

The Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction and Forum Non Conveniens on Behalf of Holtzbrinck Networks GmbH and Holtzbrinck Ventures GmbH ("Motion") was heard at 9:00 a.m. on February 13, 2009 in Courtroom 3 of the above-entitled Court, the Honorable Jeremy Fogel, United States District Judge, presiding.

Having considered the files in this case, and the papers and arguments of the parties and the parties' counsel, it is ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED in its entirety. This forum cannot exercise personal jurisdiction over Holtzbrinck Networks GmbH and Holtzbrinck Ventures GmbH (collectively "Holtzbrinck Entities"), which are German limited liability companies with their operations in Germany and that do not have the requisite minimum contacts with California.

14 In addition, and alternatively, California is an inconvenient forum for this 15 case, and Germany is a much better, and an adequate, alternative forum. A lawsuit 16 is already proceeding in Germany that covers essentially the same issues and claims 17 that are involved here. The events that gave rise to this litigation took place in 18 Germany, not California, and plaintiff Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook") alleges the harm to its reputation took place in Germany and other parts of Europe, not 19 20 California. There is thus no local interest in having this matter resolved in California. Given such a lack of nexus between the Holtzbrinck Entities on the one hand and California on the other, the lack of nexus between Facebook's claims and 22 23 California, the crowded federal dockets, the problems presented by German-24 speaking witnesses and German documents, the complex choice of law issues, and 25 26 /// 27 28 ///

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[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING HOLTZBRINCK COS.' MOTION TO DISMISS

