IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS TYLER DIVISION

DATE: January 4, 2011

JUDGE LEONARD DAVIS

PLAINTIFFS

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PARALLEL NETWORKS	CIVIL ACTION NO: 6:10-CV-112
vs.	STATUS CONFERENCE
BENTLEY MOTORS INC., ET AL.	
PARALLEL NETWORKS	CIVIL ACTION NO: 6:10-CV-275
vs.	STATUS CONFERENCE
AEO, INC., ET AL.	
PARALLEL NETWORKS	CIVIL ACTION NO: 6:10-CV-491
vs.	STATUS CONFERENCE
ADIDAS AMERICA INC., ET AL.	
ATTORNEYS FOR	ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANTS

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On this day, came the parties by their attorneys and the following proceedings were had:

OPEN: 2:15 PM ADJOURN: 2:35 PM

TIME:	MINUTES:
2:15 PM	(Court had asked counsel in these three cases to remain in the courtroom after the general Status Conference Hearing).
	Court asked Mr. Tadlock to explain the patent-in-suit. Mr. Tadlock responded that there is one patent and gave the Court the background and the invention. Mr. Sweeney for Bentley (Case No. 610cv112) & Volkswagon (Case No. 610cv111) responded.

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BY: Rosa L. Ferguson, Courtroom Deputy

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TIME:	MINUTES:
	Court inquired of plaintiff of why the defendants are grouped in this fashion. Court inquired as to settlement. Mr. Tadlock responded they have settled with 7 defendants. Court inquired of the amounts. Mr. Tadlock responded the settlement amounts are confidential. Court asked Mr. Tadlock to file by tomorrow a notice as to which defendants have settled and how much of the settlements. Court allowed this document to be filed under seal.
	Court is interested why plaintiff is in agreement to bifurcate liability and damages. Mr. Sweeney responded. Mr. Gardner addressed the Court on the bifurcation and needs time to talk to their clients.
	Court asked parties about putting these 3 cases on the same track as the previous case (610cv111). Ms. Ainsworth (491 case) addressed the Court on the Markman and trial dates. Mr. Gardner responded. Mr. Dacus responded. Mr. Wilcox responded. Court will set Markman on these 3 cases on 10.13.2011 and will move the other case (610cv111) to that same date. Court will set cases for trial on 9.4.2012 in all 4 cases.
	Court advised the parties of the Court's concern of suing a lot of defendants in a shakedown of settlements. Court will invite anyone who has suggestions as to ways to try to get matters resolved.
	Mr. Dacus addressed the Court on 491 case on the bifurcation issue. Court asked defendants to talk to their clients on the bifurcation. Mr. Tadlock responded.
2:35 pm	There being nothing further, Court adjourned for the day.