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## By Overnight Mail or Hand Delivery

The Honorable Denny Chin
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
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Re:

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

Dear Judge Chin:

My name is Sara Mella and I am the managing director of Otava Publishing Company
Ltd located in Helsinki, Finland. I write on behalf of Otava Publishing Company Ltd in
The Author's Compaction with the proposed settlement of the class-action copyright infringement litigation brought by the U.S. Authors Guild and others against Google's Book Search service.

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I write to let this Court know that our company as a copyright holder is opposed to this Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, we urge this Court not to approve the Settlement Agreement, for the reasons set forth in the objections that have been presented to this Court by, among others, Scott Gant and the group of foreign publishers and publishing associations that includes the Börsenverein des Deutchen Buchhandels. As set forth in those objections, the Settlement Agreement seeks to strip foreign copyright owners of their bedrock exclusive rights to control the use of their works in the U.S. (for the benefit of one private U.S. company) and requires foreign rightsholders to undertake complicated, burdensome efforts should they have any hope of protecting those rights. And the Settlement Agreement seeks to do so, even though class members did not receive adequate notice of the agreement and do not understand its terms. [Indeed, although some written notices were sent to class members here, they were not sent to many class members or well published and were not translated properly, such that they were very difficult to understand.] Finally, the Settlement Agreement is fundamentally unfair and we are astonished that it could be approved in the U.S., especially in light of the U.S. commitment to honor the Berne Convention, a treaty to which our country is a signatory as well.

To the extent necessary, we respectfully request that this Court accept this letter as an amicus curiae submission.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully yours,

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