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Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4), LR IA 6-1, LR IA 6-2, and LR 26-4, Plaintiff Thomas W. McNamara, in his capacity as the Court-appointed Monitor in *Federal Trade Commission v. AMG Services, Inc., et al.*, District of Nevada, Case No. 2:12-cv-00536-GMN-VCF, and Defendants Gary Patten and Pano Advisors, Inc., jointly stipulate, subject to the Court's approval, to extend the expert disclosure deadline dates in the Court's current Scheduling Order (D.E. No. 84) to August 28, 2020 in light of the unusual circumstances caused by COVID-19. Good cause exists to approve this stipulation, as explained below.

The expert disclosure deadline is currently scheduled for July 22, 2020. While the parties have twice requested that the Court amend the scheduling order in response to the case's unique procedural posture (whereby an earlier dismissal was later vacated) and again during the initial phase of the COVID-19 national emergency, the current request is limited to the expert disclosure deadline. **The proposed expert disclosure deadline extension will not affect the other current scheduled deadlines, including those for dispositive motions**. This stipulation is timely in the sense that it will not be within 21 days of the current expert disclosure deadline. See LR 26-4.

The parties have been working diligently to complete fact discovery in this matter. The parties are currently in the process of taking depositions and have exchanged thousands of pages of documents. The parties expect fact discovery to conclude with the existing deadline.

Originally, the parties requested a discovery schedule that tied the deadline for expert disclosures to the end of fact discovery, with the expectation that depositions and document exchanges would be finished well before the fact discovery deadline. However, due to COVID-19 related difficulties and hurdles, the exchange of information and document has been slower than originally anticipated. Accordingly, the parties agreed to seek an extension of the current expert disclosure deadline to August 28, 2020. The parties believe that the requested extension is needed to allow the attorneys time to review materials exchanged in fact discovery, provide the anticipated experts with sufficient time to analyze the exchanged information, and to render their opinions in their expert reports.

<u>Proposed Schedule for Completing Expert Disclosures</u>

The parties seek to amend the Scheduling Order as follows:

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3		Existing Date	Proposed Date
4	1. Expert disclosures	July 22, 2020	August 28, 2020
5	CONCLUSION		
6	For the above-stated reasons, the parties respectfully request that this Court enter an		
7	Order granting this Stipulation to Amend the Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order to reflect the above proposed expert disclosure deadline.		
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22	WE IS SO OPPENED		
23	IT IS SO ORDERED:	1/2	
24		NANCY J. KOPRE	
25 26		UNITED STATES M	AGISTRATE JUDGE
27		DATED: July 2, 2	2020
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