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 19 NETWORKS GmbH,  
 20 HOLTZBRINCK VENTURES  
 21 GmbH, and DOES 1-25,  
 22 Defendants.

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 INC.'S MOTION TO COMPEL**

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1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2  
3 **I. INTRODUCTION**

4 Facebook’s attempt to paint a picture of dilatory, uncooperative defendants,  
5 who seek to prevent discovery related to personal jurisdiction, utterly fails.

6 StudiVZ answered the large majority of Facebook’s interrogatories and  
7 document requests. The Holtzbrinck defendants answered every interrogatory that  
8 Facebook demanded they answer and produced every document that Facebook  
9 demanded they produce, either as framed in the discovery requests or as modified  
10 during meet and confer.<sup>1</sup> Defendants’ compliance with Facebook’s demands led  
11 Facebook’s counsel to tell the Court on December 16, 2008 that the parties have  
12 “largely been able to work out every issue,” and that “very few issues” remained.  
13 (Exhibit A to Avalos Decl. at pp. 5-6 of 28 [Reporter’s Transcript at 4:23-5:4])  
14 (Docket No. 78-2). The motion to compel concerns only those “very few issues.”

15 The reason for the continuing dispute over the remaining “very few issues” is  
16 obvious from even a cursory reading of the discovery requests at issue:

17 RFP No. 16 -- “ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO the services provided  
18 by [all StudiVZ websites] to USERS OF STUDIVZ, including how they are  
19 provided.”

20 RFP No. 23 -- “ALL versions of COMPUTER CODE YOU wrote,  
21 programmed OR helped develop that RELATES TO [all StudiVZ websites].”

22 RFP No. 25 -- “ALL COMMUNICATIONS that RELATE TO FACEBOOK,  
23 its website, OR the servers it uses, used, accesses OR accessed.”

24 Interrogatory Nos. 10 and RFP Nos. 14, 28 and 29 -- Seek all documents and  
25 facts related to every instance when any person affiliated with StudiVZ ever  
26 accessed Facebook’s website in any manner for any reason.

27 Interrogatory 15 -- “IDENTIFY ALL PERSONS responsible in any manner  
28 for the design, programming and maintenance of the www.studivz.net  
website, including without limitation the PERSON, job descriptions,  
authorities, dates in these positions, duties and responsibilities.”

Interrogatory Nos. 1, 2 and 9 and RFP Nos. 1 and 13 -- Seek all adhesion  
contracts that StudiVZ ever had with a California addressee.

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<sup>1</sup> This opposition makes arguments that apply to all defendants. The Holtzbrinck  
defendants are filing a separate opposition that makes arguments that apply only to them.



1           These requests are an obvious “fishing expedition,” designed to catch anything  
2 Facebook might have missed in the requests defendants already answered. “Instead  
3 of using rod and reel, or even a reasonably sized net, [Facebook] would drain the  
4 pond and collect the fish from the bottom,” and would do so “without even knowing  
5 whether there were any fish in the pond.” Amcast Indus. Corp. v. Detrex Corp., 138  
6 F.R.D. 115, 121 (N.D. Ind. 1991) (quoting In re IBM Peripheral EDP Devices  
7 Antitrust Litig., 77 F.R.D. 39, 41-42 (N.D. Cal. 1977)); Claude P. Bamberger Int’l v.  
8 Rohm & Haas Co., 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 11141 at \*4-\*6 (D. N.J. Mar. 31, 1998).

9           This discovery is supposed to relate to jurisdiction. That is the word on the  
10 caption page of the discovery; that is what Facebook argues. But the discovery  
11 obviously does not relate to jurisdiction, except in the sense that it is so wide-  
12 ranging that any documents that might possibly relate to jurisdiction necessarily  
13 would be caught up in the net. Rather, these requests literally seek from each  
14 defendant every document that defendant possesses -- all hard copy documents and  
15 all electronically created or stored documents for the whole company.

16           The fact that a request is so broad that it necessarily would uncover pertinent  
17 evidence, if such evidence exists, is not a valid justification for the request. Most  
18 obviously, it places a burden on the responding party that is grossly out of proportion  
19 to the likelihood that something relevant might be discovered. That constitutes an  
20 abuse of the discovery process and is, simply, not fair to the responding party.

21           These normal discovery rules become all the more important when the  
22 discovery arises from a challenge to jurisdiction, the entire premise of which is that  
23 the defendant should not be forced to litigate in the forum at all. Thus, courts asked  
24 to deal with personal jurisdiction discovery are much more stringent about the scope  
25 of such discovery. Most courts will not allow any discovery unless the plaintiff first  
26 proves a *prima facie* case that personal jurisdiction exists. Those few courts that do  
27 allow such discovery to go forward place strict limits on its scope, requiring that it be  
28 targeted specifically to personal jurisdiction issues that are in dispute.

1 Facebook ignores these well-established limitations and jumps right to the  
2 conclusion that its overbroad requests are proper because they are overbroad.  
3 Because they are so broad, by definition, they would capture anything relevant that  
4 might exist. Facebook does not care that defendants are burdened with searching  
5 for and producing everything just so that Facebook might discover some narrow set  
6 of relevant information, if it even exists. That is exactly what the law prohibits.

7 Facebook also seeks to justify its requests by creating a classic red herring.  
8 Facebook argues that it is entitled to wide-ranging discovery into the “merits” of the  
9 case because those merits overlap with personal jurisdiction under the so-called  
10 “effects test” of Calder v. Jones, 465 U.S. 783 (1984). But immediately after  
11 invoking that test, Facebook ignores it. Even a summary reading of the requests  
12 demonstrates that they do not focus on any of the three required elements of the  
13 Calder effects test. And when defense counsel asked Facebook to modify the  
14 requests to focus on those elements, Facebook refused to do so.

15 Accordingly, the motion should be denied.

16  
17 **II. BACKGROUND FACTS**

18 **A. Facebook Blatantly Misrepresents Defendants’ Discovery Conduct.**

19 Facebook makes two blatant misrepresentations to the Court. First,  
20 Facebook claims that “defendants” (plural) have refused to produce what Facebook  
21 asked for in discovery, when it is without dispute that the Holtzbrinck defendants  
22 fully complied with the requests as originally propounded or as Facebook modified  
23 them during meet and confer. Second, Facebook argues that defendants have only  
24 produced a “minimal” amount of responsive facts or documents, when in fact the  
25 Holtzbrinck defendants have given Facebook everything it asked for and StudiVZ  
26 has given Facebook the vast majority of what it asked for.

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1                   **1. The Holtzbrinck Defendants Answered The Discovery.**

2                   Facebook falsely claims that there is an open dispute about the Holtzbrinck  
3 defendants' responses to Facebook's discovery. (Motion at 1:9) (Docket No. 91).  
4 Although the falsity of this claim is discussed in more detail in the Holtzbrinck  
5 defendants' separate opposition, a brief word must be included here.

6                   Since November 26, 2008, there has not been any disagreement between the  
7 parties concerning the Holtzbrinck defendants' discovery responses. During the  
8 meet and confer on that date, all issues were resolved. Facebook withdrew the  
9 document demands in return for the Holtzbrinck defendants' agreement to produce  
10 a limited set of documents, which have since been produced or which do not exist.  
11 Facebook asked for supplemental responses to interrogatories, narrowed in scope  
12 during meet and confer, which supplemental responses were served on December  
13 24, 2008. Before filing the motion to compel, Facebook raised no issues about the  
14 Holtzbrinck defendants' compliance with these agreements.

15                   This point is confirmed by the District Court's January 28, 2009 Order.  
16 Facebook moved to enlarge time on all defendants' motions to dismiss. Facebook  
17 argued that it needed more time to obtain jurisdiction-related discovery. Facebook  
18 did not show (or argue) that there were any pending discovery disputes regarding  
19 the Holtzbrinck defendants. In the Holtzbrinck defendants' opposition to that  
20 motion, they pointed out that there were no discovery disputes. In its Order, the  
21 Court noted that although there may be a legitimate discovery dispute regarding  
22 StudiVZ, there was no showing of any such dispute with respect to the Holtzbrinck  
23 defendants. For that reason, the District Court concluded:

24                   “Facebook has failed to demonstrate any reason to continue the February  
25                   13, 2009 hearing as to either defendant with respect to *forum non*  
26                   *conveniens*, or as to Holzbrinck with respect to personal jurisdiction.”

27 (Order at 2:15-17) (Docket No. 92). The Court ruled that Facebook was “permitted  
28 to file a supplemental opposition with respect to whether this Court has personal

1 jurisdiction over StudiVZ.” (Id. at 2:20-22) (Docket No. 92) (emphasis added). The  
2 Court did not grant Facebook’s request for a supplemental opposition to the  
3 Holtzbrinck defendants’ motion to dismiss.

4 There is no dispute regarding the Holtzbrinck defendants.<sup>2</sup>

5 **2. StudiVZ Answered the Large Majority of Facebook’s**  
6 **Discovery Requests.**

7 Facebook also claims that defendants have produced only a “minimal” amount  
8 of information concerning their contacts with California. That is not only false as to  
9 the Holtzbrinck defendants, it is also false as to StudiVZ. Facebook served 30  
10 document demands and 23 interrogatories. StudiVZ answered 22 of the document  
11 demands (73%) and 18 of the interrogatories (78%) to Facebook’s satisfaction.<sup>3</sup>

12 **3. Facebook’s Counsel Told *This Court* That The Parties Had**  
13 **“Largely Been Able to Work Out Every Issue.”**

14 This Court was a party to the discussion about the state of discovery in this  
15 case on December 16, 2008, during the hearing on defendants’ motion for  
16 protective order. That motion had been filed on October 31, 2008. Thereafter, the  
17 parties met and conferred many times. By December 16, 2008, all issues with  
18 respect to the Holtzbrinck defendants and the large majority of issues with respect  
19 to StudiVZ were resolved. As Facebook’s own counsel represented to the Court:

20 “We have largely been able to work out every issue, and there remain,  
21 I believe, Your Honor, very few issues that would come back before  
22 this court . . . .”

23 (Exhibit A to Avalos Decl. at pp. 5-6 of 28 [Reporter’s Transcript at 4:23-5:4])  
24 (Docket No. 78-2) (emphasis added).

25 <sup>2</sup> Facebook’s motion focuses entirely on StudiVZ, not the Holtzbrinck defendants. Although  
26 Facebook continually uses the term “defendants,” whenever any alleged fact is mentioned (pure  
conjecture that it is), it is always a fact about StudiVZ, not the Holtzbrinck defendants.

27 <sup>3</sup> Facebook supposedly moves to compel further responses to nine document demands. But  
28 one, RFP 27, was answered in full, “no documents.” Plus, there is no argument about RFP 27 in  
Facebook’s motion. Accordingly, StudiVZ assumes that its inclusion was a mistake.

1                   4.     **Facebook Has Been Given Other Information Related to**  
2                                   **Jurisdiction and Gave Up the Chance to Obtain More.**

3             Facebook was given sworn declarations from the two people affiliated with  
4 defendants who are most knowledgeable about personal jurisdiction. Those  
5 declarations, submitted in support of the pending motions to dismiss, contain the  
6 facts showing that personal jurisdiction does not exist. The declarants were made  
7 available for deposition. Facebook noticed the depositions, only to cancel them  
8 after defense counsel had already traveled to Germany to defend them.<sup>4</sup>

9             Facebook also noticed Rule 30(b)(6) depositions for each defendant on the  
10 issues it claimed were relevant to personal jurisdiction, but then withdrew those  
11 notices voluntarily. It did so for the stated purpose of serving new Rule 30(b)(6)  
12 notices that were to be more narrowly targeted to issues that related to personal  
13 jurisdiction. However, Facebook never served any such notices.

14             In sum, the entire premise underlying Facebook’s motion to compel is false.  
15 The parties were “largely able to work out every issue,” and “very few” issues  
16 remain. As explained immediately below, these few issues remain only because the  
17 remaining requests are horribly overbroad and *not* targeted to personal jurisdiction.

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19     **III.    ARGUMENT**

20             **A.    Facebook Has Failed to Make a Sufficient Showing to Permit Any**  
21                                   **Additional Discovery.**

22             Most courts require a plaintiff to make either a “*prima facie*” or “colorable”  
23 showing of evidence establishing the existence of personal jurisdiction before being  
24 allowed to take jurisdictional discovery. Central States, Southeast & Southwest  
25 Areas Pension Fund v. Reimer Express World Corp., 230 F.3d 934, 946 (7th Cir.  
26 2000) (“Foreign nationals should not be subjected to extensive discovery in order to

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28             <sup>4</sup> The facts related to this cancellation are explained in much more detail in defendants’  
motion for sanctions, which is scheduled to be heard the same day as this motion to compel.

1 determine whether personal jurisdiction over them exists.”); Jazini v. Nissan Motor  
2 Co., 148 F.3d 181, 185-86 (2d Cir. 1998) (denying discovery where the plaintiff  
3 “did not establish a prima facie case that the district court had jurisdiction”);  
4 Carefirst of Maryland, Inc. v. Carefirst Pregnancy Ctrs., Inc., 334 F.3d 390, 402-03  
5 (4th Cir. 2003); Mitan v. Feeney, 497 F.Supp.2d 1113, 1118 (C.D. Cal. 2007) (“In  
6 order to obtain discovery on jurisdictional facts, the plaintiff must at least make a  
7 ‘colorable’ showing that the Court can exercise personal jurisdiction over the  
8 defendant.”); Protrade Sports, Inc. v. Nextrade Holdings, Inc., 2006 U.S. Dist.  
9 LEXIS 6631, Case No. C05-04039 MJJ at \*9 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 2, 2006) (a plaintiff is  
10 not entitled to early discovery concerning personal jurisdiction unless it first makes a  
11 “colorable” showing of personal jurisdiction); eMag Solutions, LLC v. Toda Kogyo  
12 Corp., 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 94462, Case No. C02-1611 PJH at \*10 (N.D. Cal.  
13 Dec. 21, 2006) (granting plaintiffs’ request for jurisdictional discovery only because  
14 plaintiffs had “provided some evidence” of the defendant’s California contacts).<sup>5</sup>

15 Facebook has presented no competent evidence of a *prima facie* or colorable  
16 case of personal jurisdiction. Facebook has presented bare allegations, conjecture,  
17 and hearsay that is, at best, unsubstantiated speculation. Facebook’s sole “evidence”  
18 is in the form of declarations from its lawyers and hearsay exhibits. On this  
19 incompetent record, Facebook wildly speculates that the two German founders of  
20 StudiVZ copied Facebook’s website *before* returning to Germany to form StudiVZ.  
21 In other words, even assuming something wrongful occurred from within the United  
22 States, Facebook admits that they were *not* the acts of StudiVZ, which had not even  
23 been formed yet. Such flimsy, unsubstantiated evidence is not a *prima facie* or

24 <sup>5</sup> Admittedly, there is contrary authority, which holds that a *prima facie* or colorable case of  
25 personal jurisdiction need not be established to take jurisdictional discovery. See, e.g., Orchid  
26 Biosciences, Inc. v. St. Louis Univ., 198 F.R.D. 670, 672-673 (S.D. Cal. 2001). But even Orchid  
27 held that such discovery should be “limited” to issues relating only to personal jurisdiction. Id.  
28 Although StudiVZ believes that the majority rule is the better rule, there is no need for the Court to  
resolve this conflict because, under either rule, Facebook’s remaining discovery requests are  
improper. As explained below, Facebook does not present evidence establishing a *prima facie* or  
colorable case of personal jurisdiction. Even if it did, the requests at issue are overwhelmingly *not*  
limited to personal jurisdiction, but are instead improper, blanket “catch all” requests.

1 colorable showing of evidence necessary to establish any right to jurisdictional  
2 discovery. See Carefirst of Maryland, 334 F.3d at 402-03 (jurisdictional discovery  
3 should be denied when plaintiff “offers only speculation or conclusory allegations”).

4 Facebook also ignores the undisputed fact that its founder and CEO, Mark  
5 Zuckerberg, gave an interview two years ago in which he refused to call StudiVZ’s  
6 website a “copycat” of Facebook, instead stating, “I think that they’re different  
7 designs and slightly different products.” [http://en.sevenload.com/videos/9cMXu4Y-](http://en.sevenload.com/videos/9cMXu4Y-zuck)  
8 [zuck](http://en.sevenload.com/videos/9cMXu4Y-zuck) (Smith Decl., ¶ 54) (CD available upon request). This is not hearsay; it is  
9 Facebook’s CEO saying the words out of his own mouth.

10 Facebook’s motion should be denied for this reason alone.

11 **B. Overbroad, Catch-All Requests Are Improper.**

12 It is well-established that “courts need not condone the use of discovery to  
13 engage in ‘fishing expeditions.’” Rivera v. NIBCO, Inc., 364 F.3d 1057, 1072 (9th  
14 Cir. 2004). Courts express this rule in ever more colorful terms as the discovery at  
15 issue broadens in scope: “Instead of using rod and reel, or even a reasonably sized  
16 net, [Facebook] would drain the pond and collect the fish from the bottom.”  
17 Amcast Indus. Corp. v. Detrex Corp., 138 F.R.D. 115, 121 (N.D. Ind. 1991)  
18 (quoting In re IBM Peripheral EDP Devices Antitrust Litig., 77 F.R.D. 39, 41-42  
19 (N.D. Cal. 1977)). And it would do so “without knowing whether there were any  
20 fish in the pond.” Claude P. Bamberger Int’l v. Rohm & Haas Co., 1998 U.S. Dist.  
21 LEXIS 11141, at \*4-\*6 (D. N.J. Mar. 31, 1998).

22 This uncontroversial rule applies with even greater force when the discovery  
23 relates specifically to personal jurisdiction. “And where, as here, the plaintiff simply  
24 wants to conduct a fishing expedition in the hopes of discovering some basis for  
25 jurisdiction, we see no reason to overturn the district court’s exercise of discretion  
26 [denying it].” Base Metal Trading, Ltd. v. OJSC “Novokuznetsky Aluminum  
27 Factory,” 47 Fed.Appx. 73, 77, n.3 (3d Cir. 2002).

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1           Moreover, the overly broad nature of the requests is not simply a relevance  
2 issue. It is also an issue of undue burden and expense.

3           At the outset of the case, StudiVZ hired KPMG to preserve all hard drives  
4 and databases that could possibly store any documents that might relate to this case.  
5 11.9 terabytes of data were preserved. (Smith Decl., ¶ 37). On October 21, 2008,  
6 Facebook sent defendants a list of 189 terms to be searched in connection with its  
7 discovery requests. (Id.). StudiVZ obtained an estimate to search for only 20-30  
8 terms. (Id.). That estimate was \$1.6 million. (Smith Decl., ¶¶ 55-56; Exs. X-Y).  
9 That does not include attorney time or translation costs, which will be very high  
10 given that StudiVZ operates almost entirely in German. (Smith Decl., ¶ 37). By  
11 insisting on these overbroad requests, Facebook seeks to force StudiVZ to incur a  
12 huge expense that is disproportionate to the amount of relevant data that Facebook  
13 argues might exist. For this additional reason, the motion should be denied.

14           **C. The Production of the Requested Documents Would Violate**  
15           **German Privacy Laws.**

16           All of the requested documents are located in Germany. (Brehm Decl. in  
17 Support of Motion to Dismiss, ¶ 18) (Docket No. 47). For that reason, StudiVZ has  
18 objected to the requests under the privacy laws of the German Constitution, the  
19 German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG), the German Telecommunications  
20 Act (TKG), the German Tele Media Act (TMG), the European Community Data  
21 Protection Directive 95/46/EC (95/46/EC), Data Protection Directive for Electronic  
22 Communication 2002/58/EC and the E-Commerce Directive 2000/31/EC  
23 (collectively the “German Privacy Laws”).

24           **1. The German Privacy Laws Are Much Stricter than U.S.**  
25           **Privacy Laws and Prohibit Disclosure of Any Personal Data.**

26           German Privacy Laws apply to any “personal data” that is collected, stored or  
27 processed by an entity with a place of business in Germany. BDSG § 1(5);  
28 95/46/EC, Art. 4. Personal data is defined as any information concerning the



1 personal or material circumstances of an identified or identifiable natural person.  
2 BDSG § 3(1); 95/46/EC, Art. 2. This includes, for example, the name, address,  
3 appearance or profession of the person and his or her relationship to other parties  
4 even if the information is found within business documents. As a general principle  
5 the transfer of personal data is only permissible if either justified by law or with the  
6 consent of the data subject. 95/46/EC, Art. 7. According to the relevant data  
7 protection authority of Berlin there is no statutory justification for transfer of  
8 personal data in pre-trial discovery proceedings. 2007 Annual Report by the  
9 Supervisory Authority for Data Protection of Berlin, p. 187 et seq. A violation of the  
10 data protection laws is subject to an administrative fine of up to €250,000.  
11 Furthermore, all e-mail communication sent from a business e-mail account is  
12 subject to the secrecy of telecommunication if the e-mail account is also used by the  
13 employees or legal representatives for private communication and, therefore, may not  
14 be disclosed. Id.; TKG, § 88; Fetzer in Arndt/Fetzer/Scherer, TKG 1st ed., Berlin  
15 2008, § 3, para. 23; Eckhardt in Spindler/Schuster, Das Recht der elektronischen  
16 Medien, 1st ed., Munich 2008; § 88, para 32, Legislative History BT-Drs. 13/3609,  
17 page 53.; Baslmeier/Weissnicht, K&R 2005, 537, 540; Schimmelpfennig/Wenning,  
18 DB 2006, 2290, 2291; Ellinghaus in Arndt/Fetzer/Scherer, TKG, 1st edition, Berlin  
19 2008, § 88 para 39-40. A violation of the secrecy of telecommunication can be a  
20 criminal misdemeanor under section 206 of the German Criminal Code (StGB),  
21 subjecting the violator to up to five years in prison. StGB §206(1).

22 These laws are clearly implicated here. Indeed, these overbroad requests  
23 would also violate the less stringent U.S. and California privacy laws because they  
24 call for totally private, irrelevant information. Almost all of the requests use the  
25 term “YOU” and/or “STUDIVZ.” Facebook defines “STUDIVZ” and “YOU” to  
26 include “agents, servants, employees, investigators [and] attorneys,” whether or not  
27 they were acting in the course of their relationship with StudiVZ. Thus, for  
28 example, all “computer code YOU wrote” (RFP No. 25) includes computer code

1 that a StudiVZ employee may have written on his/her own time that has nothing to  
2 do with StudiVZ. The requests asking for all documents related to instances “when  
3 YOU accessed” Facebook’s website would include instances where people  
4 affiliated with StudiVZ accessed Facebook using their own personal user accounts  
5 *from home*. Almost every request asks for this type of personal data.

6 **2. Due to the Overbreadth of the Requests, Compliance Would**  
7 **Violate German Law.**

8 When discovery is sought regarding matters protected from discovery by  
9 foreign law, a U.S. court may block enforcement of a discovery request that would  
10 compel a party to violate foreign law by complying with it. Societe Internationale  
11 Pour Participations Industrielles et Commerciales v. Rogers, 357 U.S. 197 (1958)  
12 (“Societe Internationale”). A court faced with a discovery request or order that  
13 violates a foreign “blocking statute” must balance the court’s interest in discovery  
14 against the consequences to the party affected and the foreign country’s interest in its  
15 own laws. Societe Nationale Industrielle Aerospatiale v. United States District  
16 Court, 482 U.S. 522, 544 (1987) (“Aerospatiale”).

17 The Supreme Court endorsed the test in the Restatement (Third) of Foreign  
18 Relations Law § 442(1)(c), which requires the court to balance the following factors  
19 in deciding whether to permit such discovery:

- 20 “(1) the importance to the . . . litigation of the documents or other  
21 information requested; (2) the degree of specificity of the request;  
22 (3) whether the information originated in the United States;<sup>6</sup> (4) the  
23 availability of alternative means of securing the information; and  
24 (5) the extent to which noncompliance with the request would

25 <sup>6</sup> Thus, “[t]he fact that all of the information to be disclosed (and the people who will be  
26 deposed or who will produce the documents) are located in a foreign country weighs against  
27 disclosure, since those people and documents are subject to the law of that country in the ordinary  
28 course of business.” Richmark Corp. v. Timber Falling Consultants, 959 F.2d 1468, 1475 (9th  
Cir. 1992), (citing Reinsurance Co. of America v. Administratia Asigurarilor de Stat, 902 F.2d  
1275, 1281 (7th Cir. 1990); Westinghouse Elec. Corp. Uranium Contracts Litig., 563 F.2d 992,  
998 (10th Cir. 1977)).

1           undermine important interests of the United States, or compliance with  
2           the request would undermine important interests of the state where the  
3           information is located.”

4           Aerospatiale, 482 U.S. at 544 n.28. The last factor is the most important. Richmark  
5           Corp. v. Timber Falling Consultants, 959 F.2d 1468, 1476 (9th Cir. 1992). U.S.  
6           courts have long recognized that “every foreign state has strong interests in enforcing  
7           its secrecy laws.” Reinsurance Co. of America v. Administratia Asigurarilor de Stat,  
8           902 F.2d 1275, 1280-81 (7th Cir. 1990). In assessing the strength of a foreign  
9           country’s interests in nondisclosure, the Court should consider “‘expressions of  
10          interest by the foreign state,’ ‘the significance of disclosure in the regulation . . . of  
11          the activity in question,’ and ‘indications of the foreign state’s concern for  
12          confidentiality *prior to the controversy*.’” Richmark, 959 F.2d at 1476 (quoting  
13          Restatement (Third) of Foreign Relations Law § 442, Comment c) (emphasis in  
14          original); In re Rubber Chemicals Antitrust Litig., 486 F.Supp.2d 1078, 1084 (N.D.  
15          Cal. 2007) (balance of national interests favored nondisclosure where “a foreign  
16          entity has taken a clear position and articulated reasons why it believes production of  
17          the requested documents would harm its interests”).<sup>7</sup>

18          American courts have already determined that “individuals have a  
19          presumptively legitimate interest under German law in the nondisclosure of their  
20          personal information to residents of countries with non-equivalent personal data  
21          protection standards.” In re Vitamins Antitrust Litig., 2001 WL 1049433 at \*9 (D.  
22          D.C. June 20, 2001); see also Volkswagen, A.G. v. Valdez, 909 S.W.2d 900 (Tex.  
23          1995). Similarly, the German State Commissioners for Data Protection have made  
24          themselves available to file Advisory Opinions when German litigants have been  
25          presented with discovery requests that might force them to violate German laws.

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27 <sup>7</sup> This analysis applies to both jurisdictional discovery and merits discovery. Synthes  
28 (U.S.A.) v. G.M. Dos Reis Jr. Ind. Com. De Equip. Medico, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1352, at \*10  
(S.D. Cal. Jan. 8, 2008) (citing In re Automotive Refinishing Paint Antitrust Litig., 358 F.3d 288  
(3d Cir. 2004)).

1 See In re Vitamins, 2001 WL 1049433, at \*7; Volkswagen, 909 S.W.2d at 902.

2 The German government’s sensitivity to these issues and consistent engagement  
3 with American courts facing them shows the strong German interest in compliance  
4 with its privacy laws in American courts.

5 Courts also typically use a more stringent test to assess relevance for  
6 international discovery requests than the “relevant or calculated to lead to the  
7 discovery of admissible evidence” test governing purely domestic discovery. See,  
8 e.g., Richbell Info Servs., Inc. v. Jupiter Partners L.P., 816 N.Y.S.2d 470, 475–76  
9 (N.Y. App. Div. 1st Dep’t 2006). Given the differences in discovery standards, and  
10 the concerns about comity in international discovery, “[b]efore issuing an order for  
11 production of documents, objects, or information located abroad, the court . . .  
12 should scrutinize a discovery request more closely than it would scrutinize  
13 comparable requests for information located in the United States.” Restatement  
14 (Third) of Foreign Relations Law, § 442, Comment a; see also In re Vitamins, 2001  
15 WL 1049433, at \*10 n.20 (in light of the “significant comity concerns” of requiring  
16 disclosure that would violate German privacy laws, the Court should be satisfied  
17 that “it is clear that the requested discovery is necessary”).

18 Therefore, courts that allow discovery in contravention of foreign law typically  
19 look for very specific information that is “crucial” to the litigation. See, e.g.,  
20 Richmark, 959 F.2d at 1475; Strauss v. Credit Lyonnais, S.A., 249 F.R.D. 429, 439–  
21 40 (E.D.N.Y. 2008). “Generalized searches for information, the disclosure of which  
22 is prohibited under foreign law, are discouraged.” Richmark, 959 F.2d at 1475.

23 Facebook fails to address this objection in its motion because it has no  
24 adequate response to it. The requests on their face seek personal data that would  
25 clearly cause defendants to violate German law if they complied with them as  
26 drafted or as Facebook has offered to modify them. Again, one need only look at  
27 the definition of “YOU.” That definition includes all employees and is not limited  
28 to acts that occurred or documents that were created within the course and scope of

1 their employment. Defendants raised this issue with Facebook on October 27,  
2 2008, *before* defendants’ responses were even due. Defendants re-raised that issue  
3 in the responses. Facebook has refused to correct this obvious problem.

4 **D. Facebook Does Not Follow *Calder v. Jones*.**

5 Facebook argues that it may propound its overbroad discovery because the  
6 “merits” of the case sometimes overlap with jurisdiction under the “effects test” of  
7 Calder v. Jones, 465 U.S. 783 (1984). While StudiVZ agrees with the general  
8 proposition that jurisdiction may overlap with the merits under the effects test, that  
9 principle does not “cure” the obvious problem with Facebook’s requests.

10 According to Facebook, “[t]he Calder effects test has three elements: the  
11 defendants must have (1) committed an intentional act (2) expressly aimed *at the*  
12 *forum state*, (3) causing harm, the brunt of which is suffered -- and which the  
13 defendants knows is likely to be suffered -- *in the forum state*.” (Facebook Opp. to  
14 Mot. to Dismiss at 6:18-22) (Docket No. 76) (emphasis added). Yet, Facebook’s  
15 requests, either as originally drafted or as Facebook has offered to modify them,  
16 have no connection to these elements of the test. Facebook does not limit the  
17 requests to any intentional act that is alleged to have caused Facebook harm, let  
18 alone acts that were aimed at or caused harm in California. When defendants asked  
19 Facebook to so limit the requests, Facebook refused. (Smith Decl., ¶ 35(f)).

20 In one breath, Facebook purports to rely on the holding in Calder v. Jones.  
21 But in the next breath, Facebook ignores it entirely. As is explained in more detail in  
22 Section III-E-4 below, during meet and confer, Facebook *refused* to narrow its  
23 requests to be targeted to the allegations in the complaint of intentional, harmful acts  
24 (such as “copying”), let alone acts that were aimed at or caused such harm in  
25 California. (Smith Decl., ¶ 35). As a result, Facebook’s requests are *not* tied to the  
26 actual elements of the Calder effects test. Rather, Facebook intentionally seeks to  
27 conduct wholesale discovery into the merits of the case.  
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1           **E. The Requests Violate Each of the Above Proscriptions.**

2           **1. RFP No. 16 -- “ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO the**  
3           **services provided by [all StudiVZ websites] to USERS OF**  
4           **STUDIVZ, including how they are provided.”**

5           StudiVZ’s only business is the operation of websites. (Brehm Decl. in  
6           Support of Motions to Dismiss, ¶ 5) (Docket No. 47). Thus, this request literally  
7           seeks “all” documents related to StudiVZ’s operations. Facebook expressly admits  
8           that this request is “horribly broad.” (Avalos Decl., ¶ 24) (Docket No. 90). But it  
9           has proposed no reasonable limitation. Facebook says it wants “documents relating  
10          to the design, development and implementation of the services provided by the  
11          StudiVZ websites.” (Mot. to Compel at 18:12-13) (Docket No. 91). However, that  
12          is no limitation at all because StudiVZ’s websites are ever-changing. The design,  
13          development and implementation started on day one and has continued ever since.  
14          If anything, Facebook’s “limitation” expands the scope of the request.

15          Facebook argues that this request “likely . . . will reveal communications or  
16          other documents demonstrating that StudiVZ purposefully copied Facebook’s look,  
17          feel and features.” (Mot. to Compel at 19:3-6). But there is no support for this  
18          claim. Plus, as explained above, “[t]hat discovery might uncover evidence showing  
19          that a plaintiff has a legitimate claim does not justify the discovery requests.”  
20          Micro Motion, Inc. v. Kane Steel Co., 894 F.2d 1318, 1326 (Fed. Cir. 1990).<sup>8</sup>

21          **2. RFP No. 23 -- “ALL versions of COMPUTER CODE YOU**  
22          **wrote, programmed OR helped develop that RELATES TO**  
23          **[all StudiVZ websites].”**

24          This request literally seeks all computer code that StudiVZ ever created.  
25          Facebook has not offered to narrow this request. (Smith Decl., ¶ 38). Facebook

26          <sup>8</sup> StudiVZ answered Interrogatory No. 13, which asked it to “IDENTIFY the services  
27          provided through [all StudiVZ websites] to USERS OF STUDIVZ, including without limitation,  
28          how the services are provided.” Facebook has not complained about this answer. Facebook thus  
        knows the services StudiVZ provides. To ask for “all documents” related to those services is a  
        wholly different thing and would require a monumental undertaking that is not appropriate.

1 argues that the request is proper because it would, by definition, include within it  
2 any code showing that StudiVZ did something wrong, if such code exists. Again,  
3 this is “fishing” by draining the pond without even knowing whether any fish exist.  
4 It is improper and the motion should be denied as to this request.<sup>9</sup>

5           **3.     RFP No. 25 -- “ALL COMMUNICATIONS that RELATE**  
6           **TO FACEBOOK, its website, OR the servers it uses, used,**  
7           **accesses OR accessed.”**

8           This request seeks all documents that relate to Facebook. There is no limit as  
9 to subject matter or time. Facebook does not even argue that this request seeks  
10 relevant information. Facebook’s sole argument is that StudiVZ objected only on  
11 the basis of burden and “expense,” which Facebook argues is without merit.

12           Facebook is wrong. StudiVZ’s response included objections for lack of  
13 relevance and overbreadth. In addition, the issue of the gross overbreadth of this  
14 request was discussed in the meet and confer conversations of November 26,  
15 December 3 and 23 and January 6. (Smith Decl., ¶ 37; Walker Decl., ¶ 3(h)).

16           The overbreadth issue is real. First, Facebook fails to tell the Court that  
17 Facebook tried to buy StudiVZ two different times, once in late 2006 and again in  
18 the Spring of 2008. (Weber Decl. in Support of Motions to Dismiss, ¶ 13) (Docket  
19 No. 46). Second, Facebook operates its social networking site in Germany and,  
20 thus, is a competitor of StudiVZ in Germany. Documents that “relate to Facebook”  
21 would include all kinds of normal, every day communications by one competitor  
22 about another. As a result, there are many documents that “relate to Facebook,” but  
23 which do not relate to the case and do not relate to personal jurisdiction.

24           Further, the expense objection is well-founded. To cull through 11.9  
25 terabytes of data for every document that “relates to Facebook” would be extremely

26           <sup>9</sup> As noted above, StudiVZ answered the more narrowly tailored Request No. 27, which  
27 asked for “A copy of ALL versions of COMPUTER CODE (including, without limitation, source  
28 code, object code and scripts) YOU wrote, which YOU used OR use, OR for which YOU paid  
that was designed to extract information from any website, including thefacebook.com OR  
facebook.com.” The answer was that there were no responsive documents.

1 time consuming and expensive, and most (if not all) of the documents would have  
2 no relevance. This is why courts do not compel responses to overbroad requests.

3 **4. The “Access” Requests -- Interrogatory No. 10 and RFP**  
4 **Nos. 14, 28 and 29**

5 Facebook moves to compel further responses to four requests that relate to  
6 “accessing” Facebook’s websites.

7 ***a. The Requests Are Overbroad And Facebook Refuses to***  
8 ***Tie them to Its Complaint or to Access Aimed At, or***  
9 ***That Caused Harm in, California.***

10 Interrogatory No. 10 asks StudiVZ to identify every occurrence when StudiVZ  
11 accessed Facebook’s website. Request No. 14 seeks all documents related to  
12 instances when StudiVZ accessed Facebook’s website. Request No. 28 asks for all  
13 documents related to any account StudiVZ created to access Facebook’s website.  
14 Request No. 29 asks for all documents that relate to the use by StudiVZ of any  
15 server to access Facebook’s website.

16 These requests are not limited to any particular type of access or by time.  
17 They are also not limited to “StudiVZ.” As noted above, Facebook defines  
18 “STUDIVZ” and “YOU” to include “directors, officers, parents, subsidiaries,  
19 predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, servants, employees, investigators [and]  
20 attorneys,” whether or not they were acting as agents of StudiVZ.

21 Thus, these requests are also terribly broad. They seek information and  
22 documents about any and all instances of “access” by anyone connected to  
23 StudiVZ, whether such access had anything to do with StudiVZ’s business, whether  
24 or not such access has any connection to the harm alleged in the complaint, and  
25 whether or not such access was aimed at, or caused harm in, California. Facebook  
26 made no effort (and, indeed, has refused) to tie the requests to the complaint’s

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1 allegations or to the factors relevant to the effects test of Calder v. Jones.<sup>10</sup>

2 During meet and confer, StudiVZ asked Facebook to limit the requests to any  
3 form of access that Facebook’s complaint alleged is “wrongful.” Facebook refused,  
4 and also refused to limit these requests to access that was aimed at California or  
5 which caused harm in California. (Smith Decl., ¶ 35(f)).

6 The problems created by Facebook’s refusal to agree to such limitations are  
7 real. There are many examples of “access” that potentially fall within these over-  
8 broad requests, but that do not concern the allegations in the case or jurisdiction. For  
9 example, because Facebook is a very popular website, it is possible (even virtually  
10 certain) that one or more StudiVZ employee has “accessed” Facebook using their  
11 own personal account for private purposes having nothing to do with StudiVZ or this  
12 case. Such access is not relevant to anything, let alone personal jurisdiction, and is  
13 not discoverable under German privacy laws. It is also conceivable (indeed, likely)  
14 that StudiVZ, as Facebook’s direct competitor in Germany, has looked at Facebook’s  
15 website. (Just as we know for a fact that Facebook’s counsel, Julio Avalos, has  
16 looked at and created his own user account on StudiVZ’s website). (Ex. 8 to Avalos  
17 Decl.) (Docket No. 90-9). This form of access could be as simple as typing  
18 “facebook.com” into an internet browser and hitting the “enter” key. Such “access”  
19 is not wrongful nor relevant and has no probative value as to personal jurisdiction.<sup>11</sup>

20 \_\_\_\_\_  
21 <sup>10</sup> Facebook drafted a different “access” request reasonably related to potentially wrongful  
22 access: Request No. 27 asked for any code that StudiVZ used to “extract information from any  
website, including thefacebook.com or Facebook.com.” StudiVZ answered that request.

23 <sup>11</sup> When Facebook claims that defense counsel, Stephen Smith, said that StudiVZ “might  
24 stipulate to having ‘done what Facebook claims they did,’” Facebook refers to meet and confer  
25 conversations in which Mr. Smith provided examples of possible or likely access that are not  
26 even alleged to be wrongful. Mr. Smith said in substance, “if that is the type of access you are  
27 looking for, you do not need discovery into it because we would probably stipulate to that, but  
28 that is not wrongful and is not alleged to be wrongful by Facebook in its complaint.” Mr. Smith  
did not say that StudiVZ did the copying for which Facebook was suing StudiVZ. To the  
contrary, he said that, if Facebook was trying to discover whether these types of non-actionable  
access occurred, he presumed they did. Simply looking at facebook.com from Germany cannot  
be wrongful and cannot create personal jurisdiction. If the judge presiding over the parallel case  
in Germany were to “access” Facebook’s website to compare it to StudiVZ’s website, would that  
make him/her subject to personal jurisdiction in the United States? (See Smith Decl., ¶ 35(b)).

1           These examples of the overbreadth problem, and many others like them,  
2 were discussed in detail during the numerous meet and confer conversations  
3 between the parties. (Smith Decl., ¶¶ 21-51). Facebook refused to tie access to any  
4 conduct that was alleged to be wrongful in the complaint, let alone any conduct that  
5 might have been aimed at or caused harm in California. (Smith Decl., ¶ 35(f)). For  
6 that reason, the motion should be denied.

7                           ***b. Facebook’s “Terms of Use” Argument Does Not Save***  
8                           ***These Requests.***

9           Facebook separately argues that it is entitled to a response to these requests  
10 because they might capture examples of StudiVZ employees creating user accounts  
11 on facebook.com. Facebook argues that such information is relevant because its  
12 user accounts are subject to “Terms of Use” that contain a forum selection and  
13 jurisdiction provision. (Mot. at 5:21-6:9). This argument fails for many reasons.

14           First, Facebook again seeks to use an overly broad set of requests to try to  
15 discover only a narrow category of information that it speculates might exist. As  
16 noted above, this is improper. If Facebook wanted to discover this category of  
17 potential information, it should have served a request that asked for it. It did not do  
18 so even after defendants explained in writing on October 27, 2008 and again on  
19 November 17, 2008, and during meet and confer from November 26, 2008 through  
20 January 6, 2009, that these requests were overbroad.

21           Second, Facebook has access to its own users’ accounts. By definition, any  
22 such user account is created within Facebook’s own website. So, if any such  
23 evidence existed, Facebook could have presented it to the Court. It has not done so.

24           Third, Facebook has presented no evidence that any such user accounts that  
25 might have been created by StudiVZ employees were created on behalf of or bind  
26 StudiVZ (as opposed to the employees as individuals). Core-Vent Corp. v. Nobel  
27 Industries, 11 F.3d 1482, 1486, n.3 (9th Cir. 1993) (jurisdiction over employee of a  
28 corporation and jurisdiction over the corporation itself are not the same thing). And

1 under German law, an employee may not bind his/her employer without a written  
2 power of attorney. German Civil Code (Buergerliches Gesetzbuch), ¶¶ 164(1),  
3 167(1) and 177(1). This makes all of the difference in the world, not only because of  
4 the obvious privacy concerns, but also because such accounts are not relevant to  
5 anything alleged in Facebook’s complaint. As to privacy, defendants would violate  
6 German law, subjecting themselves to potential criminal prosecution, if they were to  
7 produce this information. As to relevance, there is simply no conceivable reason for  
8 Facebook to seek information and documents about private accounts.

9 Fourth, even if a StudiVZ employee created a user account and used it in  
10 connection with his/her work for StudiVZ, such use would not bind StudiVZ to  
11 Facebook’s Terms of Use. Facebook admits that its Terms of Use are an “adhesion”  
12 contract. (Mot. to Compel at 24:2-10). Those Terms of Use do *not* purport to relate  
13 to or bind anyone other than the individual user him/herself. They do not purport to  
14 bind the user’s employer, nor do they state that anyone who uses their account in a  
15 commercial way is deemed to bind the commercial concern for whom he/she is  
16 acting. The law in the Ninth Circuit is clear that adhesion contracts are *strictly*  
17 construed against the drafter and in favor of the other party. See, e.g., Fireman’s  
18 Fund Ins. Co. v. Cho Yang Shipping Co., 131 F.3d 1336, 1338 (9th Cir. 1997); APL  
19 Co. Pte Ltd. v. UK Aerosols Ltd., 2007 AMC 2519, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80247,  
20 Case No. No. C 05-0646 MHP at \*7 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 30, 2007). So Facebook’s  
21 attempt to bind StudiVZ to potential accounts that individuals associated with  
22 StudiVZ might have created fails as a matter of law.<sup>12</sup>

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24 <sup>12</sup> Facebook wrongly claims that “courts routinely look to [adhesion] contracts in  
25 determining personal jurisdiction and forum issues.” (Mot. at 24:11-21). But those cases all  
26 involve the enforcement of the clause against the person who actually entered into the adhesion  
27 contract, not some other entity on whose behalf the individual was allegedly acting. And many of  
28 those cases found the adhesion contract totally unenforceable. Hunt v. Superior Court, 81 Cal.App.  
4th 901, 909 (2000) (forum selection clause *invalid due to its lack of notice* to non-drafting party;  
case thus supports StudiVZ’s argument that lack of notice and lack of assent invalidate an otherwise  
enforceable forum selection clause); S.E.C. v. Ross, 504 F.3d 1130, 1149 (9th Cir. 2007) (did not  
involve a forum selection clause, examined whether intervening party (*continued on next page*))

1 Fifth, it is undisputed that Facebook has waived any jurisdiction/forum clause  
2 in its Terms of Use. This Court has already noted that Facebook filed its own lawsuit  
3 over “substantially similar (if not identical)” issues as are raised in this lawsuit in  
4 Germany. (Reporter’s Transcript at 4:27-28 [Docket No. 68]; Walker Decl. in  
5 Support of Motion to Dismiss, ¶¶ 4-6; Ex. F, pp. 2-3 [Docket No. 70]). That lawsuit  
6 includes, specifically, claims for breach of Facebook’s *Terms of Use*. Facebook may  
7 not, on the one hand, claim that defendants are bound by the jurisdiction/forum  
8 provision in its Terms of Use while, on the other hand, Facebook is not.<sup>13</sup>

9 Facebook has provided *no* evidence to support its theory and *no* authority for  
10 the enforcement of the adhesion contract against these company defendants.

11 **5. Interrogatory 15 -- “IDENTIFY ALL PERSONS responsible**  
12 **in any manner for the design, programming and maintenance**  
13 **of the www.studivz.net website, including without limitation**  
14 **the PERSON, job descriptions, authorities, dates in these**  
15 **positions, duties and responsibilities.”**

16 This interrogatory literally asks for the identity of all employees who work  
17 for StudiVZ (except maybe human resources personnel). Facebook’s counsel,

18 *(continued from previous page)*

19 consented to personal jurisdiction by intervening; court held contesting party *had not* consented to  
20 personal jurisdiction); *Carnival Cruise v. Shute*, 499 U.S. 585, 590 (1991) (court enforced forum  
21 selection clause in cruise ticket adhesion contract against the actual individual traveler who bought  
22 the ticket; and moreover said “we do not address the question of whether respondents had sufficient  
23 notice of the forum selection clause before entering the contract for passage. Respondents  
24 essentially have conceded that they had notice of the forum-selection provision.”). StudiVZ,  
25 however, does *not* concede that it had notice of Facebook’s forum selection provision.

26 Facebook’s reliance on *Cairo, Inc. v. Crossmedia Services, Inc.*, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8450,  
27 Case No. C 04-04825 JW (N.D. Cal. April 1, 2005), is also unavailing. In that case, there was no  
28 dispute that the *company defendant had created* an automated “spider” program on its computer  
system to invade the plaintiff’s computer to look for data. That is not the case here. Indeed, StudiVZ  
answered RFP 27, which asked about such programs, by stating that there were no such documents.

<sup>13</sup> In any event, mere access of an internet server, without more, would obviously be  
insufficient to create jurisdiction. Given the vast number of internet servers in California that are  
accessible to anyone in the world with an internet connection, such a rule would mean that nearly  
every person in the world would be subject to jurisdiction here merely for having visited the  
website from their home outside the United States. That cannot be the law.

1 Annette Hurst, recognized the problem with this request, and agreed to accept, as a  
2 complete answer, the names of the current heads of StudiVZ’s operational divisions  
3 and a partial organizational chart showing those people and their positions.

4 Facebook’s claim that it never agreed to that compromise is demonstrably  
5 false. On November 26, 2008, Ms. Hurst asked for the heads of each StudiVZ  
6 operational division. On December 2, 2008, defense counsel gave Ms. Hurst those  
7 names. (Smith Decl., ¶ 36). Ms. Hurst requested the names again in a December 4,  
8 2008 e-mail: “Can you send me a document with the names and titles we discussed  
9 yesterday so I can figure out what we need to do here and call you back?” (Ex. V).  
10 Defense counsel immediately re-identified the people that he had identified  
11 “yesterday.” His email ended: “Customer service, CFO, Legal and HR I understand  
12 you do not care about, but tell me if I am wrong.” (Ex. V). That same day, defense  
13 counsel wrote to Ms. Hurst, confirming that StudiVZ would produce “an  
14 organizational chart showing the heads of the various departments of the company.”  
15 (Ex. S). StudiVZ then produced two organizational charts showing the heads of each  
16 operational division as of July 18, 2008 and as of January 1, 2009. Ms. Hurst *never*  
17 requested an organizational chart showing the people who were responsible for the  
18 design, programming and maintenance of StudiVZ when StudiVZ was formed.  
19 (Smith Decl., ¶ 36). The request does not even read that way. It asks for current  
20 information (using the present tense “responsible”) and does *not* ask for past  
21 information (i.e., “were responsible”).<sup>14</sup>

22 Facebook again seeks to justify this overbroad request on the ground that it  
23 *might* result in the identification of *someone* who *might* have knowledge of  
24 *something* relevant. That is improper and should not be allowed.

25 <sup>14</sup> A close reading of Mr. Avalos’ declaration tells the story. He states only that Ms. Hurst  
26 asked for an “organizational chart.” He does not describe the requested chart, who would be on it  
27 or what it would show. He admits that Mr. Smith agreed to recommend to his client that it  
28 produce the chart. The chart was then produced. Mr. Avalos concludes: “but the chart does not  
state which employees were responsible for the *initial* creation, development and implementation  
of the StudiVZ websites.” (Avalos Decl., ¶ 23) (emphasis added). But Mr. Avalos never states  
that defendants were ever asked to produce such a chart or that they ever agreed to do so.

1                                   **6.     The “Adhesion Contracts” Requests**

2                   Interrogatory Nos. 1, 2 and 9 and Request for Production Nos. 1 and 13 seek  
3 information about StudiVZ’s California contacts. They are overbroad in some  
4 respects, but StudiVZ answered each request to the extent it was reasonable,  
5 providing Facebook with most of the information it wanted. As of January 9, 2009,  
6 StudiVZ thought this issue had been resolved because it was not even mentioned in  
7 Facebook’s last meet and confer letter dated January 9, 2009. (Smith Decl., ¶ 53).

8                   These requests concern general jurisdiction. They seek information about  
9 StudiVZ’s general contacts with California. The evidence that StudiVZ produced,  
10 which Facebook does not dispute, proves that StudiVZ is not subject to general  
11 jurisdiction and has no contacts with California. StudiVZ has already stated that it  
12 had no accounts receivable or payable with any California resident on the date the  
13 case was filed (which is the relevant date for general jurisdiction purposes). It  
14 answered that it had only one negotiated contract in effect with a California resident  
15 or that called for the application of California law as of July 18, 2008. It answered  
16 the other interrogatories directed to its contacts, or lack thereof, with California. It  
17 objected only to “adhesion” contracts -- contracts that were not negotiated in any  
18 way but were given to StudiVZ on a take it or leave it basis when StudiVZ  
19 purchased software or some other ubiquitous product that was accompanied by  
20 “terms of use,” an “end user license agreement,” or some other form contract.

21                   The objection is well-founded. The burden of having to search for, gather  
22 and produce every adhesion contract StudiVZ has ever had, and then reviewing all  
23 of those contracts to see if they are with a California addressee or contain a  
24 California choice of law provision, greatly outweighs any probative value such  
25 contracts could possibly have as to jurisdiction. No number of adhesion contracts  
26 could establish general jurisdiction over StudiVZ because they have no tendency to  
27 prove “continuous or systematic general business contacts within the state” that  
28 “approximate[] physical presence.” Schwarzenegger v. Fred Martin Motor Co.,

1 374 F.3d 797, 801 (9th Cir. 2004). The standard for establishing general  
2 jurisdiction is high, and requires that the defendant's contacts with the forum state  
3 "approximate physical presence." Tuazon v. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., 433 F.3d  
4 1163, 1169 (9th Cir. 2006).<sup>15</sup> Adhesion contracts are not probative on that issue.

5 As a total red herring, Facebook makes a new argument that it never raised in  
6 meet and confer -- that a request for all adhesion contracts is proper because such a  
7 request would necessarily scoop up StudiVZ's and Facebook's own Terms of Use.  
8 This is a red herring because both parties already possess and have instant public  
9 access to both parties' Terms of Use. Both parties' Terms of Use are available  
10 online to the world. Either party can print the other parties' Terms of Use at any  
11 time. Facebook's argument makes no sense. But, if Facebook wants StudiVZ to  
12 produce a copy of its Terms of Use or Facebook's Terms of Use, it will do so.

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14 **IV. CONCLUSION**

15 For the above reasons, StudiVZ respectfully requests that Facebook's motion be  
16 denied in its entirety.

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26 <sup>15</sup> Like virtually all businesses, StudiVZ presumably uses Adobe Acrobat software to read  
27 .pdf documents. Adobe is a California-based company. The fact that StudiVZ probably uses  
28 Acrobat, which presumably includes terms of use or an end user license agreement, does not tend  
to prove that StudiVZ is subject to general jurisdiction in California. In fact, Facebook has already  
conceded that StudiVZ is not subject to general personal jurisdiction in California because it has  
completely failed to argue the contrary in its opposition to StudiVZ's Motion to Dismiss.