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EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION

NO. 06-60905-CIV-ALTONAGA/TURNOFF

F & G RESEARCH, INC.,

Plaintiff,

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GOOGLE INC.,

Defendant.

DECLARATION OF RAMSEY M. AL-SALAM IN SUPPORT OF GOOGLE INC.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES

- I, Ramsey M. Al-Salam, hereby declare as follows:
- 1. I am a partner with Perkins Coie LLP, counsel for defendant Google Inc. in this action. I make this declaration of my personal knowledge unless otherwise indicated.
- 2. Google, both through its in-house counsel and outside counsel, have repeatedly explained to plaintiff's counsel that its claims in this case have no factual or legal basis, and that plaintiff should abandon the case without the need for Google to move for summary judgment. The Complaint in this action, for example, alleges that Google distributes and sells "scrolling wheel computer mice." Compl. ¶ 7. My understanding is that Google has never been in the business of distributing or selling computer mice. I also understand that Google's in-house counsel called plaintiff's counsel, and explained these facts, with the hope that plaintiff's counsel would agree to dismiss the case without the need for Google to bring this motion. Instead, plaintiff's counsel filed an Amended Complaint, asserting that Google is liable for distributing software that is "compatible" with the patented mouse. See Amended Compl. ¶ 7. In its Joint Discovery Plan and Schedule, filed on September 29, 2006, plaintiff and its counsel explained their theory in more detail, including that the Google Earth software is the software at issue.
- 3. Following the filing of the Amended Complaint, I spoke with Allen Brufsky, plaintiff's counsel, and explained, again, that there was no basis for the assertion of contributory

- 4. Even after preparing this motion, we tried to convince plaintiff to abandon its claims without the need for the parties or the Court to address this issue. In particular, on November 22, 2006, in compliance with Rule 11(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, I served a copy of the memorandum filed herewith, as well as this declaration, and a copy of Mr. McClendon's declaration, on Mr. Brufsky. I explained that we were providing the materials in compliance with Rule 11, and in the hope that he would withdraw the complaint. A copy of my cover letter to Mr. Brufsky is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- Plaintiff has asserted the patent-in-suit against third parties. In response to our counterclaim, plaintiff has admitted that it has sued and provided licenses to companies such as Logitech, Primax Electronics, Ltd., Acco Brands, Inc., Sony Corporation, Spec Research, Inc., and Chicony Electronics Company. See Countercl. ¶¶ 9, 15, 21, 25, 27, and 31 (alleging licensing of specific companies), Plaintiff's Reply to Counterclaim, ¶2 (admitting the allegations). We understand that these companies sell computer mice. There is information suggesting that Logitech is the largest distributor of computer scrolling mice in the world. See Exh. 2.
- 6. Google has incurred attorneys' fees and costs of approximately \$31,500 in researching and preparing the motion.

I declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 15th day of December, 2006.



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November 22, 2006

VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

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Re: F & G Research, Inc. v. Google Inc.

USDC Southern District of Florida, Miami Division 06-60905

Client-Matter No. 41063-0039

Dear Allen:

Please find enclosed the following documents:

- (1) Google Inc.'s Motion and Memorandum in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment and for Attorneys' Fees;
- (2) Statement of Undisputed Facts;
- (3) Declaration of Brian McClendon; and
- (4) A draft declaration by me.

We are not filing these documents, but are serving them pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. For the reasons we have stated before, and as reflected in the motion, there is no factual or legal basis for the assertion of the '229 patent against Google. We hope after considering these issues further you will agree. If you disagree, and agree to waive the

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notice requirements of Rule 11, we will promptly file the motion. We believe both parties would benefit from a resolution of this issue.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

Ramsey M. Al-Salam

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