

# **EXHIBIT A**

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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
16 SAN JOSE DIVISION

17 FACEBOOK, INC.,

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 STUDIVZ LTD.,  
21 VERLAGSGRUPPE GEORG VON  
22 HOLTZBRINCK GmbH,  
23 HOLTZBRINCK NETWORKS  
24 GmbH, HOLTZBRINCK  
25 VENTURES GmbH, and DOES 1-  
26 25,

27 Defendant.

Case No. 5:08-CV-03468 JF  
Assigned To: Hon. Jeremy Fogel

**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN S.  
SMITH IN SUPPORT OF  
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO  
FACEBOOK, INC.'S MOTIONS TO  
COMPEL AND FOR SANCTIONS;  
EXHIBITS A-Y**

[Memoranda of Points and Authorities,  
and Declaration of William M. Walker  
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**DECLARATION OF STEPHEN S. SMITH**

I, Stephen S. Smith declare:

1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice in the State of California and before the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and am a partner at Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP, counsel of record for Defendants StudiVZ Ltd., Holtzbrinck Networks GmbH, and Holtzbrinck Ventures GmbH (“Defendants”). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto under oath. This declaration is submitted in opposition to Facebook’s motion for sanctions and motion to compel.

2. In Facebook’s two motions and in the declarations filed in support thereof, Facebook and its counsel declarants repeatedly exaggerate, mischaracterize and misquote statements and actions that they attribute to me. This declaration corrects those false statements and fills in the gaps in the factual record. Sections A-B are totally irrelevant to the current discovery dispute that is the subject of Facebook’s motion to compel, but are included only because Facebook has seen fit to dredge up long-past event in the case in connection with its motion for sanctions. Because Facebook has raised the issue, defendants feel compelled to respond.

**A. Defendants Have *Not* Been Engaged in a “Strategy of Stalling and Delaying the Litigation” Since the “Outset of the Case.”**

3. In its Motion for Sanctions, Facebook accuses Defendants of pursuing a strategy of stalling and delaying the litigation “from the outset” of the case. There

1 is no support for this claim. (Mot. for Sanctions at 2:7-8)(Docket No. 86).  
 2 Facebook has made this claim before only to have it rejected by the Court.

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 4 4. Facebook first raised this claim in connection with its Motion for  
 5 Expedited Discovery and companion Motion to Shorten Time, filed on September  
 6 9, 2008. (Docket Nos. 11 and 13). In those motions, Facebook sought permission  
 7 to take early, expedited discovery related to personal jurisdiction and sought an  
 8 order shortening time to have the discovery motion heard on shortened notice.  
 9 Alternatively, Facebook sought an order from the Court requiring defendants to  
 10 respond to the complaint early, before their responses were actually due.

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 12 5. In the opposition of defendant Verlasgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck  
 13 (“VGH”), which was the only defendant who had yet appeared in the case,  
 14 defendant pointed out the fallacy of Facebook’s argument, as follows:

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 16 6. On July 24, 2008, six days after the complaint in this action was filed,  
 17 Facebook sent a Waiver of Service of Process to defendants and asked them to sign  
 18 it. Under the FRCP, defendants were given 60 days to sign the Waiver. Facebook  
 19 asked defendants to sign it earlier than those 60 days, which defendants did. I, on  
 20 behalf of the defendants, signed it on August 25, 2008, 28 days early. That meant  
 21 that defendants had 90 days to respond to the complaint from the date the Waiver  
 22 was sent to them. Because the Waiver had been sent on July 24, 2008, defendants  
 23 has until October 22, 2008 to respond.

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 25 7. Yet, during a call that I had with Facebook’s counsel Neel Chatterjee  
 26 on September 2, 2008, Mr. Chatterjee took the position that defendants were really  
 27 required to respond within 20 days of my signing of the Waiver on August 25,  
 28 2008. That was a blatant falsehood. It was untrue under the FRCP. It was

1 inconsistent with the Waiver that he had drafted and it was inconsistent with the  
 2 letter he had drafted that accompanied that Waiver. I told Mr. Chatterjee that he  
 3 was wrong both orally on September 2, 2008 and in a subsequent emailed of the  
 4 same date.

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 6 8. That is what then triggered Facebook to file its Motion for Expedited  
 7 Discovery and Motion to Shorten Time on September 9, 2008. Facebook in those  
 8 motions sought to force defendants to either appear in the case before the date  
 9 under the Waiver of Service of Process or submit to discovery before they had even  
 10 appeared in the case.

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 12 9. In its opposition to those motions, VGH made the obvious point that  
 13 Facebook was seeking to renege on its own Waiver and was accusing defendants of  
 14 “delay” by having done exactly what Facebook had asked them to do.

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 16 10. The Court denied Facebook’s Motion for Shorten Time by Order dated  
 17 September 15, 2008. (Docket No. 20).

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 19 **B. Facebook’s Statements About the Rule 26(f) Conference Are**  
 20 **Totally False.**

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 22 11. In its Motion for Sanctions, Facebook writes that Defendants “initially  
 23 refused to hold the obligatory Rule 26(f) conference,” and that Facebook was  
 24 therefore “forced the file a Motion for Expedited Discovery.” (Mot. for Sanctions  
 25 at 4:10-12) (Docket No. 86). Facebook then claims that Defendants only “agreed to  
 26 hold the conference in return for the withdrawal of the motion and the voluntary  
 27 dismissal without prejudice of defendant Verlasgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck.”  
 28 (“VGH”). (Id. at 4:12-14). In support of these statements, Facebook cites to the

1 declaration of Julio Avalos at paragraphs 3 and 4. As set forth herein, Facebook's  
2 and Mr. Avalos' statements are false.

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4 12. First, Facebook did not file its Motion for Expedited Discovery due to  
5 my alleged refusal to hold a Rule 26(f) conference. As noted above, Facebook filed  
6 its Motion for Expedited Discovery on September 9, 2008. (Docket No. 11).  
7 Facebook asked for a Rule 26(f) conference for the first time in a letter dated  
8 September 10, 2008, which was not actually sent to me until September 11, 2008, a  
9 true and correct copy of which is attached here to as Exhibit "A." Prior to that time,  
10 the issue had never been raised by either party. Thus, the Motion for Expedited  
11 Discovery was not caused by my alleged refusal to hold the Rule 26(f) conference.

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13 13. Second, I never "refused" to hold the conference.

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15 a. When Facebook's counsel, Warrington Parker, sent me his  
16 Thursday, September 11, 2008 letter asking for a Rule 26(f) conference, I  
17 responded via email the next day, September 12, 2008, by explaining that I had  
18 been out of the office on Thursday and was out that Friday because of my wife's  
19 out patient surgery, but that I would respond on September 15, 2008. A true and  
20 correct copy of my September 12, 2008 e-mail is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

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22 b. Then, on September 15, 2008 at 4:32 p.m., before Mr. Parker  
23 and I actually spoke, he sent me another letter via e-mail following up on his  
24 September 11th request to hold a Rule 26(f) conference, a true and correct copy of  
25 which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C." After I received Mr. Parker's September  
26 15, 2008 letter, I telephoned him and we spoke. As far as I am aware, Julio Avalos  
27 was not on that call. I agreed to have a Rule 26(f) conference at the appropriate  
28 time but said that I thought it was "premature" given that only one defendant had

1 appeared in the case and that the other defendants date to respond was October 22,  
2 2008. I also told Mr. Parker that I was not aware of any looming deadline to hold  
3 the conference. Mr. Parker responded by telling me that he thought there was a  
4 specific Court Order setting a Case Management Conference that did, under the  
5 FRCP, require us to hold the Rule 26(f) conference by a particular date. I had not  
6 seen any such Order because Facebook had not yet served it on me. However, I  
7 said I would look on the Court's website for such an Order and get back to him  
8 once I had reviewed it. Facebook's counsel later sent me the Order on September  
9 17, 2008. A true and correct copy of the email from Facebook's counsel attaching a  
10 copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "D."

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12 c. The next day, September 16, 2008, I looked on the Court's  
13 website and saw that there was an Order setting the Case Management Conference  
14 for November 7, 2008. (Docket No. 5). Under the FRCP, that required the parties  
15 to file their Case Management Conference Statement and Joint Rule 26(f) report by  
16 October 31, 2008, which meant that counsel were required to conduct the Rule 26(f)  
17 conference before that date. After seeing the Order, I telephoned Mr. Parker. I told  
18 him that my statement the day before that a Rule 26(f) conference was "premature"  
19 was incorrect in light of the Court Order setting the Case Management Conference  
20 for November 7, 2008. Mr. Parker and I then discussed whether to hold the  
21 conference and, if so, when to hold the conference.

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23 d. The "whether" to hold the conference portion of the  
24 conversation related to the fact that Facebook already had pending a motion for  
25 expedited discovery, which was scheduled to be heard before October 31, 2008, and  
26 Mr. Parker said that Facebook was considering asking for an "Administrative  
27 Conference" via motion. Therefore, the open question was whether Facebook  
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1 would go forward with that process prior to and potentially in lieu of the Rule 26(f)  
2 conference.

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4 e. The “when” to hold the conference portion of the conversation  
5 related to the fact that Facebook was supposedly considering dismissing defendant  
6 VGH and Mr. Parker and I agreed that it made sense to hold the conference only  
7 after that decision had been made so that I, as defense counsel, knew whether or not  
8 I needed to obtain information required by the Court’s Case Management Order for  
9 that particular defendant.

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11 f. This conversation (albeit without all of this detail) was  
12 confirmed by me in a letter I drafted and sent later that same day, a true and correct  
13 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “E.” Mr. Parker never sent any letter  
14 disagreeing with my confirmation of our conversation and never accused me of  
15 refusing to agree to hold such the Rule 26(f) conference. It was also Mr. Parker’s  
16 idea to re-visit the issue of whether and when to hold the conference after Facebook  
17 had decided whether to dismiss VGH and go forward with a motion for an  
18 Administrative Conference. That was not my idea, because until Mr. Parker said  
19 that Facebook was considering dismissing VGH, I had no idea that it would  
20 consider doing so. I had asked Facebook’s counsel, Mr. Chatterjee and Mr. Parker,  
21 to dismiss VGH before VGH filed its motion to dismiss. They had not agreed to do  
22 so and had, thus, forced me to file that motion to dismiss. Until Mr. Parker raised  
23 the fact that Facebook might dismiss VGH after all, I thought Facebook had  
24 irretrievably made the decision not to do so.

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26 14. Third, I did not place conditions on holding the Rule 26(f) conference.  
27 Facebook’s claim that I agreed to hold that Rule 26(f) conference only in “return  
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1 for withdrawal of the motion [for expedited discovery] and the voluntary dismissal  
2 without prejudice of defendant [VGH]" is also false.

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4 a. As my September 16, 2008 letter (Exhibit E) makes clear,  
5 Facebook had told me that it was considering dismissing VGH on September 15 or  
6 16, 2008, but it had not committed to doing so yet. On September 29, 2008, 13  
7 days after I had agreed that we were required to hold the Rule 26(f) conference by  
8 Court Order, Mr. Parker told me for the first time that Facebook would, in fact,  
9 dismiss VGH. Mr. Parker, on behalf of Facebook, offered to dismiss VGH on my  
10 agreement to a "date certain" for the Rule 26(f) conference, and I immediately  
11 accepted that offer. Mr. Parker and I discussed the issue the same day and agreed  
12 to hold the conference on October 9, 2008, which was then confirmed in an email  
13 from me to Mr. Parker, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit "F."

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15 b. I also never conditioned my agreement to hold a Rule 26(f)  
16 conference on Facebook first agreeing to withdraw its Motion for Expedited  
17 Discovery. On September 16, 2008, I had acknowledged to Mr. Parker that the  
18 parties were required to hold the Rule 26(f) conference before October 31, 2008.  
19 As of September 16, 2008, Facebook had not agreed to withdraw its Motion for  
20 Expedited Discovery. To the contrary, on September 18, 2008, I wrote a letter to  
21 Mr. Parker, making an offer to resolve the issues raised in Facebook's Motion for  
22 Expedited Discovery, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit  
23 "G." The next day, Mr. Parker rejected my proposal. A true and correct copy of  
24 that letter is attached as Exhibit "H." On September 23, 2008, Defendants filed  
25 their oppositions to Facebook's Motion for Expedited Discovery, which remained  
26 on calendar.

c. Mr. Parker and I then held the Rule 26(f) conference on October 9, 2008 as we had agreed on September 29, 2008. (Rule 26(f) Report and Discovery Plan, ¶ 1) (Docket No. 50) (stating that the parties held the Rule 26(f) conference on October 9, 2008). Facebook's Motion for Expedited Discovery was still on calendar. I had not demanded that it be withdrawn, and Facebook had not offered to withdraw it.

d. During the Rule 26(f) conference, Mr. Parker told me *for the first time* that Facebook was *considering* withdrawing the Motion for Expedited Discovery, though he did not tell me why. Also, during the Rule 26(f) conference, Mr. Parker told me that it was Facebook's position that it could commence discovery into the merits of the case irrespective of whether such discovery had anything to do with personal jurisdiction or forum. I said that I disagreed.

e. The next day, October 10, 2008, Facebook did in fact withdraw the Motion for Expedited Discovery, again without telling me why. I obviously did *not* condition holding the Rule 26(f) conference on Facebook's withdrawal of the Motion for Expedited Discovery since Facebook withdrew its motion (on October 10) *after* the Rule 26(f) conference had already taken place (on October 9).

**C. Defendants Did Meet and Confer with Facebook Before Its Responses to the Discovery Were Due and Agreed to Set the Hearing Date of the Motions to Dismiss Four Months After They Were Filed to Allow Facebook Time to Complete That Discovery**

15. Facebook served its first set of document demands and interrogatories on the remaining defendants on October 14, 2008. True and correct copies of that discovery are attached hereto as Exhibits "I" through "N." As of that date, the

1 remaining defendants in the case -- StudiVZ, Holtzbrinck Ventures and Holtzbrinck  
2 Networks -- had not yet responded to the Complaint.<sup>1</sup>

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4 16. On October 20 and 21, 2008, just prior to filing the remaining  
5 defendants filing motions to dismiss, I met and conferred with Mr. Parker about  
6 proposed hearing dates. He asked for a hearing date in February 2009 so that  
7 Facebook would have an opportunity to take jurisdictional discovery prior to having  
8 to file oppositions to the Motions to Dismiss. I agreed, and the date selected was  
9 February 13, 2009, almost four months after the motions to dismiss were to be filed.

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11 17. During our October 21, 2008 telephone call, I offered to meet and  
12 confer with Mr. Parker regarding the discovery Facebook had served on October  
13 14, 2008. Mr. Parker said he wanted to have such a meet and confer but was not  
14 prepared to do so yet. Instead, he wished to review the Motions to Dismiss (to be  
15 filed the next day) and reconsider the discovery that had been served on October  
16 14, 2008 in light of those motions to dismiss to determine if the discovery requests  
17 needed to be revised or altered in light of the motions. For that reason, we agreed  
18 to have a follow up call to discuss that issue on October 24, 2007.

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20 18. On October 22, 2008, the defendants filed their Motions to Dismiss for  
21 lack of personal jurisdiction and *forum non conveniens*. (Docket Nos. 41 and 42).

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23 19. On October 23, 2008, Mr. Parker called and asked me to delay the  
24 meet and confer scheduled for Friday October 24, 2008 to Monday, October 27,  
25 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> Facebook had dismissed VGH on September 30, 2009. (Docket No. 27).

20. On October 27, 2008, Mr. Parker and I (along with my partner Aaron Moss) had our first meet and confer about the discovery that Facebook had served on October 14, 2008. I was disappointed in the progress of that call. Even though Mr. Parker had asked for the additional time to review the Motions to Dismiss before holding the meet and confer so that he could determine what was in dispute, he explicitly refused to explain what relevant matters were in dispute or what discovery Facebook actually needed in light of the facts and arguments presented in the motions. For example, when my partner, Mr. Moss, asked Mr. Parker for the basis upon which Facebook claimed that the Holtzbrinck defendants were subject to jurisdiction in California, Mr. Parker refused to answer. Mr Parker insisted that Facebook was entitled to all of the discovery served on October 14 and 15, 2008 without any whatsoever. I recall specifically noting that Mr. Parker's position was inappropriate because many of the requests were horribly overbroad on their face. I also recall telling Mr. Parker that the interrogatories served on Holtzbrinck Networks and Holtzbrinck Ventures did not define "YOU" as either defendant, but instead defined "YOU" as VGH, who had been dismissed. I noted that as an example of why Facebook was required to fix at least those interrogatories. But Mr. Parker held with his position to stand by the discovery exactly as it had been drafted.

21. Shortly thereafter, I wrote a letter to Mr. Parker confirming what had occurred during our October 27, 2008 meet and confer. A true and correct copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit "O." In that letter I pointed out, *inter alia*, specific and general problems with the discovery as drafted by Facebook. For example, I pointed out (again) that the interrogatories served on Holtzbrinck Networks and Holtzbrinck Ventures defined "YOU" as Verlasgruppe Georg von Holtzbrinck, which was the defendant that Facebook had previously dismissed. I also pointed out that most of the requests, as phrased, sought information and documents that

1 had nothing to do with personal jurisdiction and instead were directed solely to the  
2 underlying merits of the case.

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4 22. In his declaration, Mr. Avalos writes that I “refused to identify which  
5 requests or portions thereof that [I] found objectionable.” That is not true. My  
6 letter dated October 28, 2008 specifically delineated many of the problems with the  
7 requests. (Exhibit O). But, as my letter also explained (and as I had explained on  
8 the October 27, 2008 telephone call), given Mr. Parker’s refusal to narrow or  
9 modify the requests *in any way*, I was not going to re-draft Facebook’s voluminous  
10 and overbroad discovery requests. I explained that, without Facebook’s  
11 cooperation, I was simply going to respond to the discovery as drafted on the due  
12 date, which I did. Mr. Avalos seems to imply that Defendants were required to  
13 respond to the discovery requests early and, indeed, within only 13 days of having  
14 been served with them via overnight mail. That is neither reasonable nor required  
15 by the Court’s Rules and given Mr. Parker’s refusal to modify them in any way,  
16 there was nothing left to do other than respond as required under the Rules.

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18 23. Defendants responded timely to the discovery requests on November  
19 17, 2008 without asking for any extension of time. The responses were served by  
20 email so that Facebook’s counsel would have them right away.

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22 **D. The Parties Were “Largely Able to Work Out Every Issue”**  
23 **Related to Facebook’s Discovery Requests.**  
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25 24. Given that Mr. Parker had refused on October 27, 2008 to modify the  
26 discovery as it was originally drafted and served on October 14, 2008, Defendants  
27 original responses contained many objections. Those objections were not “uniform,  
28 blanket objections,” as Facebook argues, but rather raised specific problems with

1 respect to whichever request was at issue in the response. Moreover, Facebook's  
2 implicit argument that Defendants' objections were improper is inconsistent with  
3 Facebook's own subsequent decision to limit, narrow or withdraw altogether  
4 virtually every single request. In sum, the meet and confer narrowing process that  
5 followed proves that even Facebook believes that almost all of Defendants'  
6 objections were valid.

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8 25. On November 21, 2008, Facebook's counsel Annette Hurst asked for  
9 a meet and confer on "Tuesday or Wednesday" of the next week. I agreed and it  
10 was scheduled for Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. During the  
11 November 21, 2008 telephone call, Ms. Hurst and I had a brief preview meet and  
12 confer about some of the issues with the discovery, which led Mr. Hurst to draft a  
13 meet and confer letter to me dated November 21 (but sent November 25), 2008 in  
14 anticipation of our more formal meet and confer, a true and correct copy of which is  
15 attached hereto as Exhibit "P."

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17 26. I participated in the November 26, 2008 meet and confer telephone  
18 call along with my partner William Walker. Ms. Hurst and Julio Avalos  
19 participated on behalf of Facebook. The November 26, 2008 meet and confer was  
20 detailed and productive. It lasted more than two hours. It was then followed by  
21 two more meet and confer on December 2 and 3, 2008. During these two calls, the  
22 parties were able to reach many agreements related to the specific discovery  
23 requests served by Facebook.

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25 27. First, after some back and forth, Ms. Hurst and I came to agreement  
26 concerning how the Holtzbrinck defendants would supplement their interrogatory  
27 responses. Those agreements are actually confirmed as such in the Holtzbrinck  
28 defendants' supplemental interrogatory responses, which were served by my office



1 on Facebook on December 24, 2008. True and correct copies of those supplemental  
2 responses are attached hereto as Exhibits “Q” and “R.” Since that time, Facebook’s  
3 counsel never raised a single complaint about the Holtzbrinck defendants’  
4 responses to Facebook’s interrogatories (until it filed its motion to compel on  
5 January 27, 2009).

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7 28. Second, after some back and forth, Ms. Hurst also tentatively agreed to  
8 withdraw Facebook’s document demands served on the Holtzbrinck defendants -- the  
9 words she used were “let’s put a pin in it” -- in return for the Holtzbrinck defendants’  
10 agreement to produce the following two categories of documents: (a) any portions of  
11 the agreement by which they purchased StudiVZ, and any due diligence documents  
12 associated with that acquisition, that made any explicit or implicit mention of  
13 Facebook, and (b) any StudiVZ board meeting minutes that contained any implicit or  
14 explicit reference to Facebook. I said that I would recommend to my clients that they  
15 produce those two categories of documents. I drafted a letter memorializing this  
16 agreement and sent it to Ms. Hurst on December 4, 2008. A true and correct copy of  
17 that letter is attached hereto as Exhibit “S.” That letter states that, at that time, I was  
18 still waiting for confirmation from the client as to category (b). However, I later  
19 learned that there were no documents in category (b), so the issue became moot. The  
20 Holtzbrinck defendants have since produced the category (a) documents, and I have  
21 informed Facebook’s counsel that there are no documents in category (b). Since this  
22 agreement was reached on November 26, 2008, and since my letter dated December  
23 4, 2008, Facebook never raised any complaint about the Holtzbrinck defendants’  
24 document production (again, until they filed the motion to compel on January 27,  
25 2009).

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27 29. Third, Ms. Hurst and I were also able to resolve our disagreements  
28 about many of the document demands and interrogatories served on StudiVZ.

1 Those agreements are reflected in my letter dated December 4, 2008 and in  
2 StudiVZ's supplemental interrogatory responses, which were served on December  
3 24, 2008, and in StudiVZ's supplemental document responses, which were served  
4 on January 9, 2009. True and correct copies of those supplemental responses are  
5 attached hereto as Exhibits "T" and "U."

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7 30. Thus, as of December 4, 2008, all discovery issues with respect to the  
8 two Holtzbrinck defendants (interrogatories and document demands) and most of  
9 the discovery issues with respect to StudiVZ had been resolved by agreement  
10 among counsel.

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12 31. During this same November-early December time period, the parties  
13 also resolved many other pending discovery issues. First, Facebook insisted that  
14 defendants serve initial disclosures despite the pendency of the motions to dismiss,  
15 which defendants did on December 2, 2008. I have not heard any further word  
16 from Facebook about that issue. Second, Facebook had served Rule 30(b)(6)  
17 deposition notices, but Mr. Hurst later informed me, at the Case Management  
18 Conference on November 7, 2008 (later confirmed in emails between us) that  
19 Facebook had withdrawn those notices. Ms. Hurst said that she intended to re-draft  
20 the topics in those notices and re-serve them, but neither she nor anyone else ever  
21 did. Third, in early December 2008, Ms. Hurst and I agreed to schedule the  
22 depositions of Martin Weber and Michael Brehm to occur at Facebook's counsel's  
23 office in Frankfurt, Germany on January 12 and 13, 2009. Fourth, Ms. Hurst told  
24 me that she also wanted to depose Ehasan Dariani and Dennis Bemmann, two of  
25 StudiVZ's founders, who were no longer affiliated with StudiVZ and therefore not  
26 within the Defendants' control to produce for deposition. Ms. Hurst stated that she  
27 intended to seek to compel their appearance at deposition in Germany through the  
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1 Hague Evidence Convention and asked Defendants to agree not to object. I agreed  
2 that Defendants would not object.

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4 32. For the above reasons, when the parties appeared at the hearing of  
5 Defendants' Motion for Protective Order on December 16, 2008, much of the  
6 impetus for that motion had been resolved by agreement. Ms. Hurst and I  
7 represented truthfully to the Court at the hearing on December 16, 2008 that we had  
8 "largely been able to work out every issue" and that "very few" issues remained.  
9 (*See* Exhibit 14 to Avalos Decl. in Support of Motion to Compel, pp. 5-13 of 28  
10 [Reporter's Transcript ("RT"), pp. 4-12]) (Docket No. 90-15).

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12 33. As Ms. Hurst accurately told the Court on December 16, 2008, the  
13 "very few issues" that remained related to issues of "burden versus relevance" and  
14 whether the discovery was for "personal jurisdiction or merits purposes." (*Id.* at pp.  
15 5-6 of 28 [RT, pp. 4-5]).

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17 **E. Mr. Avalos Has Misrepresented the Content of My Statements**  
18 **Made During the November 26, 2008 Meet and Confer.**

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20 34. Throughout Facebook's Motion to Compel and Motion for Sanctions,  
21 and then again in the declarations of Julio Avalos in support of those motions,  
22 Facebook and Mr. Avalos misrepresent what I said on November 26, 2008 (and  
23 later on January 6, 2009, which is addressed below).

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25 35. I never said that Defendants would simply "stipulate" to the "fact that  
26 it had indeed accessed Facebook and 'done what Facebook claims it did.'"  
27 (Facebook Mot. for Sanctions at 5:6-6:2) (Docket No. 86). The discussions about  
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1 “access” on November 26, 2008 was itself more than one hour of the total two hour  
2 long meet and confer conversation. In summary, the following is what I said:

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4 a. Some of Facebook’s discovery requests sought information or  
5 documents about “YOUR” “access” of Facebook’s website. “YOUR” was defined  
6 to include all employees of StudiVZ and all of StudiVZ’s lawyers (and many other  
7 categories of people who might have any relationship to StudiVZ). The definition  
8 did not limit “YOU” to those people who were acting within the course and scope  
9 of their relationship with StudiVZ. I made that point to Facebook’s counsel.

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11 b. “Access” was not defined at all. The interrogatories and  
12 documents demands that related to “access” made no distinction between personal  
13 access or access that might be related to StudiVZ’s business. They also made no  
14 distinction between access by simply looking at Facebook’s home page (which  
15 anyone may access by typing in www.facebook.com into a web browser) versus  
16 access by creating a user account that would allow the user to access pages that are  
17 restricted to only users with an account. I made the point that Facebook’s discovery  
18 requests did not distinguish between one type of access and another and, on their  
19 face, sought discovery into any access by anyone that had a connection to StudiVZ  
20 for any and all purposes whatsoever. I made the point that it would include access  
21 by me, Stephen Smith, simply typing in www.facebook.com to see what the  
22 Facebook website looked like to compare it to what the StudiVZ website looked like  
23 the day I was first retained. I said that “as drafted” the requests sought any form of  
24 access whatsoever, which was grossly overbroad because not all forms of access are  
25 wrongful even under Facebook’s theory in the case. I said that I “assumed” or was  
26 “virtually certain” that someone falling within the overbroad definition of “YOU”  
27 must have “accessed” Facebook’s website simply because (1) the definition of  
28 “YOU” included a huge number of people, any one of whom may have a personal

1 Facebook account or had otherwise looked at www.facebook.com, (2) I had looked  
2 at Facebook's website in connection with the case, and/or (3) presumably someone  
3 at StudiVZ would have looked at Facebook's website when they received  
4 Facebook's demand letter or the Complaint (which arguably would have been within  
5 the course and scope of their employment for StudiVZ), simply to understand what  
6 Facebook was alleging against StudiVZ. I gave a whole series of different examples  
7 and recall for example thinking (although I cannot remember whether I gave this  
8 example out loud) that the Court would likely "access" Facebook's website when it  
9 looks at the exhibits that are attached to the Complaint or a motion.

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11 c. I then said that, if Facebook intended to litigate this case on  
12 those types of broadly defined access, there would be no need to do so because it  
13 would be virtually without dispute that some form of "access" falling within such  
14 an all-encompassing definition had occurred. It would be incredible to believe no  
15 such broadly defined access had ever occurred.

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17 d. But I then distinguished that type of access from the allegations  
18 in Facebook's complaint and I argued that the requests were overbroad and should  
19 be narrowed to focus on what was truly at issue in the case and specifically  
20 narrowed to focus on how any such access might establish personal jurisdiction  
21 over StudiVZ or not.

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23 e. I never said that I would stipulate to the wrongful acts that  
24 Facebook has alleged in its complaint. I never said that defendants would stipulate  
25 to "copying" material from Facebook's website. Mr. Avalos is essentially stating  
26 that I offered to "stipulate" to a judgment in his client's favor in the case. Why  
27 would I ever say something like that? Facebook's wrongful attribution to me of  
28 such statements makes no sense.

1           f. At the end of this long discussion of the issue, I told Ms. Hurst  
2 and Mr. Avalos that “access” had to be narrowed to seek only information and  
3 documents that were related to some form of allegedly wrongful access and that  
4 would have some tendency to prove or disprove personal jurisdiction or Facebook’s  
5 theory about alleged intentional acts aimed at, and that purportedly caused  
6 Facebook harm in, California. If those conditions could be met, I would  
7 recommend to my client that the information and documents, as narrowed, be  
8 produced. Ms. Hurst was not then willing to agree to such a limitation. Thus, at  
9 the conclusion of this discussion, Ms. Hurst and I both agreed that we both needed  
10 to think about how to deal with this issue further. No agreement was reached.

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12           g. I never said that Facebook would receive information or  
13 documents related to this “access” issue absent an agreement between counsel as to  
14 the scope of this issue. To the contrary, I repeated over and over again that I did  
15 not think it would be fair for me to make a proposal and then produce facts and  
16 documents within that proposal, only to have Facebook move to compel anyway. I  
17 wanted to reach an agreement. Until we did, this issue remained unresolved. And  
18 this was one of the “very few issues” that remained unresolved as of the hearing on  
19 December 16, 2008. Also, contrary to Facebook’s assertion, I also never admitted  
20 to being in possession of documents relating to StudiVZ’s alleged use of Facebook’s  
21 intellectual property in the development, implementation and maintenance of  
22 StudiVZ’s websites.

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24           h. If I had agreed to produce “access” facts and documents, then it  
25 would have been mentioned in my December 4, 2008 letter, which was written to  
26 memorialize those issues on which counsel had agreed. There is no mention of any  
27 agreement as to that issue in that letter. Facebook’s counsel never wrote back to say  
28 that I had left some agreement about the access issue out of my letter. Facebook’s

1 counsel did send me at least two different emails about what she claimed had been  
2 agreed during the November 26, 2008 and December 2 and 3, 2008 meet and  
3 confers, true and correct copies of which are attached as Exhibit "V." In neither  
4 communication did she mention anything about the access issue. The issue  
5 remained unresolved.

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7 36. Mr. Avalos raises another false implication in his declaration. He  
8 notes that Defendants "ultimately produce[d] an organizational chart" for StudiVZ  
9 as Ms. Hurst had requested, but then adds: "but the chart does not state which  
10 employees were responsible for the initial creation, development and  
11 implementation of the StudiVZ websites." (Avalos Decl., ¶ 23) (Docket No. 90).  
12 Yet, a careful reading of the remainder of that paragraph reflects that Ms. Hurst  
13 never even asked for a chart that identifies the employees who were responsible for  
14 the initial creation, development and implementation of StudiVZ's websites.  
15 Rather, on November 26, 2008, Ms. Hurst asked only for an organizational chart of  
16 the company. It was not phrased as a chart from any past time. Rather, Ms. Hurst  
17 asked for a chart showing the current top level executive in each operational  
18 division of the company. She specifically said that I did not need to include lower  
19 level employees. On December 2, 2008, I gave Ms. Hurst those names by  
20 telephone. Ms. Hurst then requested the names again in a December 4, 2008 e-  
21 mail, asking "Can you send me a document with the names and titles we discussed  
22 yesterday so I can figure out what we need to do here and call you back?" (Exhibit  
23 V). I responded that same day by re-identifying the people that he had identified  
24 "yesterday." My email ended: "Customer service, CFO, Legal and HR I understand  
25 you do not care about, but tell me if I am wrong." (Id.). That same day, I wrote a  
26 letter to Ms. Hurst confirming that StudiVZ would produce "an organizational chart  
27 showing the heads of the various departments of the company." (Exhibit S).  
28 StudiVZ did produce two such charts -- one showing the two-level executives of

1 each operational group as of July 18, 2008, the date the lawsuit was filed, and as of  
2 January 1, 2009, when some structural changes were being made. Ms. Hurst never  
3 requested an organization chart showing the people who were responsible for the  
4 design, programming and maintenance of StudiVZ as of the date StudiVZ was  
5 formed. Prior to receiving Facebook's motion to compel, neither Ms. Hurst nor any  
6 other Facebook lawyer had ever raised a single complaint about the charts that were  
7 produced.

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9 37. Facebook argues in its motion to compel that the only objection raised  
10 by me and William Walker during the November 26, 2008 meet and confer  
11 regarding Request for Production No. 25 was about cost. In support, Facebook  
12 cites to paragraph 25 of Mr. Avalos' declaration. Although cost was a big issue and  
13 was discussed, the whole point of why it was so costly was because of the grossly  
14 overbroad nature of the request (I made this same point during later meet and  
15 confers that took place on December 3, 2008 and January 6, 2009). The request  
16 seeks all documents related to Facebook. I made the point that all parties were well  
17 aware that Facebook had twice tried to purchase StudiVZ. Therefore, this request  
18 would require the production of those documents, which were entirely irrelevant. I  
19 also made the point the parties were competitors. So anytime anyone at StudiVZ  
20 mentioned Facebook as its competitor in Germany, the document, which would be  
21 totally irrelevant, would be responsive. I also informed Mr. Hurst that we had  
22 preserved 11.9 terabytes of electronic data and that to search through all of that data  
23 would be extremely expensive. I cannot remember if I gave her the exact figure we  
24 had obtained from an outside vendor to search for 20-30 search terms, which was  
25 \$1.65 million. But I know that I told Tom Gray that figure during the January 6,  
26 2009 call discussed below. The \$1.65 million estimate also not include any  
27 attorney time or translation expenses, which will be very high given that StudiVZ  
28 operates almost entirely in German. (Previously, on October 21, 2008, Facebook



1 sent me a list of 189 proposed search terms in connection with its discovery  
2 requests.)

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4 38. During the November 26, 2008 meet and confer, we also discussed  
5 Request No. 23, which seeks all of StudiVZ's computer code. I pointed out that  
6 this request was overbroad and not tied to anything in the case or to time.  
7 Facebook's counsel has never agreed or offered to limit this Request.

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9 **F. Ms. Hurst Left the Case and Was Replaced by To Gray Who**  
10 **Participated in Meet and Confers *Without My Participation on***  
11 **December 23 and 30.**

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13 39. Ms. Hurst informed me that she would no longer be working on this  
14 case on December 17, 2008. She also informed me that Tom Gray would be taking  
15 over the lead counsel role for Facebook on the case. Prior to Ms. Hurst, Mr. Parker  
16 was lead counsel for Facebook on the case, and before him it was Neel Chatterjee.

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18 40. I went on vacation for the holidays on December 20, 2008.

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20 41. On December 19, 2008, Mr. Gray asked for a meet and confer to take  
21 place on December 22, 2008. I was available to participate telephonically that day,  
22 and agreed to do so despite the fact that I was on vacation. I set up a Roll Call  
23 conference call-in number so that I could easily participate from my parent's home  
24 where I was going to be vacationing. On December 20, 2008, Mr. Gray sent me an  
25 email saying that he had "goofed" and asked that the meet and confer be moved to  
26 December 23, 2008. I was not available on that day because I already had personal  
27 plans with my family scheduled for that day. However, my partner William  
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1 Walker, was available on December 23, 2008. The discussion of what occurred  
2 during that meet and confer is set forth in Mr. Walker's declaration.

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4 42. An additional meet and confer occurred on December 30, 2008, when I  
5 was still on vacation. Again, Mr. Walker participated in my stead. That meet and  
6 confer is also addressed in Mr. Walker's declaration.

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8 43. As is explained in more detail in Mr. Walker's declaration, as of the  
9 end of 2008, Facebook was still not raising any issue whatsoever with respect to  
10 either the Holtzbrinck defendants supplemental interrogatories or the document  
11 demands served on the Holtzbrinck defendants, which Ms. Hurst had previously  
12 withdrawn back on November 26, 2008.

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14 **G. The January 6, 2009 Meet and Confer**

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16 44. I returned from vacation on January 5, 2009. Mr. Gray and I were  
17 scheduled to have another meet and confer on January 6, 2009. In anticipation of  
18 that meet and confer, Mr. Gray had sent me a lengthy email on December 31, 2008,  
19 listing the issues he wanted to discuss. I responded to that email with a lengthy  
20 email of my own on Monday, January 5, 2009, my first day back in the office. A  
21 true and correct copy of Mr. Gray's email to me and my response to him is attached  
22 hereto as Exhibit "W."

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24 45. William Walker and I (on behalf of StudiVZ) and Tom Gray and Julio  
25 Avalos (on behalf of Facebook) all participated in another two hour long meet and  
26 confer on January 6, 2009. There were two main areas of disagreement discussed  
27 during that meet and confer. The first related to the "access" issue discussed in  
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1 detail above. The second related to Facebook's request for all documents  
2 concerning the "design, development and implementation" of the StudiVZ websites.

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4 46. The substance of the "access" issue tracked what had been discussed on  
5 November 26, 2008. The position I espoused was identical to what I had said on  
6 November 26, 2008, except that I had thought about the issue more and made a  
7 proposal of how to define "access" narrowly enough to allow discovery into the  
8 issue. Just as I had on November 26, 2008, I went through example after example of  
9 "access" that could not be considered wrongful under any possible theory. Again, I  
10 did this for the purpose of illustrating that "access" as broadly defined by Facebook  
11 was too broad. But then, I proposed a compromise -- that "access" should be limited  
12 to what Facebook was claiming was wrongful, i.e., any access that resulted in  
13 "copying" of Facebook intellectual property. Again, I did not say that the  
14 defendants had done what Facebook had alleged or had engaged in any such  
15 copying. I did not even say that documents related to copying existed. I simply said  
16 that if the parties could define access narrowly enough to include only those  
17 wrongful acts that Facebook alleged occurred (i.e., copying), then I would  
18 recommend to Defendants that they agree to produce such documents, if any existed.  
19 Mr. Gray rejected that proffered compromise.

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21 47. Contrary to what Mr. Avalos has declared at paragraph 36 of his  
22 declaration, I never "agreed in principle" that documents about access were relevant  
23 to the *Calder v. Jones* effects test. Rather, I said only that I understood Facebook's  
24 position and was willing to consider producing a limited subset of "access"  
25 documents (to the extent any existed) if counsel could reach an agreement as to  
26 scope so as to avoid discovery motion practice.

1           48. I also never said that my goal was to get any of the Defendants  
2 dismissed “without having to give up discovery.” (Avalos Decl. ¶ 35). Such a  
3 statement would not even make sense given that each defendant had already “given  
4 up” a lot of discovery and were discussing “giving up” more. What Mr. Avalos is  
5 misremembering is my statement that *forum non conveniens* could be decided  
6 without the need for any more discovery because none of the ongoing meet and  
7 confer even related to *forum non conveniens* issues. This had to do with Facebook’s  
8 request that defendants continue the hearing of the motions to dismiss. I said that I  
9 did not want to continue the hearing of the *forum non conveniens* portion of  
10 StudiVZ’s motion to dismiss because it could be decided, and StudiVZ could be  
11 dismissed, without the need for any further discovery on that issue.

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13           49. The discussion concerning all documents related to the “design,  
14 development and implementation” of the StudiVZ websites was shorter. I took the  
15 position that this remained way too broad of a category and was, in fact, broader  
16 than any written request as originally drafted. I made the point that this would  
17 include virtually every document related to StudiVZ’s business and that I would,  
18 therefore, not agree to it.

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20           50. There was also a brief discussion about computer source code. I agreed  
21 to provide a supplemental response to document demand No. 27, which asked for  
22 any code that was used to extract data from Facebook’s websites (so-called “spider”  
23 programs), but I refused to produce any other code on the ground that it did not  
24 relate in any way to personal jurisdiction of forum issues.

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26           51. Again, at no time during this January 6, 2009 meet and confer did  
27 Messrs. Gray or Avalos ever raise any complaint with respect to the Holtzbrinck  
28 defendants’ document production or supplemental interrogatory responses.

1           52. Finally, the discussions about the depositions of Mr. Weber and Mr.  
2 Brehm are set forth in excruciating detail in my declaration filed in support of  
3 Defendants' Motion for Sanctions based on Facebook's wrongful and last-minute  
4 cancellation of those depositions.

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6           53. As of January 9, 2009, I thought the issue of adhesion contracts had  
7 been resolved because it was not even mentioned in Facebook's last meet and  
8 confer letter dated January 9, 2009.

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10           54. On November 16, 2006, Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and CEO of  
11 Facebook, gave a video interview, a true and correct copy of which can be found at  
12 <http://en.sevenload.com/videos/9cMXu4Y-zuck> and can be made available on CD  
13 upon request. At approximately 2:40 into the interview, the interviewer asked Mr.  
14 Zuckerberg about other social networking websites, including specifically  
15 defendant "studiVZ," that some have called "copycats" of Facebook's website. In  
16 response, Mr. Zuckerberg does not use or adopt the word "copycat" but instead  
17 says, "I think that they're different designs and slightly different products."

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19           55. Defendants hired KPMG to assist them in this case in matters related to  
20 electronic discovery and its preservation. Helmut Brechtken, the Manager of the  
21 Advisory -- Forensic Department of KPMG in Cologne, Germany, has been in  
22 charge of those efforts on behalf of KPMG. Attached hereto as Exhibit "X" is a true  
23 and correct copy of a November 6, 2008 letter from Mr. Brechtken to Dr. Anka  
24 Reich, a copy of which was also sent to me. Among other things, in the letter,  
25 KPMG provides an estimate of what it would cost to perform, among other things,  
26 various tasks with respect to the electronic materials preserved by KPMG, including  
27 running searches.

56. Attached hereto as Exhibit “Y” is a true and correct copy of an English translation of Mr. Brechtken’s November 6, 2008 letter to Dr. Reich along with the certification.

/s Stephen S. Smith