEDURE**

9 The parties do not consent to the Expedited Trial Procedure of General Order No. 64.

10 **XVII. SCHEDULING**

11 In light of the Court’s October 30, 2023 order on the Motions and the unsettled status of
12 the pleadings, Stability Defendants believe that it is premature at this time to consider the schedule
13 on which this action should proceed. Any amended complaint filed by Plaintiffs, and any
14 subsequent motion practice regarding its sufficiency, may significantly impact the scope of this
15 action, including the number of Plaintiffs, the Defendants, and the number of claims that remain in
16 the case. Moreover, the Court’s October 30, 2023 order on the Motions expresses substantial
17 doubt about Plaintiffs’ core theories of liability.

18 Plaintiffs believe this complex class action will benefit from active case management,
19 including setting a schedule through trial. Plaintiffs propose the following schedule:⁶

Case Event	Plaintiffs’ Proposed Date
Deadline to file Amended Complaint	Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Deadline for responses to FAC	Friday, January 12, 2024
Deadline for oppositions to motions responding to FAC	Friday, February 23, 2024
Deadline for replies in support of motions responding to FAC	Friday, March 22, 2024

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⁶ While, as noted above, Stability Defendants believe it is premature at this time to consider the schedule on which this action should proceed, Stability Defendants expect that the parties will be able to reach an agreement regarding the timing for responses to Plaintiffs’ anticipated amended complaint, and any oppositions and replies to any motions filed in response to such amended complaint.

Hearing on motions responding to FAC	<i>To be set by the court</i>
Close of fact discovery including non-expert depositions	Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Deadline for Plaintiffs' expert reports	Thursday, July 10, 2025
Deadline for Defendants' expert reports	Monday, August 11, 2025
Deadline for Plaintiffs' rebuttal expert reports	Tuesday, September 9, 2025
Close of expert discovery	Thursday, October 9, 2025
Deadline for motions for class certification, and Daubert motions	Thursday, November 6, 2025
Deadline for oppositions to class certification, and Daubert motions	Friday, December 19, 2025
Deadline for replies in support of motions for class certification, and Daubert motions	Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Class certification and Daubert hearing	<i>To be set by Court</i>
Deadline for motions for summary judgment.	Monday, March 9, 2026
Deadline for oppositions to motions for summary judgment.	Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Deadline for replies in support of motions for summary judgment.	Thursday, May 21, 2026
Summary judgment hearing	<i>To be set by Court</i>
Deadline for parties to exchange papers described in Civil L.R. 16-10(b)(7), (8), (9) and (10) and any motions in limine	Monday, August 3, 2026
Deadline for parties to meet and confer re pretrial matters	Monday, August 10, 2026
Deadline for joint pre-trial statement	Monday, August 17, 2026
Final pre-trial conference	Monday, August 31, 2026
Trial Begins	Tuesday, September 8, 2026

XVIII. TRIAL

Plaintiffs have demanded a jury trial. Plaintiffs expect a trial will take three to four weeks as the case presently stands.

Stability Defendants believe it is premature to estimate the length of trial at this time.

XIX. DISCLOSURE OF NON-PARTY INTERESTED ENTITIES OR PERSONS

All parties have filed any Certifications of Interested Entities or Persons required by Civil L.R. 3-15.

Stability Defendants: Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1, Stability AI Ltd. certifies that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Stability AI, Inc. Stability AI, Inc. certifies that it has no parent

1 corporation and that no publicly held corporation owns 10% or more of its stock. Pursuant to Civil
2 L.R. 3-15, Stability Defendants certify that other than the named parties, no entity has a pecuniary
3 interest in the outcome of this case.

4 **XX. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

5 The parties attest that all attorneys of record for the parties have reviewed the Guidelines
6 for Professional Conduct for the Northern District of California.

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