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8   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9   NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11   IO GROUP,   )
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12   Plaintiff(s),   )   No. C 10-1682 SBA (BZ)
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13   v.   )
)   **INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER**
14   DOES 1-21,   )
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15   Defendant(s).   )
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17   All discovery in this matter has been referred to United

18   States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

19   In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties

20   shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area,

21   by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their

22   dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the

23   dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent

24   positioning letters; parties shall instead make a

25   contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder

26   or a court reporter.

27   In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the

28   parties must participate in a telephone conference with the

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Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.

The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a

letter **filed electronically** not exceeding two pages (with no

attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action

and the issues in dispute. Other parties **shall reply** in

similar fashion within **two days** of receiving the letter

requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties

to schedule the conference.

    After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is

deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the

Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**

Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688). A

chambers copy of all briefs shall be submitted on a diskette

formatted in WordPerfect or e-mailed to the following address:

bzpo@cand.uscourts.gov

Dated: May 26, 2010

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                    Bernard Zimmerman
            United States Magistrate Judge

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