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Re: The Authors Guild, Inc. et al v. Google Inc., Case No. 05 CV 8136 (S.D.N.Y.).


Dear Office of the Clerk,

my name is Prof. Dr. Wulf D. v. Lucius, and I am CEO of the Lucius & Lucius Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, a book publisher located in Stuttgart/Germany. Lucius & Lucius is a member of the settlement class embraced by the proposed settlement agreement that is before this Court in this action (the "Settlement Agreement"), because it owns rights in books that are protected by U.S. copyright law. We write to object to the Settlement Agreement. We do not have the resources to provide this Court with legal briefing regarding our objections nor do we wish to burden this Court with duplicative filings. We therefore join in the objections that have been presented to this Court by Scott Gant and the group of foreign publishers and publishing associations that includes the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels and others, for the reasons presented to this Court by those individuals and entities. In addition, we wish to inform this Court that the written notice our that company received of the Settlement Agreement in English was extremely difficult to read and was not sufficient to deal with different facts esp. with regard to titles "not commercially" available in the US. We have – being publishers of specialized academic publications – to suspect that European publishers are heavily dealt unfairly by these stipulations. We present this letter to this Court in English, for the Court's convenience and it was translated for us.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully yours,


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