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1	1995.	1	Mark?
2	MR. PARNES: That's fair.	2	MR. PARNES: No. That was Aaron. So he
3	THE WITNESS: That's fair.	3	didn't know when you guys were going to be ready for him.
4	To my knowledge, no. To my knowledge, no.	4	THE WITNESS: Sounds like he may have more
5	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: So to your knowledge, is	5	knowledge of use to you. I'm afraid I'm not able to
6	there any representation or warranty or statement in the	6	address some of your questions.
7	agreement and plan of reorganization that you believe is	7	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: What I was trying to get at
8	inaccurate?	8	with my question was, at least part of what I'm trying to
9	A. To my knowledge, no. No.	9	get at is: Do you have an understanding of the
10	Q. I take it you don't know the answer to that	10	intellectual property issue that I just asked you about
11	question with respect to Mr. Liu's knowledge?	11	as a result of reading the agreements or do you have an
12	A. Well, I'm sure that SCO and Steve Liu would	12	independent recollection of it being an issue or is it
13	have done their best to be honest. You do your best in	13	somewhere in between?
14	these reps and in the disclosure schedules that go with	14	MR. BRAKEBILL: Vague and ambiguous,
15	them that have to be read together. Right? And you do	15	compound.
16	your best to present all the facts that you have because	16	THE WITNESS: Yeah.
17	if you fail to leave some out, maybe there's an escrow	17	MR. BRAKEBILL: You can answer.
18	claim or something.	18	THE WITNESS: We were selling the business
19	So they would have tried to be accurate on	19	and the intellectual property rights that went with the
20	that, and for all kinds of reasons. One is integrity,	20	business. So at a high level, my understanding of the
21	and two, it's the right practice for protecting the	21	transaction was SCO transferred whatever rights it had to
22	client and for SCO to protect itself.	22	Caldera. And I was not involved in any discussions about
23	So, you know so I'd be surprised if	23	any individual right within that basket of rights on
24	anybody felt that the reps and warranties and disclosure	24	that. But I think SCO wanted to transfer whatever it had
25	schedule were inaccurate.	25	that was useful to that.
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1	Q. And as you sit here, do you have any reason	1	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: There's a phrase that's been
2	to believe that the reps and warranties and disclosure	2	bandied about in the litigation, and I'll use it, and
3	schedules in the agreement and plan of reorganization are	3	your counsel can object or you can tell me if you're not
4	inaccurate?	4	comfortable with it. But as you sit here, is it your
5	MR. BRAKEBILL: Foundation.	5	view that the agreement and plan of reorganization speaks
6	THE WITNESS: No, I'm not aware of any	6	for itself?
7	inaccuracy. I'm not aware of any claims that were	7	MR. PARNES: You can answer if you
8	brought up during the claim period. I'm not aware of	8	understand.
9	that.	9	THE WITNESS: I think it probably does, but
10	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: Do you have a view as to	10	maybe there's a paragraph or section here or there that's
11	whether under the agreement and plan of reorganization	11	not clear and people's memories might augment. But I
12	Santa Cruz intended to transfer to Caldera certain	12	think, you know, most corporate lawyers could pick this
13	intellectual property?	13	up and come to an understanding of it.
14	A. I know at the general level that they	14	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: And if I were to ask you the
15	certainly intended to transfer intellectual property.	15	same question regarding the intellectual property
16	That was the bulk of the assets. With respect to any	16	assignment, what would your answer be?
17	particular copyright or license, you know, that I can't	17	A. That it should speak for itself.
18	say because I didn't get involved in those details.	18	Q. I had asked you a series of questions earlier
19	The it looks like	19	about the principal negotiators on both sides with
20	MR. NORMAND: Why don't you stop, actually.	20	respect to the agreement and plan of reorganization.
21	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Do you want to go off the	21	A. Uh-huh.
22	record?	22	Q. I want to ask those questions about the
23	MR. NORMAND: Let's give it 30 seconds.	23	intellectual property assignment. Would your answers be
24	(Interruption in proceedings.)	24	any different?
25	MR. NORMAND: Do you want to take a break,	25	A. I expect it would not have gone up to the
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1	Doug Michaels level. It would have been handled by Steve	1	1070?
2	Sabbath. That's my guess, but I don't recall discussions	2	MR. NORMAND: 1069 is 13.15 D, group
3	on those.	3	products.
4	Q. Do you have a view as to on the Caldera side	4	Q. So I don't want to take up too much of your
5	who would have been focused on the intellectual property	5	time with this. But I do want to take a shot at seeing
6	assignment?	6	if I can refresh your recollection.
7	A. Probably counsel, I think. And	7	A. Sure.
8	Q. You mean Brobeck?	8	Q. If you look at the agreement and plan of
9	A. The Brobeck and I don't know I don't	9	reorganization.
10	know who at Caldera they might have been working most	10	A. Okay. Any particular page?
11	closely with.	11	Q. Yes, sir, page 75, which is Section 13.15,
12	Q. Do you recall whether there were any in-house	12	certain defined terms?
13	counsel at Caldera in connection with these transactions?	13	A. Uh-huh.
14	A. I was just asking myself that question, and	14	Q. And then if you turn the page
15		15	
16	there may have been, but I don't remember. There may	16	A. Okay.
	well have been.	1	Q to the definition of contributed assets?
17	Q. And why do you say that the intellectual	17	A. Okay.
18	property assignment would not have gone up to the Doug	18	Q. That cross references Exhibit 13.15 A.
19	Michaels level, or why do you offer that view?	19	A. Uh-huh.
20	A. I think Doug Michaels the high level	20	Q. Do you see that language?
21	agreement is that we're transferring over this business	21	A. Yeah.
22	and all our rights that go with this business. That's	22	Q. And then if you could turn your attention to
23	all that Doug needs to know with respect to that topic.	23	Exhibit 13.15 A, subtitled "Contributed Assets"?
24	And then it's up to the attorneys and whatever to work	24	A. Uh-huh.
25	through the details of implementing that.	25	Q. The language of paragraph 1 begins: "With
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1	So, you know, we weren't to my knowledge,	1	the exception of third-party encumbrances as set forth in
2	we weren't trying to retain rights. We weren't planning	2	Exhibit 13.15 E, all rights and ownership of UNIX,
3	to, you know, be in that business, anymore. So that	3	UnixWare, and Open Server, including all versions of
4	would have been an implementation thing.	4	UNIX, UnixWare, and Open Server, and all copies of UNIX,
5	Q. Apart from your discussions with counsel, do	5	UnixWare, and Open Server (including revisions, upgrades
6	you have any understanding of the litigation that brings	6	and updates in process) all intellectual property rights
7	us here today?	7	appurtenant thereto (excluding the UNIX trademark which
8	A. No.	8	is owned by The Open Group)." And the language goes on.
9	Q. Good for you.	9	Do you see that language?
10	A. Okay. I don't think I was aware of who the	10	A. Uh-huh.
11	parties were to the litigation until Wednesday when Mark	11	Q. Does this language refresh your recollection
12	told me.	12	or confirm your recollection that among the contributed
13	MR. BRAKEBILL: Can we take a break soon?	13	assets that would be transferred to Caldera were the
14	MR. NORMAND: Yeah, why don't we take a	14	all of the intellectual property rights appurtenant to
15	break, then.	15	UNIX, UnixWare, and Open Server?
16	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now going off the	16	A. This is consistent with my understanding of
17	video record. The time is 10:52 a.m.	17	the deal.
18	(Recess.)	18	MR. BRAKEBILL: I was just going to object to
19	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now back on the	19	the use of the word "confirm." It mischaracterizes his
20	video record. The time is 11:02 a.m.	20	earlier testimony.
21	(Exhibits 1069 and 1070 marked.)	21	THE WITNESS: This is consistent in my
22		22	
	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: The documents that have just	23	understanding of the transaction.
23	been marked Exhibits 1069 and 1070 are exhibits to the	23	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: As you sit here, do you have
24	agreement and plan of reorganization.		any reason to believe that all of the intellectual
25	MR. BRAKEBILL: Which is 1069 and which is	25	property rights pertinent to UNIX, UnixWare, and Open
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1	Doug Michaels left, Steve Sabbath left, and we were just	1	MR. NORMAND: I mean the language from the
2	called on, you know, on occasion to help with this or	2	agreement and plan of reorganization.
3	that, but our involvement was a lot less. So and then	3	THE WITNESS: So you read the definition and
4	the company was sold.	4	then you read the was it 1.4? I can't remember.
5	Q. The language we had walked through in the	5	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: Yeah, I read from this
6	intellectual property assignment a couple minutes ago	6	document the definition of contributed assets or at least
7	A. Uh-huh.	7	pointed you to that language.
8	Q as you sit here, do you have any reason to	8	A. Yeah.
9	believe that any of that language I read into the record	9	Q. And then we looked at the Exhibit 13.15 A
10	is inaccurate?	10	titled "Contributed Assets."
11	A. Well	11	A. Okay. These are how to explain this? You
12	MR. BRAKEBILL: Vague and ambiguous.	12	know, I think the document is not a representation of
13	THE WITNESS: The language is what it is. I	13	what is. So if you asked a true-false question. It's a
14	think you have to read it as a whole. Your questions	14	representation of an agreement between the parties. So
15	have been more to did they own all of this or all of	15	I'm not I'm not used to the question you said accurate
16	that. And that's not exactly what the language is	16	or inaccurate. This is what we're giving you. And if
17	saying. The language is saying you're getting all of our	17	you pull out any particular clause and say is that
18	right, title, and interest.	18	accurate or inaccurate, depends more on what the question
19	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: Let me make sure I'm clear.	19	is, what's that pertaining to. It's not intended to be a
20	I wasn't asking whether I wasn't re-asking my	20	description of everything. Maybe I'm not being
21	question. My specific question was	21	informative enough there.
22	A. Do I have any reason to think it's	22	Q. Do you have a view, as you sit here, as to
23	inaccurate? I'm sorry. I have no reason to think any of	23	whether Exhibit 13.15 A of the agreement and plan of
24	it's inaccurate.	24	reorganization identifies all of the assets that Santa
25	Q. And when you say "any of it," you mean the	25	Cruz intended to transfer to Caldera?
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1	language I read into the record from the intellectual	1	A. As most good corporate attorneys do, they did
2	property assignment?	2	this as a catchall and then with specific things
3	A. Correct, correct. Now, taken as a whole, you	3	identified. So the list itself of the specifics is
4	know, it's this is not a description of what the	4	probably not universal. But the catchall was, you know,
5	rights were. It's a description of it's an	5	all IP rights including the following. Does that answer
6	assignment. It's something that affects you get this.	6	your question? The list of particulars is not
7	But a description of what the rights were would have been	7	exhaustive.
8	more what comes with the plan of reorganization and the	8	Q. And you're saying that's you're saying
9	reps and warranties and disclosure schedule.	9	that is typical of what most good corporate attorneys do?
10	Q. And of course, I can't read all the language	10	Is that what the beginning of your answer was?
11	of the plan maybe I should. But that language that I	11	A. Yeah, I think your question was: Does this
12	did read into the record a few minutes ago, can you	12	represent all of the assets they were transferring, you
13	recall whether you thought any of that language was	13	know, in this category? And the answer is if you use the
14	inaccurate?	14	catchall phrase, yes, it does. Just the specifics were
15	MR. BRAKEBILL: Vague and ambiguous.	15	not exhaustive.
16	THE WITNESS: Yeah, how do I say this? That	16	Q. And the view you just expressed, is that the
17	language said, as a whole, SCO was transferring all it	17	view of the law firm?
18	owned in those categories, and that's what was happening.	18	MR. PARNES: I'll object as vague. What
19	SCO was transferring all that it owned.	19	view?
20	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: But I take it when you heard	20	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: Is it the view of the law
21	the language that I read into the record, you didn't	21	firm that Exhibit 13.15 A of the agreement and plan of
22 23	think any of it was inaccurate. Is that fair to say?	22 23	reorganization taken in its entirety
24	MR. BRAKEBILL: Vague and ambiguous. MR. PARNES: Counsel you've lost me. Which	23	A. Uh-huh.
25	MR. PARNES: Counsel, you've lost me. Which language now are you talking about?	25	Q describes all of the assets that Santa Cruz transferred to Caldera in connection with the
1 20	language now are you taking about:	120	OTHE TRANSPORTER TO CHINCE A HILLOUINIECTION WITH THE
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1	A. It was probably more on the corporate and	1	You testified just a few moments ago that
2	securities side of the transaction. Helping with that	2	I believe that all of the schedules attached to the
3	part of the process, helping make sure we handled	3	agreements for the Santa Cruz Caldera transaction were
4	shareholder approvals and proxies and SEC process	4	prepared by the Santa Cruz team; is that right?
5	altogether. The that was a big part of it.	5	MR. NORMAND: Objection to form.
6	And as it turns out, I think the biggest	6	Q. BY MR. BRAKEBILL: I think you said by
7	difficulty arose in the transaction was this thing	7	Mr. Sabbath and team?
8	involving PWC and the SEC, and that had the potential to	8	MR. NORMAND: Same objection.
9	derail the closing another six months, which would have	9	THE WITNESS: All the schedules listing
10	cost SCO an enormous amount of money given the ongoing	10	assets and the like would have been prepared by Sabbath
11	losses. And the fact that we were able to help persuade	11	and team.
12	the SEC to avoid that consequence, that was a major	12	Q. BY MR. BRAKEBILL: Just so the record is
13	accomplishment for SCO.	13	clear, there was an Exhibit 1069 and 1070 that
14	Q. In connection with the SCO Caldera	14	Mr. Normand showed you?
15	transaction, at the time of the transaction, did you	15	A. Uh-huh.
16	think it was possible that some of the representations	16	Q. One of them is called "Group Products."
17	and warranties that Santa Cruz had made were inaccurate?	17	That's an Exhibit 13.15 D?
18	A. I would have expected them to be highly	18	A. Yeah.
19	accurate, that the team there would have been very	19	Q. And then there's an exhibit 13.15 A called
20	careful about what they were putting down. Steve and	20	"Contributed Assets." Do you see those?
21	Regan and Kim were you know, were a good team.	21	A. Yes.
22	MR. NORMAND: I have no further questions.	22	Q. Just so the record is clear, is it your view
23	And Ken, I don't know if you do, so let me	23	that these two schedules were prepared by Mr. Sabbath and
24	say now that I'd like to take the step of holding the	24	company at Santa Cruz, and not Wilson Sonsini?
25	deposition open. It may be that I need to speak with	25	MR. NORMAND: Objection to form.
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1	Mr. Parnes about the nature of the deposition today, but	1	THE WITNESS: Okay. By the way, I don't mean
1 2	Mr. Parnes about the nature of the deposition today, but that's a subject for a later day.	1 2	THE WITNESS: Okay. By the way, I don't mean to exclude the possibility Caldera and their side might
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3	For the Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant:	2	commencing at the hour of 1:03 p.m., at the law offices
4	Edward Normand -and-	4	of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, 650 Page Mill Road,
5	Thomas Strong (paralegal)	5	Palo Alto, California, before me, LESLIE ROCKWOOD, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the State of California,
6	Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP 333 Main Street	6	personally appeared
	Armonk, New York 10504	7	AARON J. ALTER
7 8	(914) 749-8200	8	called as a witness by the Plaintiff-Counterclaim
	Ryan E. Tibbitts	9	Defendant in the above-entitled action, who, having been
9	The SCO Group, General Counsel 355 South 520 West, Suite 100	10	duly sworn, by the Certified Shorthand Reporter to tell
10	Linden, Utah 84042	11	the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth,
11	(801) 765-4999	12	testified under oath as follows:
12	For the Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff:	13	00
13	Kenneth Brakebill Morrison & Foerster, LLP	14	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good afternoon. Here
14	425 Market Street	15	begins Videotape Number 1 in the deposition of Aaron
15	San Francisco, California 94105-2482	16	Alter in the matter of SCO Group versus Novell, Inc., in
16	(415) 268-7455	17	the United States District Court for the District of
17	For The Witness:	18	Utah, case number 2:04CV00139.
18	Mark Parnes Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, PC	19	Today's date is April 27th, 2007. The time
19	650 Page Mill Road	20 21	is 1:04 p.m. This deposition is being taken at 650 Page
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21	• •	23	Marty Majdoub, here on behalf of Esquire Deposition
22 23	The Videographer: Marty Majdoub	24	Services, 505 Sansome, Suite 502, San Francisco, California.
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	2	paid. Wasn't the Novell interest in the revenue stream	2	SCO in the transaction.
	3	designed to bridge the price gap?	3	Q. Was it the view of the Wilson Sonsini law
	4	MR. BRAKEBILL: Argumentative, foundation.	4	firm that if Santa Cruz were to go bankrupt, that the
	5	MR. PARNES: You can answer.	5	rights to the revenue stream would follow the
	6	THE WITNESS: It was certainly intended to be	6	intellectual property that Novell had retained?
	7	a a bridge. I don't know that it was a sufficient	7	A. I don't I don't know what our view was at
	8	bridge or that was viewed by Novell as sufficient.	8	the time, but I certainly don't I don't conceive now
	9	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: Do you have a view on that	9	of the linkage of those two.
	10	front on behalf of the Wilson Sonsini firm?	10	Q. And why not?
	11	A. My view is that the rights that were	11	A. Because I don't understand the theory that's
	12	retained, including but not limited to the revenue	12	underlying the question.
	13	stream, including the equitable title, including the	13	Q. Was there any link, in the view of the law
	14	patents, including everything that's set out at Exhibit	14	firm, between Novell's decision to retain certain
	15	1.1(b) was exactly what the intention of the parties was,	15	intellectual property rights, on the one hand, and on the
	16	was to retain these rights on behalf of Novell.	16	other hand, the fact that the consideration being paid
	17	Q. Was it Novell's view that owning the	17	was not cash?
	18	copyrights in the UNIX and UnixWare source code would	18	MR. BRAKEBILL: Vague and ambiguous.
	19	permit Novell to continue to have rights in the revenue	19	MR. PARNES: You can answer.
	20	stream if Santa Cruz were to go bankrupt?	20	THE WITNESS: Okay.
	21	A. I can't speculate, and I'm not sure I even	21	I don't recall a distinction being drawn
	22	understand the question.	22	between cash versus stock consideration. So I guess the
	23	MR. BRAKEBILL: By the way, I don't know if	23	answer would be no.
	24	it's intentional. You keep asking Novell's view. It's	24	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: So it wasn't cash. Let me
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3	constitute a sufficient bundle of rights to give SCO the	3	MR. PARNES: You can answer.
4	ability to use the technology and develop enhancements	4	THE WITNESS: I would describe it as a
5	and run their business and run the UnixWare business	5	transfer of assets to enable Santa Cruz to run a business
6	going forward.	6	that Novell sought to sell.
7		7	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: And did Novell intend to
8	If you characterize it as a license, I don't	8	
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11	were granted were sufficient to enable SCO to run the	11	retaining these rights beyond what I've already testified
12	UNIX and UnixWare business going forward from the point	12	to. I'll stop at that.
13	in time that the transaction was done.	13	Q. In the firm's view, following the execution
14	You know, the only reference to a license I	14	of the APA, would Novell have had the right to develop
15	recall and I'm just sort of refreshing my recollection	15	the UNIX and UnixWare source code under the terms of the
16	in 1.6 was that there was a specific license back of	16	APA?
17	the enhancements so that Novell wouldn't have to pay	17	MR. BRAKEBILL: Calls for a legal conclusion.
18	additional consideration to the extent that SCO developed	18	MR. PARNES: Also calls for speculation. But
19	additional improvements or enhancements on the UNIX and	19	you can, if you understand the question, you can
20	UnixWare technology that was deemed licensed back to	20	THE WITNESS: Could I ask you to repeat the
21	Novell.	21	question, please.
22	Q. And in the view of the law firm, were the	22	Q. BY MR. NORMAND: The question is whether
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Re: Santa Cruz Operation/Microsoft

Dear Messrs. Greaney and Sacks:

We are writing to you on behalf of The Santa Cruz Operation, Inc. ("SCO") in advance of our meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m. October 9. This briefing memorandum contains highly sensitive confidential business information of SCO and should be maintained as a confidential document by the Department.

SCO is a software company headquartered in Santa Cruz, California, which is located twenty-five miles south of the Silicon Valley. SCO's principal product is "SCO OpenServer" ("SCOOS"). SCOOS is a PC operating system based upon UNIX which is designed to operate on computers employing Intel processors. Intel processors and processors conforming to the Intel instruction set (so-called Intel "clones" such as those offered by AMD and Cyrix) comprise the vast majority of the PC market. Approximately 90% of all PC's utilize such Intel or Intel clone processors (we refer to both Intel and Intel clones as "Intel PC's").

UNIX is an operating system originally developed by AT&T thirty years ago for what were then known as minicomputers. From its inception, UNIX was promoted as a non-proprietary "open operating system" and was freely licensed by AT&T throughout the computer industry. Unlike proprietary operating systems which were unique to particular hardware vendors such as IBM's MVS or Digital Equipment's VMS,

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UNIX was offered by many hardware vendors and afforded the customer a degree of freedom to migrate among different hardware platforms, all employing UNIX as the operating system, while retaining existing UNIX applications with only small changes. As it has evolved, UNIX has become an extremely advanced operating system providing true multitasking (that is, allowing the processor to work on more than one program at a time); multiple user capabilities (allowing multiple users to access a single processor), tight security (allowing different classes of users to a single computer different degrees of access); advanced networking and communication capabilities; and robustness (low rates of failure or system crashes). Indeed, UNIX was the program standard around which the Internet was originally developed. SCOOS adapts UNIX, originally developed for large systems, and enables it to function as the operating system for an Intel PC.

SCO offers a second UNIX based PC operating system known as "UnixWare." Like SCOOS, UnixWare brings UNIX to the Intel PC platform. SCO acquired the rights to UnixWare in a recent transaction with the original developer of the program, Novell. Because SCOOS and UnixWare have certain differences between them, SCO has plans to merge the two operating systems into one program, known currently by the code name "Gemini."

SCOOS and UnixWare compete with the other operating systems offered on the market for Intel PC's including Windows 95, Windows 3.1, Windows NT, IBM's O/S 2 and Novell's NetWare.

SCO's rights to create, distribute and sell UNIX software code at the time it developed SCOOS were acquired through a license chain from (1) AT&T to Microsoft and (2) Microsoft to SCO. Microsoft had acquired a non-exclusive sublicensable license to UNIX from AT&T. Pursuant to its license from AT&T, Microsoft adapted UNIX to function on Intel PC's which used the 286 processor, naming the resulting program "XENIX." XENIX is thus a derivative work of UNIX. Later, in 1987 as a result of a 1987 agreement between Microsoft and AT&T described below, Microsoft developed another version of UNIX for Intel PC's using 386 processors based upon the then current release of UNIX (System V) and XENIX. This product was named "System V/386 Rel. 3.2, is also a derivative work of UNIX, dependent upon AT&T's UNIX license to Microsoft. In 1988, Microsoft granted SCO a license to SystemV/386 Rel. 3.2. Under this license agreement, SCO was permitted to copy SystemV/386 Rel. 3.2, which of course was almost entirely UNIX code, and to modify

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that code into new products. SCOOS represents years of additions and improvements to the System V/386 Rel. 3.2 software originally licensed to SCO by Microsoft. Among other things, SCO has evolved the System V/386 Rel. 3.2 code to function with modern Intel processors. XENIX and System V/386 Rel. 3.2 were 1987 vintage programs which were designed to permit UNIX to function with Intel 286 and 386 processors. (Both 16bit processors). SCO has written SCOOS to function with the Intel Pentium, a 32-bit processor, two generations more advanced than the processor for which System V/386 Rel. 3.2 was written. So fundamental are the changes made by SCO, that SCOOS dwarfs in size System V/386 Rel. 3.2 UNIX program licensed from Microsoft. Indeed, SCO's contains nearly five times more code than the System V/386 Rel. 3.2. SCO has converted the program from a character based program to one employing a graphical user interface; added modern networking, Internet, and multiprotocol facilities; and added security features and modern device drivers.

As a result of a chain of several transactions described below, SCO has now acquired ownership of the UNIX program itself. In November 1989, AT&T, the original developer of the UNIX Operating System, spun off the UNIX division as a separate company then known as UNIX System Laboratories, Inc. ("USL"). In June 1993, Novell, the vendor of the NetWare Operating System, acquired USL and hence became the owner of the UNIX program. In turn, in December 1995, Novell sold the ownership of UNIX to SCO. As a result, SCO now enjoys the right, as the owner of the UNIX program, to exploit that program without the necessity of a license from any other party.

It is SCO's intention to develop a new highly advanced UNIX based operating system for the next generation of Intel processors. Currently, the most advanced Intel processor on the market is known as the "P6." This processor, now only at the start of its product life-cycle, is being sold in very small volumes at extremely high prices. Although they are not the most advanced processor chips currently offered for sale by Intel, various versions of the P5 processor, known as the "Pentium" account for overwhelming portions of current sales. Virtually all Intel PC's sold currently employ Pentium processors. Although SCO's new product, envisioned for the P7 processor, is technically speaking only one generation ahead of the P6, in reality it is two generations ahead of the main stream Intel PC's being sold. SCO's work to create a new UNIX operating system for Intel's P7 based PC's will be a tremendous undertaking, which will

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involve thousands of man years of engineering time. The new product, code named "NGOS" (Next Generation Operating System), will be developed from the ground up, and will be based not upon XENIX or the SCO 1988 licensing agreement with Microsoft (System V/386 Rel. 3.2) but from UNIX itself which SCO now owns.

The 1987 Microsoft/AT&T Agreement

In 1987, Microsoft and AT&T entered into an agreement entitled "Development and License Agreement for Convergence of AT&T's UNIX® System V and Microsoft's XENIX® Operating System on Intel Microprocessors" (hereinafter the "1987 MS Agreement"). Pursuant to the 1987 MS Agreement, Microsoft was to create a version of UNIX to run on the Intel 386 processor and to be compatible with 286 processors and programs written for the 286 PC's. (The Intel 386 processor is two generations behind the current main stream Pentium. Time has passed it by. It is obsolete and no longer being sold. The 286 is at this point but a historical curiosity. Few 286 PC's even remain in use.) The resulting adaptation of UNIX to run on the Intel 386 was termed under the 1987 MS Agreement "Merged Product." (That "Merged Product" is the System V/386 Rel. 3.2 that Microsoft licensed to SCO in 1988.) The 1987 MS Agreement contemplated that both AT&T and Microsoft would sell the resulting Merged Product. As well it provided for the two companies to develop future evolutions of the first Merged Product (the 386 version) for future releases of UNIX and for future generations of Intel processors. Those future products were never developed pursuant to the 1987 MS Agreement.

Notwithstanding the absence of evolution of the original Merged Product, the 1987 MS Agreement imposes significant restrictions on competition. It prohibits AT&T and its successors from selling any UNIX software for Intel processors (in either executable binary form or source code form) which is not a Product under the 1987 MS Agreement for as long as the 1987 MS Microsoft Agreement remains in force. The restriction on selling executable versions of UNIX for Intel PC's is found at Section 2(c) which reads:

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(c) As to UNIX System Code, or a derivative work thereof, in Executable File form, after one year from acceptance of the initial Merged Product, MS and AT&T shall, except as hereinafter provided, market and distribute only Binary Compatible Product for Intel Microprocessor Based General Business Computer Systems.

"Binary Compatible Product" is defined in the Agreement as a "Product" which, in turn, is defined as the "Merged Product" or derivative works thereof which are governed by the 1987 MS Agreement. Binary Compatible Products are also required to run and support a listed group of application programs written for 286 Intel processor machines.

The restriction on source code distribution is similar and found at Section

(d) After ninety (90) days from acceptance of the initial Merged Product, any source code license granted by AT&T for UNIX System Code for an Intel Microprocessor, or any source code license granted by MS for a derivative work of UNIX System Code for an Intel Microprocessor, shall be for Product only. Source code licenses granted by either party prior to the ninety first (91st) day after acceptance of the initial Merged Product shall continue in full force and effect.

Again, "Product" is a defined term in the Agreement which covers the "Merged Product" and derivative works thereof.

As a consequence of these restrictions, AT&T and its successors are prevented from offering any UNIX product for Intel PC's that is not based upon the original Microsoft "Merged Product" developed under the 1987 MS Agreement. That is to say, these restrictions compel AT&T and its successors to sell only Merged Product or derivative works based upon the 1987 Merged Product for so long as the contract remains in force.

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The consequences of these restrictions on competition are enormous. First, they stifle innovation in the development of new forms of UNIX for Intel PC's free of the structure, facilities and code created for 16 bit processors and application programs no longer being sold and which are as many as five generations behind the 64 bit P7. Incorporating these facilities in a program is both unnecessary and costly. Indeed, some of the programs required to be supported have not been sold for nearly a decade. Second, they compel the payment of royalties to Microsoft where none is needed or deserved. Under the 1987 MS Agreement, Microsoft established a continuing obligation to have paid to it a \$15 per copy royalty for each copy of a program covered by the 1987 MS Agreement which was sold by AT&T or its downstream licensees. By restricting competition in the development and sale of an alternative UNIX based Intel PC program, Microsoft insured that all such software would be subject to a royalty to it. In effect, the provision operates like the per processor license agreements which were the subject of the Department's earlier proceedings against Microsoft. The 1987 MS Agreement forces use of Microsoft code in circumstances where it is not needed or desired and it provides Microsoft a royalty for an unnecessary product. Of course, the technical means to develop a new independent UNIX or Intel PC program have been available at all times; the restriction on pursuing that course insures that all such software remains under Microsoft's foot.

The anti-competitive effect of these restrictions is magnified by the term provisions of the Agreement which keep the Agreement in force, and thus the restrictions and royalty provisions in force, until such time as neither party (AT&T and its successors or Microsoft) has commercially released a new generation product for a new Intel processor or new release of UNIX for a period of two years. (See Section 14) The 1987 MS Agreement in every practical respect is thus evergreen. It will continue with its restrictions in force under its express terms forever unless both parties have failed to offer products for new Intel processors or new variations of UNIX. A two year hiatus in the offer of new UNIX software products for new Intel processors or new releases of UNIX, necessary to release AT&T or its successors from the 1987 MS Agreement, is in all commercial respects equivalent to termination of business. It is well known in the electronics industry that such a failure to advance product offerings would cause the customer base to migrate irrevocably to other competitive up-to-date operating system products — in this circumstance undoubtedly those offered by Microsoft.

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Effect on SCO

The anti-competitive restrictions in the 1987 MS Agreement significantly imperil SCO's development of NGOS. First, the restrictions by their express terms prevent effective product innovation to create a new product for the 64 bit P7 processors. Rather than being free to take the UNIX software that it now owns and develop a revolutionary new UNIX operating system to run on the P7 processor, the terms of the 1987 MS Agreement constrain SCO to manipulate and adapt Microsoft's original work done for 16 bit processors. The effect hobbles innovation since it compels continued use of features and constructs no longer relevant ten years after the 1987 MS Agreement was made.

By handcuffing all future product evolution of UNIX for Intel PC's to its original work done for the 386 chip in 1987, Microsoft seeks for itself a competitive advantage in its offer of its own programs Windows 95 and Windows NT which compete with UNIX. Although, in theory, Microsoft is subject to the same restrictions under the terms of the 1987 MS Agreement — it, too, can only offer UNIX for Intel PC's which is based upon or a derivative work of Merged Product — the restrictions have no meaning in reality for Microsoft. After it developed the so-called Merged Product for the 386, Microsoft decided not to bring it to market. It has not offered for sale any UNIX for Intel PC product for years. Hence it is not restricted at all. The restriction operates only upon Microsoft's competitor SCO and upon programs that compete with Windows.

The restrictions in the 1987 MS Agreement significantly impact SCO's NGOS in a second way. By undertaking the expense and burden of developing a new product, SCO should not be subject to payment of royalty to Microsoft. By enforcing a provision which requires that new products continue to be a derivative work of the Microsoft 386 "Merged Product," and therefore subject to royalty, no matter how irrelevant the 386 program version is four chip generations and ten years in the future, Microsoft imposes a significant financial penalty on a competitor and, thereby, a competitive price advantage for its Windows operating system products.

By restricting the development of a PC operating system that directly competes with its products and saddling competitive product offerings with unnecessary links to old software and making them subject to an unnecessary royalty, Microsoft acts unfairly to perpetuate its monopoly in the supply of PC operating systems.

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We noted above the manner in which the restrictions in the 1987 MS Agreement operate with similar effect as the per processor agreements which were the subject of the Department's prior actions and resulting consent decree. Both the per processor agreements and the 1987 MS Agreement force unwilling parties to license MS software under circumstances where it is not wanted and increase the financial cost of any non-Windows operating system alternative.

The 1987 MS Agreement as well has effects which duplicate, in this UNIX setting, other past anti-competitive DOS/Windows practices, covered by the previous action and Consent Decree. Section IV B of the Consent Decree prohibits Microsoft from entering into license agreements which restrict OEM's from sale or distribution of non-Microsoft operating systems. The 1987 MS Agreement has exactly this effect. SCO, under its terms, would be prohibited from offering new UNIX products free of the obsolete Microsoft code. The entire field of UNIX for Intel PC's, thus, becomes one where every product is a product subject to Microsoft royalty payments. Indeed the provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement are even more pernicious than those covered by the previous decree covering DOS and Windows because in this case the prohibition against using non-Microsoft software both stifles innovation for competitive UNIX products and forces inclusion of obsolete Microsoft software making UNIX products less desirable.

The term of the restrictions in the 1987 MS Agreement similarly runs afoul of the spirit of the Consent Decree in Section IVA. There Microsoft is prohibited from license agreements with terms longer than one year. Here Microsoft has created a structure, that in theory is perpetual. Indeed, the 1987 MS's prohibition against new product development is far worse than that found to be copyright misuse in Lasercomb America, Inc. v. Reynolds, 911 F.2d 970 (4th Cir. 1990). There imposition of a 99 year restriction on development of competitive software, as a condition of the grant of a software license, was found to be a form of copyright misuse. The circumstances here are threefold more exaggerated in their anti-competitive effects: (i) Microsoft possesses monopoly power which was not the case with the Lasercomb licensor; (ii) the "license" of Microsoft software is not desired by the licensee for new products, but is forced; and (iii) the term of the restriction is potentially longer.

In addition to the operation of the 1987 MS Agreement so as to enhance Microsoft's monopoly power in the market for PC operating systems, it can easily be

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seen that there is no efficiency enhancing integration of economic activity which flows from the Agreement. For purposes of developing a common version of UNIX, an agreement between AT&T and Microsoft to create such a work together, simpliciter, would have sufficed. Extending the arrangement beyond that boundary, so as to bar creation of competing works, does not legitimately further that purpose. On that ground alone the arrangement violates the antitrust laws. More than that, the 1987 MS Agreement actually operates to suffocate the "common" version of UNIX. Where Microsoft does not sell the "common" UNIX product, but competes against it with Windows, saddling all future versions with useless code and an unnecessary royalty furthers the demise of the "common" UNIX product to the benefit of Microsoft's own products. Under the present circumstances, Microsoft derives greater profit from the failure of UNIX for PC's in the marketplace, than success of any "common" UNIX product. Thus, the 1987 MS Agreement is in reality less of a common product agreement than it is a blunt instrument to keep UNIX competition in check clearing the field for Windows.

We look forward to our meeting on October 9 to discuss these matters

further.

Respectfully submitted

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Application for the initiation of proceedings pursuant to Article 3 of Regulation 17/62 to establish the existence of infringements of Articles 85 and 86 of the Treaty of Rome

filed by

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THE SANTA CRUZ OPERATION, INC.'S COMPLAINT AGAINST MICROSOFT CORPORATION

This is an application respectfully submitted by The Santa Cruz Operation Inc. ("SCO") under Article 3 of Council Regulation No. 17 of 1962 that the Commission should by decision find that the Agreement made between the Microsoft Corporation ("Microsoft") and AT&T in January 1987 contains restrictions on competition which infringe Articles 85 and 86 and thereupon order the parties thereto to bring such infringements to an end. A copy of this agreement is attached as Annex 1.

1. THE UNDERTAKINGS

- SCO is a software company headquartered in Santa Cruz, California, which is located forty 1.1 kilometres south of the Silicon Valley. SCO has subsidiaries located in France, Germany, Italy and the UK and employs well in excess of 400 people in the European Union In addition to sales offices located in France, Germany, Italy, the UK, Spain, Denmark, and Sweden, it maintains significant research and product development facilities in Watford, Cambridge and Leeds in the UK.
- As described in more detail below, SCO's principal products consist of UNIX based operating 1.2 system software designed to run on PCs which utilise Intel processors. SCO's yearly turnover for the financial year 1995 was approximately \$200 million with approximately \$93 million generated in the EU.
- SCO also maintains significant customer relations within the EU selling to distributors, value 1.3 added resellers and OEM.
- Microsoft is well known to the Commission. It is the world's largest vendor of computer software and one of the most profitable undertakings in the computer industry. Its 1996 worldwide turnover was \$ 8.7 billion which camed Microsoft a profit, after taxes of \$ 2.2 billion.
- In 1980 Microsoft licensed from another company a PC operating system which it modified 1.5 and introduced in 1981 as the Microsoft Disk Operating System ("MS-DOS"). Since the mid-1980's, it has been the world's largest vendor of operating systems for PCs (and in particular Intel PCs, as defined below). More than 170 million PCs worldwide employ Microsoft operating systems.
- Microsoft's PC operating system products currently consist of DOS, Windows 3.1x, Windows 1.6 95 and Window NT.

THE PRODUCTS 2.

SCO's principal product is "SCO OpenServer" ("SCOOS"). SCOOS is a PC operating system 2.1 based upon UNIX which is designed to operate on computers employing Intel processors. Intel processors and compatible processors which conform to the Intel instruction set (so-called Intel "clones" such as those offered by AMD and Cyrix) comprise the vast majority of the PC

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market. Approximately 90% of all PCs utilize such intel of Intel clone processors (we refer to both PCs using Intel processors and PCs using Intel clone processors as "Intel PCs").

- UNIX is an operating system originally developed by AT&T thirty years ago for what were then known as minicomputers. From its inception, UNIX was promoted as a non-proprietary "open operating system" and was freely licensed by AT&I throughout the computer industry. Unlike proprietary operating systems which were unique to particular hardware vendors such as IRM's MVS or Digital Equipment's VMS, UNIX was offered by many different hardware vendors and afforded the customer a degree of freedom to migrate among these different hardware platforms, which used UNIX as the operating system thus permitting existing UNIX applications to be retained with only small changes. As it has evolved, UNIX has become an extremely advanced operating system providing true multitasking (that is, allowing the processor to work on more than one program at a time); multiple user capabilities (allowing multiple users to access a single processor), tight security (allowing different classes of users to a single computer different degrees of access), advanced networking and communication capabilities; and robustness (low rates of failure or system crashes). Indeed, UNIX was the program standard around which the Internet was originally developed.
- 2.3 SCOOS adapts UNIX, originally developed for large systems, and enables it to function as the operating system for an lutel PC.
- 2.4 SCO also offers a second UNIX based PC operating system known as "UnixWare". Like SCOOS, UnixWare brings UNIX to the Intel PC platform. SCO acquired the rights to UnixWare in a recent transaction with Novell, the original developer of the program, Because SCOOS and UnixWare have certain differences between them, SCO has plans to merge the two operating systems into one program known currently by the code name "Gernini".
- 2.5 Sun Microsystems has sub-licensed UNIX from Microsoft. Using its sub-licence it also offers a UNIX for Intel PC operating system known as "Solaris X86". Solaris X86 has differences when compared to SCOOS and UnixWare such that a user of Solaris X86 has no assurance that an application program developed for it will operate with SCOOS or UnixWare.
- 2.6 SCOOS and UnixWare thus compete with the other operating systems offered on the market for Intel PCs including Windows 95, Windows 3.1. Windows NT, Solaris X86 and Novell's NetWare.

THE MICROSOFT LICENSES

SCO's rights to create, distribute and sell UNIX software code at the time it developed SCOOS were acquired through a license chain from (i) AT&T to Microsoft (wherein AT&T as the new owner of UNIX granted a license for UNIX to Microsoft) and then (ii) Microsoft to SCO. Microsoft's original rights to UNIX were thus acquired through its non-exclusive sub-licensable license from AT&T. Pursuant to its license from AT&T, Microsoft had adapted UNIX to function on Intel PCs, naming the resulting program "XENIX". XENIX is thus a derivative work of UNIX. Later, in 1987 as a result of the agreement made that year between Microsoft and AT&T, which is described in Section 4 below, Microsoft developed another version of UNIX for Intel PCs using 386 processors based upon the then current release of UNIX, System V, and XENIX known as "System V/386 Rel. 3.2". System V/386 Rel. 3.2, also a derivative work of UNIX, depended upon AT&T's UNIX license to Microsoft.

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- In 1988, Microsoft granted SCO a license to use System V/386 Rel. 3.2. Under this license 3.2 agreement (a copy of which is attached as Annex 2), SCO was permitted to copy System V/386 Rel. 3.2, which largely consisted, of course, of UNIX code, and to modify that code, without restriction, into new products. Under the terms of this 1988 Agreement, SCO has to pay Microsoft a royalty for products sold under the Agreement.
- SCOOS now contains the many additions and improvements which have been made over the 3,3 years to the System V software originally licensed to SCO by Microsoft. Among other things, SCO has undertaken the major task of adapting the System V code to function with modern Intel processors. XENIX and System V/386 Rel, 3,2 were 1987 vintage programs designed to permit UNIX to function with Intel 286 and 386 processors (both 16-bit processors). SCO has now written SCOOS to function with the Intel Pentium, a 32-bit processor, two generations more advanced than the processor for which System V/386 Rel. 3.2 was written. So fundamental are the changes made by SCO, that SCOOS dwarfs in size the System V/386 Rel 3.2 UNIX program licensed from Microsoft. Indeed, SCO's SCOOS contains nearly five times more code than the System V/386 Rel. 3.2. SCO has converted the program from a character based program to one employing a graphical user interface. In addition, SCO has added modern networking, Internet, and multiprotocol facilities, as well as security features and modern device drivers.
- As a result of the chain of transactions described below, SCO has now acquired ownership of 3.4 the UNIX program itself so that it no longer requires a license from anyone to produce UNIX products. In November 1989, AT&T, the original developer of the UNIX Operating System, had spun off the UNIX division as a separate company then known as UNIX System Laboratories, Inc. ("USL"). In June 1993, Novell, the vendor of the NetWare Operating System, acquired USL and hence became the owner of the UNIX program in turn, in December 1995, Novell sold the ownership of UNIX to SCO. As a result, SCO now enjoys the right, as the owner of the UNIX program, to exploit that program without the necessity of a license from any other party. In particular, if SCO chooses to develop products based on UNIX, without any lines of Microsoft developed code, SCO will not have further need to license such products under the 1988 Agreement with Microsoft or pay royalties, thereunder, to
- It is SCCPs intention to develop a new highly advanced UNIX based operating system for the 3.5 next generation of intel processors. Currently, the most advanced intel processor on the market is known as the "P6". This processor, now only at the start of its product life-cycle, is being sold in very small volumes at extremely high prices. Although they are not the most advanced processor chips currently offered for sale by Intel, various versions of the P5 processor, known as the "Pentium", account for overwhelming portions of current sales. Virtually all Intel PCs sold currently employ Pentium processors. Although SCO's new product, envisioned for the P7 processus, is technically speaking only one generation ahead of the P6, in reality it is two generations ahead of the main stream Intel PCz currently being sold. SCO's work to create the new UNIX for Intel's P7 based PCs will be a tremendous undertaking, which will involve thousands of man years of engineering time. The new product code, named "NGOS" (Next Generation Operating System), will be developed from the ground up, and will be based not upon XENIX or the SCO 1988 licensing agreement with Microsoft (System V/386 Rel. 3.2) but from UNIX itself which SCO now owns.

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4, THE MICROSOFT/AT&T AGREEMENT

- 4.1 In 1987, Microsoft and AT&T entered into an agreement entitled "Development and License Agreement for Couvergence of AT&T's UNIX® System V and Microsoft's XENIX® Operating System on Intel Microprocessors" (hereinafter the "1987 MS Agreement").
- The overt objective of this agreement was to enable Microsoft to create a version of UNIX to min on the Intel 386 processor and to be compatible with 286 processors and programs written for the 286 PCs. However, the Intel 386 processor is now two generations behind the current main stream Pentium and is obsolete. It is in fact no longer sold. The 286 uses even older technology and has no commercial value at all. Few 286 PCs even remain in use. The resulting adaptation of UNIX to run on the Intel 386 was termed under the 1987 MS Agreement "Merged Product". The 1987 MS Agreement contemplated that both AT&T and Microsoft would sell the resulting Merged Product. In addition, it provided for the parties to develop future evolutions of the first Merged Product (the 386 version) for future releases of UNIX and for future generations of Intel processors. However, no such products were ever developed pursuant to the 1987 MS Agreement.
- Agreement imposes significant restrictions on competition. It prohibits AT&T and its successors from selling any UNIX software for Intel processors, in either executable binary form or source code form which is not a Product under the 1987 MS Agreement for as long as the 1987 MS Microsoft Agreement remains in force.
- 4.4 The restriction on selling executable versions of UNIX for Intel PCs is found at paragraph 2(c) which reads:
 - (c) as to UNIX System (Inde, or a derivative work thereof, in Executable File form, after one year from acceptance of the initial Merged Product. MS and AT&T shall, except as hereinafter provided, market and distribute only Binary Compatible Product for Intel Microprocessor Based General Business Computer Systems.

"Binary Compatible Product" is defined in the Agreement as a "Product" which, in turn, is defined as the "Merged Product" or derivative works thereof which are governed by the 1987 MS Agreement. Binary Compatible Products are also required to run and support a listed group of application programs written for 286 Intel processor machines.

- 4.5 The restriction on source code distribution is similar and found at paragraph 2(d):
 - (d) After ninety (90) days from ucceptance of the initial Merged Product, any source code license granted by AT&T for UNIX System Code for an Intel Micropronessor, or any source code license granted by MS for a derivative work of UNIX System Code for an Intel Microprocessor, shall be for Product only. Source code licenses granted by either party prior to the ninety first (91st) day after acceptance of the initial Merged Product shall continue in full force and effect.

Again, "Product" is a defined term in the Agreement which covers the "Merged Product" and derivative works thereof.

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- As a consequence of these restrictions, AT&T and its successors are prevented from offering any UNIX product for Intel PCs that is not based upon the original Microsoft "Merged Product" developed under the 1987 MS Agreement and that is not "Binary Compatible." That is to say, these restrictions compel AT&T and its successors to sell only Merged Product or derivative works based upon the 1987 Merged Product for so long as the contract remains in force and to ensure that it is Binary Compatible and capable of supporting old 286 application software.
- The consequences of these restrictions on competition are enormous. First, they stifle 4.7 innovation in the development of new forms of UNIX for Intel PCs free of the structures, facilities and code created for 16 bit processors and application programs no longer being sold and which are as many as five generations behind the 64 bit P7. Incorporating these facilities in a program is both unnecessary and costly. Indeed, some of the programs required to be supported have not been sold for nearly a decade. Second, they compel the payment of royalties to Microsoft where none is needed or deserved. Under the Agreement, Microsoft was to he paid a \$15 per copy royalty for each copy of a program covered by the Agreement which was sold by AT&T or its downstream licensees. By restricting competition in the development and sale of an alternative UNIX based Intel PC program, Microsoft ensured that all such software would be subject to a royalty payable to it. In effect, the provision operates like the per processor license agreements which were the subject of the Commission's earlier proceedings against Microsoft. The 1987 MS Agreement forces use of obsolete and redundant Microsoft code in circumstances where it is neither needed nor desired and it provides Microsoft with a royalty for an unnecessary product. Of course, the technical means to develop a new independent UNIX for Intel PC programs have been available at all times; the restriction on pursuing that course ensures that all such software remains under Microsoft's control.
- The anti-competitive effect of these restrictions is magnified by the term provisions of the Agreement which keep the Agreement in force, and thus the restrictions and royalty provisions in force, until such time as neither party (AT&II and its successors of Microsoft) has commercially released a new generation product for a new Intel processor or new release of UNIX for a period of two years. The 1987 MS Agreement in every practical respect is thus everlasting. It will continue with its restrictions in force under its express terms forever unless both parties have failed to offer products for new Intel processors or new variations of UNIX. Under the terms of this provision, if AT&T's successors wished to be released from the 1987 MS Agreement, they would be required to forego offering new products to meet the market for two years. Such a two year hiatus in the offer of new UNIX software products for new Intel processors or new releases of UNIX is in all commercial respects equivalent to termination of business. In the electronics business products must advance continually or they will be spurred by the market.
- 4.9 Microsoft's 1988 Agreement with SCO does not affect the issues concerning the anticompetitive restraints created by the 1987 MS Agreement. Because it has acquired ownership
 of the copyright to UNIX from AT&T, SCO should be free to develop new UNIX based works
 without the necessity of a license from anybody. The 1988 license between Microsoft and
 SCO is no longer commercially viable as a basis for SCO to develop new UNIX products since
 paying a royalty to Microsoft to obtain UNIX rights free of development restraints is, in effect,
 a double payment: SCO owns UNIX, has paid for such ownership and would be placed at a
 competitive disadvantage were it to nonetheless proceed under a royalty bearing license that it
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5. THE EFFECT ON SCO

5.1 Following the acquisition of UNIX from Novell, SCO wrote to Microsoft on 20th September, 1996 (copy of letter attached as Annex 3), in an effort to persuade Microsoft not to enforce the provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement. In response to SCO's letter, Paul Maritz, Group Vice President of Microsoft, wrote on 21st October, 1996 (copy of letter attached as Annex 4) that "Microsoft expects SCO to adhere to the terms of the 1987 Agreement" and expressly acknowledged Microsoft's position that "the 1987 Agreement was explicitly negotiated to be perpetual."

SCO contacted Microsoft again on 17th January, 1996, by telephone to discuss Microsoft's position. Mr Maritz of Microsoft refused to alter the decision set forth in the October 21 letter and re-affirmed its intent to enforce the restraints and that the term of the agreement was explicitly negotiated to be perpetual.

- 5.2 The anti-competitive restrictions in the 1987 Miorosoft Agroement significantly imperil SCO's development of NGOS. First, the restrictions by their express terms prevent effective product innovations to create a new product for the 64-bit P7 processors. Rather than being free to take the UNIX software that it has paid for and now owns and develop a revolutionary new UNIX operating system to run on the P7 processor, the terms of the 1987 MS Agreement constrain SCO to manipulate and adapt Microsoft's original work done for 8 and 16 bit processors. The effect impedes innovation since the requirement that ATA'I and its successors utilise "Merged Product" and make products "Binary Compatible" obliges SCO to continue to incorporate obsolete software in its product offerings and to pay a royally for the use of such unnecessary material.
- By binding all future product evolution of UNIX for Intel PCs to its original work done for the 386 chip in 1987, Microsoft effectively secures for stelf a competitive advantage for Windows 95 and Windows NT products which compete with UNIX. Although, in theory, Microsoft is subject to the same restrictions under the terms of the 1987 MS Agreement it, 100, can only offer UNIX for PC software which is based upon or a derivative work of Merged Product the restrictions have no meaning in reality for Microsoft. After it developed the 30 called Merged Product for the 386, Microsoft decided not to bring it to market. It has not offered for sale any UNIX for Intel PC product for years. Hence it is not restricted at all. The restriction operates only upon Microsoft's competitors like SCO who seek to sell UNIX based systems which would compete with Windows 95 and Windows NT.
- The restrictions in the 1987 MS Agreement significantly impact SCO's NGOS in a second way. By undertaking the expense and hurden of developing a new product and having paid to acquire ownership of UNIX itself, SCO should not be subject to payment of royalty to Microsoft. By enforcing a provision which requires that new products continue to be a derivative work of the Microsoft 386 Merged Product, and therefore subject to royalty, irrespective of the fact that the 386 program version is now completely obsolete, Microsoft imposes a significant technical impediment as well as a financial penalty on all its competitors and thereby achieves a competitive technical and competitive price advantage for its Windows operating system products.

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THE RELEVANT MARKET 6.

- SCO submits that the relevant market must be that for the supply of operating systems for Intel 6.1
- PC operating systems control the operation of a computer by managing the interaction between 6.2 the computor's microprocessor, memory and attached devices such as keyhoards, display screens, disk drives, and printers. A PC operating system functions as the "central nervous system" of the PC. PC operating system software is designed to work with specific microprocessors, the integrated circuits that function as the "brain" of the computer.
- The overwhelming majority of the PCs in the world today use the x86 class of microprocessors 6.3 originally designed by Intel Corporation. The xX6 class currently has included the Intel 286, 386, 486, Pentium (P5) and P6 as well as microprocessors manufactured by other companies that use a substantially similar architecture and instruction set ("Intel clones"). Intel has released specifications for the generation of microprocessor to succeed the P6, known, as would be expected, as the P7 and also known by the code name "Merced".
- Because operating systems written for other types of microprocessors will not work with Intel 6.4 PCs, PC manufacturers who sell Intel PCs and customers who buy such machines only use an operating system which is compatible with the architecture and instruction set of the Intel or Intel-clone microprocessor. At present there are only four suppliers of such operating system software who possess anything other than a negligible market share: (1) Microsoft with its Windows 95, Windows NT, Windows 3.1 and DOS products; (ii) IBM with its OS/2 product; (iii) S(:() with its SCOOS and UnixWare products; and (iv) Novell with Netware (Netware, however, is only used in PC server environments).

MICROSOFT'S DOMINANCE 7.

- Microsoft enjoyed a dominant position in the relevant market since at least the mid-80s, 7.1 retaining a market share of at least 70%, and no other competitor has had a share greater than 10%,
- In the year Microsoft concluded the 1987 MS Agreement with AT&T, Microsoft's share for its 7.2 DOS products in the relevant market measured in units shipped was 70%. Microsoft's total market share for all of its products was larger still owing to its sales of the XENIX product. The table below lists worldwide shipments by year of Intel PC operating system software from . 1987 through 1996.

Worldwid	le Shipments of Int	el PC Oper	ating Syste	m Softwar	e (în 000s)	
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
MS-DOS	8,228	9,847	10,961	11,596	12,325	11,735
QS/2	25	65	124	800	1,500	3,000
Unix	165	282	440	625	908	1,250
Other	3,527	3,120	1,735	1,131	610	300
Total	11,945	13,314	13,260	14,152	15,343	16,285

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W	orldwide Shipments <i>Mar</i>	of Intol PC ket Share F	Operating ercentage	System So	ftware	
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
MS	69%	74%	63%	82%	80%	72%
Unix	1.4%	2,1%	3%	5.4%	5,9%	7,7%

	1994	1995	1996
MS-DOS	7,800	3,451	2,502
MS Win 3.x	36,500	33,527	13,000
MS Win 93		19,500	47,088
MS Win NT	325	958	3,005
OS/2	3,113	4,504	2,840
scoos	205	232	232
UnixWare	12	13	23
Netware	760	885	967
Sunsoft Solaris X86	10	17	20
Other incl. NextStep and other	1,650	2,350	2,993
Unix Total	50,375	65,437	72,670

Worldwide Shi	pments of Intel PC Ope Market Share Percen	rating System Software Stage	varê
	1994	1995	1996
MS OS Products	89%	86%	90%
SCO OS Products	0.40%	0,40%	1,40%

7.3 Within the EU, Microsoft's overwhelming dominance in the supply of Intel PC operating systems is similar.

Western Europe Operating System Shipments (in 000s)					
	1994	1995	1996		
MS-DOS	2,184	759	286		
MS Win 3,x	9,490	X,046	2,695		
MS Win 95	<u> </u>	6,533	11,827		
MS Win N'I'	55	147	752		
OS/2	1,304	1,901	1,803		
Unix	111	118	123		
Total	13,144	17,504	17,486		

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Western Europe Operating System Shipments Market Share Percentage				
	1994	1995	1996	
AS OS Products	89%	88%	89%_	
Inix	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	

- 7.4 Substantial barriers to entry and expansion exist in the relevant market. One barrier to entry and expansion is the considerable time and expanse required to develop, test, and market and new PC operating system. Other interrelated barriers to entry and expansion include:
 - (a) the absence of a variety of high quality applications that run on a new operating system, and the difficulty of convincing independent software vendors ("ISVs") to develop such applications;
 - (b) the lack of a sizeable installed base of users; and, of course
 - (c) the difficulty in convincing computer vendors to offer and promote a non Microsoft PC operating system, particularly one with a small installed base and relatively few applications designed to run on it.
 - (d) for SCO the constraints imposed by the 1987 Agreement.
- 7.5 These barriers magnify and reinforce each other because the value of an operating system to a consumer is directly related to two factors: the availability of a variety of high quality applications that run on that system, and the number of users who use that operating system and thus are able to share information and work with the system without additional training. ISVs, in turn, tend to develop applications for operating systems with a large installed base of users, and consumers gravitate towards operating systems with a large base of applications.

8. MICROSOFT'S INFRINGEMENT OF ARTICLES 85 AND 86

8.1 Infringements of Article 85

Article 85(1) prohibite, inter alia, all agreements between undertakings which may affect trade between Member States and which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market. In particular, Article 85(1) expressly prohibits agreements which:

- directly or indirectly fix purchase or selling prices or any other trading conditions;
- limit or control production, markets, technical development or investment; or
- make the conclusion of contracts subject to acceptance by the other parties of supplementary obligations which, by their nature or according to commercial usage, have no connection with the subject of such contracts.

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SCO submits that the 1987 MS Agreement infringes Article \$5(1) in three ways: (i) it requires the copyright owner of UNIX, which is one of only two viable competitors to Microsoft's products, to include unwanted and unnecessary code and facilities in new versions of UNIX for Intel PC products which are costly to create and maintain. This constitutes a impediment to development and places such products at a competitive technical disadvantage to Microsoft's Windows products, (ii) it forces the copyright owner of UNIX to pay royalties for the foregoing unwanted, unnecessary and undesirable code and facilities, placing UNIX products at a competitive price disadvantage to Microsoft's Windows products, and (iii) the imposition of these competitive restraints is perpetual. Each of these infringements is discussed below.

8.1.1 The Infringements

(1) The restriction on technical development

As explained at Paragraph 4 above, the effect of paragraphs 2(a) and 2(c) of the 1987 MS Agreement is that AT&T and its licensees and successors are prevented from offering any UNIX products for Intel PCs that are not "Binary Compatible" and not based upon the original Microsoft "Merged Product" or derivative works based upon the 1987 Merged Product for so long as the 1987 MS Agreement remains in force. The practical effect of this Clause is that all UNIX products for Intel PCs must be compatible with application programs written for the obsolete 286 and 386 Intel processors.

A similar restriction was considered by the Commission in the Video Cassette Recorders¹ case which involved a number of German undertakings which had agreed that in manufacturing and distributing video cassette recorders and video cassettes they would observe exclusively the technical standards applicable to the VCR system developed by Philips and would refrain from offering other systems. In defending its agreement, Philips assetted that the requirement that its standard be exclusively adopted was the "quid pro quo" for the royalty free licenses it granted, and the only way that the VCR system could be assured of a firm foothold on the market was to make it impossible for its licensees to change over to another manufacturer's system while the agreement was in force.

in assessing the case the Commission held.

"Paragraph 2 of the basic agreement required the parties to observe the technical standards laid down in Annex I for the manufacture and distribution of video cassette record[er]s and video cassettes. As these standards were for the manufacture of VCR equipment, the parties were obligated to manufacture und distribute only cassettes and recorders conforming to the VCR system liversed by Philips. They were prohibited from changing to manufacturing and distributing other video cassette systems, Sony's .U-MATIC; for example, as long as these obligations continued. They were not even allowed to use other systems at the same time. This constituted a restriction of competition under Article 85(1)(b) which was designed to limit the technical development, production and sale of other video cassette systems."

(emphasis supplied)

The Commission's reasoning in the Video Cassette Recorders case may be similarly applied to the limitation on technical development under the 1987 MS Agreement. In the Video Cassette Recorders case, for example, parties were obliged to manufacture and distribute only cassettes and recorders conforming to the VCR standard licensed by Philips; similarly, under the 1987 MS Agreement a standard for all Intel PC UNIX software is imposed by the requirements that such software offered be

¹ OJ 1978 L47/12 [1978] 2 CMLR 160

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the UNIX copyright holder or its successors be based upon "Merged Product" and be "Binary Compatible". Furthermore, in the Video Cassette Recorders case the Commission commented that the restrictions of competition were particularly marked in view of the pre-eminent market position held by Philips. Such a consideration must equally apply to Microsoft given its undisputed dominance of the market for operating systems since at the time it entered the 1987 MS Agreement with AT&I it possessed a 70% share of the relevant market and now enjoys a share of nearly 90% of the market.

In addition, it should be noted that, having limited the technical development of all UNIX for Intel PC software, Microsoft decided to abandon its own original Merged Product (XENIX), an action which the Commission may view as aggravating an already serious restriction of competition.

SCO further asserts that, even ignoring the fact that the 1987 MS Agreement was never notified and cannot therefore qualify for an exemption pursuant to article 85(3), the technical development limitation included in the 1987 MS Agreement could not benefit from an exemption pursuant to Article 85(3) for the same reasons as those given by the Commission in the Video Cassette Recorders case. In considering the applicability of Article 85(3) to the Philips agreement, the Commission concluded:

[N]o significant improvement in production or distribution was achieved since compliance with the VCR standards led to the exclusion of other, perhaps better, systems. Such an exclusion was particularly serious in view of the pre-eminent market position enjoyed by Philips.

Similarly, no benefit can be said to flow to the consumer from the 1987 MS Agreement. Even at the time that the limitations on technical progress were imposed, such limitations were unuccessary and not at all indispensable for the development of a common Merged Product for the two original undertakings. If the object was to jointly develop a common merged product, a simple joint development agreement would have sufficed. It was unnecessary to the achievement of that goal to impose a perpetual covenant not to develop a separate competing product. In any event, there has been no economic or technical advantage gained from the restraints contained in the 1987 MS Agreement, To the extent that the restrictions were designed to create a single version of UNIX for Intel PCs, so as to prevent incompatible different versions from being offered by different vendors, that has not occurred. Microsoft itself ceased selling its XENIX program shortly after the 1987 MS Agreement was concluded. Accordingly, it lost its commercial interest in insuring that its XENIX program would be compatible with AT&T's UNIX program for Intel PCs. Moreover, Microsoft itself sub-licensed its version of UNIX for Intel PUs, XENIX, without imposing conditions that would prevent its sublicensees from modifying the program, so as to make it incompatible with XENIX. For example, Microsoft licensed Sun Microsystems, as a sub-licensee, to UNIX for Intel. The resulting Sun product, Solaris X86 has no assured compatibility with other UNIX for Intel PC operating systems. In similar fashion, Microsoft's 1988 license agreement with SCO contains no restrictions of any kind on future changes or modifications that the incensee, SCO, may make in the program. SCO is thus left free under the 1988 ticense to change the licensed program to one which is incompatible with XENIX (and hence one which no longer would be a "Merged Product" or "Binary Compatible" under the 1987 MS Agreement). As follows, SCOOS, UnixWare and Solaris X86 (all UNIX for Intel PC products) do not have insured compatibility with each other. Thus, Microsoff's own licensing practice with companies, other than AT&T, permits those undertakings to diverge from "Merged Product" and "Binary Compatible" products. The only party restrained is AT&T and its successors. Accordingly, there is no UNIX compatibility or standardisation purpose achieved by the 1987 MS Agreement restraints.

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The only effect of the continued enforcement of the restraints in the 1987 MS Agreement is to place Intel PC UNIX products at a competitive disadvantage when compared to Windows 95 and Windows NT. Whereas Microsoft is free to innovate and change its Windows product line as it sees fit and price them as it chooses, the copyright owner of UNIX is required to include unnecessary features for a common product that no longer exists and bear a royalty charge for the required inclusion of such features.

For these reasons the 1987 MS Agreement can be distinguished from the X/Open Group case² where the Commission's decision to exempt an agreement which sought to establish an open industry standard was based largely on the benefits which flowed to the consumer from the notified agreement. Unlike the 1987 Microsoft Agreement, the X/Open agreement merely allowed the competitive undertakings to develop a common, standard product. There were no restraints which prevented the parties from developing products outside the agreement.

(2) The forced royalty payment

The terms of the 1987 MS Agreement compel the payment of royalties to Microsoft for the use of Microsoft code which SCO does not desire to use. Under the Agreement, Microsoft was to be paid a \$15 per copy royalty for each copy of a program covered by the Agreement which was sold by AT&T or its downstream licensees. By restricting competition in the development and sale of an alternative UNIX based Intel PC program, Microsoft ensured that all such software would be subject to a royalty to it. Of course, the technical means to develop a new independent UNIX for Intel PC program[s] have been available at all times but the restriction on pursuing that course ensures that all such software remains under Microsoft's control.

The principle that royalties should only relate to products which a licensec desires to use in order to gain some form of advantage was alluded to in the Windsurfing International Decision³ where the Commission made the following statement:

"If the calculation of royalites, when payable on the hosis of individual sales, is not linked to the products covered by the licensed invention, there is a danger of the licensee's production, as compared with that of competitors, having to bear costs for which the licensee is not compensated through the advantages conferred by exploitation of the product."

Although this statement refers to the method used by Windsurfing International for calculating the royalties, the principle is clear that the royalties must relate to the advantages conferred by exploitation of the product so that a party is not hindered by unnecessary costs not faced by competitors. SCO helieves that the 1987 MS Agreement breaches this principle in two ways. First, there are no current advantages to using the Microsoft code in UNIX products. Indeed, as explained at Paragraph 8.1.1(1) above, the forced inclusion of the Microsoft code in UNIX products is a technical liability, and secondly, the royalty of US\$ 15/copy charged to publishers of UNIX products for a "product" which brings with it no advantage (i.e. Microsoft code), is not one borne by developers of products competing with the UNIX operating system. Indeed, there is one competitor to UNIX operating systems, Microsoft, which rather than being hindered by the forced royalty, is the beneficiary of its income.

² OJ 1987 L35/36 [1988] 4 CMLR 542

³ OJ 1983 L229/1 [1984] 1 CMLR 1

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(3) The perpetual term of the Agreement

The anti-competitive effect of the restrictions imposed on SCO in limiting the technical development of UNIX products and imposing a forced royalty payment is reinforced by the term provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement which keeps it in force until such time as neither party (AT&T and its successors nor Microsoft) has commercially released a new generation product for a new Intol processor or new release of UNIX for a period of two years. The 1987 MS agreement thus in every practical respect is permanent. A two year hiatus in the offer of new UNIX software products for new Intel processors or new releases of UNIX, necessary to release AT&T or its successors from the 1987 MS Agreement, is in all commercial respects equivalent to termination of business. It is well known in the electronics industry that such a failure to advance product offerings would cause the customer base to migrate irrevocably to other competitive up-to-date operating system products, in this circumstance undoubtedly those offered by Microsoft.

SCO submits that the 1987 MS Agreement contains restrictions which must be viewed as perpetual in that Microsoft, in correspondence with SCO, has acknowledged that the provisions were intended to be so.

8.1.2 Non-applicability of the relevant block exemption

The 1987 MS Agreement does not benefit from any block exemption regulation, and in particular falls outside the know-how Block Exemption Regulation (Regulation 556/89) which was in force at the time the 1987 MS Agreement was entered into, and the new Technology Transfer Block Exemption Regulation (Regulation 240/96), which replaced Regulation 556/898 when it came into force on April 1, 1996. Although the agreements in question may have fallen outside the ambit of these Regulations, the general principles set out therein must be applicable in the assessment of similar types of licence agreement.

(!) Block Exemption Regulation 556/89

Article 3 of Regulation 5.56/89 sets out a list of obligations, the inclusion of any or more of which in a license agreement, will render the block exemption inapplicable. This list includes a prohibition under Article 3(10) of agreements, such as the 1987 MS Agreement, whose initial duration is automatically prolonged by the inclusion of new improvements.

(3) Block Exemption Regulation 240/96

Article 3(10) of Regulation 556/89 is repeated in Article 3(7) of the new Technology Transfer Block Exemption Regulation, which came into force on April 1, 1996.

8.1.3 Non-notification of the Agreement

Although the 1987 MS Agreement contains several provisions which SCO submits must fall within the scope of Article 85(1) and require individual exemption under Article 85(3), no such notification appears to have ever been made. It should be noted that SCO was never at any time a direct party to any agreement with respect to the restrictive provisions entered into, nor the infringements of Article 85 created by the 1987 MS Agreement. The duty to notify the agreement to obtain an exemption was on the parties to it and SCO was not a party to the 1987 MS Agreement.

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8.1.4 Effect of non-notification on the 1987 MS Agreement

Since, as explained above, certain provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement infringe Article 85(1) and it does not fall within the scope of any of the Commission's block exemptions, the anti-competitive provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement are automatically void pursuant to Article 85(2) and the Commission is entitled to impose fines on the participating undertakings and third parties are able to sue in the national courts for damages, an injunction or both.

However, although SCO believes that the anti-competitive provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement are automatically void pursuant to Article 85(2), there is nevertheless a strong Community interest for the Commission adopting a formal Decision in this case.

8.1.5 The 1987 MS Agreement falls outside of the spirit of the EC Undertaking and the US Consent Decree

In addition to the apparent infringements of Article 85, the 1987 MS Agreement appears to be in breach of, if not the terms, at least the spirit of the undertaking that Microsoft gave the EC Commission and the Department of Justice in 1994 (the "Undertaking")

The Undertaking applies specifically to Microsoft's unfair practice of making its MS-DOS and Windows technology available on a "per processor" basis which required PC manufacturers to pay a fee to Microsoft for each computer shipped, regardless of whether or not the computer contained Microsoft operating system software. The Commission alleged that this arrangement gave Microsoft an unfair advantage by causing a manufacturer selling a non-Microsoft operating system to pay at least two royalties - one to Microsoft and one to its competitors - thereby making a non-Microsoft unit more expensive. The Commission concluded that the effect of such an arrangement was that, "the ability of rival operating systems to compete has been impeded, innovation has been slowed and consumer choices have been limited". Consequently, under the Undertaking Microsoft is prohibited from entering into any per processor licenses.

The forced purchase of unwanted Microsoft code under the 1987 MS Agreement has much the same effect as the per processor licenses: licensees are forced to pay a royalty for code they do not wish to use and which constitutes a limitation on the innovative development of the products and, because of the mandatory royalty payment, makes a non-Microsoft product more expensive. The 1987 MS Agreement thus breaches the spirit of the ban on per processor licenses.

Similarly, the Department of Justice and EC Commission alleged in their joint investigation into Microsoft's practices that its contracts were too long, and therefore prohibited Microsoft from entering into any licensess with terms longer than one year, although licensess may renew their licenses for another year on the same terms. The term of the 1987 MS Agreement is, as explained above, perpetual and thus also appears to breach the spirit, if not under the exact terms of the Undertaking.

8,2 Article 86

Article 86 provides that any abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant position within the Commission market or in a substantial part of it shall be prohibited as incompatible with the Common Market insofar as it may affect trade between Member States. In particular Article 86 states that, inter alia, the following practices may constitute abuse:

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- directly or indirectly imposing unfair purchase or selling prices or other unfair trading conditions;
- limiting production, markets or technical development to the prejudice of consumers;
- applying dissimilar conditions to equivalent transactions with other trading parties,
 thereby placing them at a competitive disadvantage; and
- making the conclusion of contracts subject to acceptance by the other parties of
 supplementary obligations which, by their nature or according to commercial usage,
 have no connection with the subject of such contracts.

It is SCO's assertion that Microsoft's behaviour towards SCO infringes Article 86.

8.2.1 Microsoft's dominance of the relevant markets

The relevant market is that for the supply of operating systems for PCs Microsoft possesses overpowering dominance, with nearly a 90% market share. Moreover, as shown in the tables set out under Sections 7.2 and 7.3 above, Microsoft's dominance has been increasing: in 1994 its share was 89% and in 1995 86%, whilst SCO's products accounted in 1994 for 1.40% of the market, having risen from a 0.40% market share in 1995. As indicated above, it has already been recognised that Microsoft occupies a dominant position in the relevant market. In its press release of July 15, 1994, the Commission stated that Microsoft enjoyed "a virtual unchallenged leadership" in the above market.

8.2.2 Microsoft's abuse of its dominant position

The concept of abuse for the purposes of Article 86 was defined in Hoffman LaRache4 as:

"[A]n objective concept relating to the behaviour of an undertaking in a dominant position which is such as to influence the structure of a market where, as a result of the very presence of the undertaking in question, the degree of competition is weakened and which, through recourse to methods different from those which condition normal competition in products or services on the basis of transactions of commercial operators has the effect of hindering the maintenance of the degree of competition still existing in the murket or the growth of that competition."

Under this definition, as well as the express prohibitions set out in Article 86, Microsoft's behaviour towards SCO also serves to strengthen its existing dominant position by permanently excluding the owner of the UNIX copyright from competing with Microsoft's own products.

(1) Maintenance of the 1987 MS Agreement

The Agreement in question constitutes a severe limitation on the technical development of all UNIX software for Intel PCs since they require that all such UNIX products be Binary Compatible and be based upon Merged Product. Such limitation imposed on its licensets by a dominant undertaking falls clearly within the express prohibition of Article 86(b). The effect of these provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement, which are expressly referred to in Hoffman LaRoche, is that it has enabled Microsoft to reinforce its dominant position in the market for the supply of operating systems while at the same time

⁴ Case 85/75 ECR 461

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imposing a technical disability upon one of only two real competitors to Microsoft in the relevant market.

Similarly, the obligation of SCO to use Microsoft code in its products for which it then becomes obligated to pay Microsoft a royalty infinges the express prohibition under Article 86(a) on directly or indirectly imposing unfair purchase or sciling prices or other unfair trading conditions on competitors. As explained under Section 4 above, SCO does not wish to use the Microsoft code in its UNIX for Intel PC products and gains no advantage in doing so. Instead the royalty it is obliged to pay to Microsoft merely forces SCO to sell its products at a higher price than would be necessary if the Microsoft royalty was not payable.

(2) Refusal to waive the anti-competitive provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement

SCO has endeavoured to persuade Microsoft to forego enforcing the anti-competitive restraints found in the 1987 MS Agreement. Not only did Microsoft re-affirm its intent to impose the Agreement's technical and price restraints, but it acknowledged that it intended that these restraints continue in perpetuity.

(3) Microsoft's position on SCO's Hoard

Not only does Microsoft hold a 10% share of SCO but one of its officers also occupies a place on SCO's board of directors. Although Microsoft's director is excluded from discussion at SCO relating to competing products, he nevertheless has access to a broad range of information which SCO would not wish to be disclosed to a competitor and it is therefore arguable whether his mere presence on the SCO board constitutes an "abuse" especially when one considers the conflicting fiduciary duties he faces as a director both of Microsoft and of SCO.

However, the "abuse" is most apparent from the way that Microsoft has sought in the past to use its shareholding in SCO. For example, Microsoft has in the past threatened to force SCO to buy back Microsoft's 10% shareholding at a time SCO did not have the funds available to make such a purchase. When informed that SCO did not have the available funds to make the purchase, Microsoft threatened to dump SCO's stock in the market, an action which would have been likely to needlessly depress the share price of SCO's stock so as to harm SCO's other shareholders. The threat was only withdrawn at the eleventh hour.

THE REMEDIES

SCO secks the following remedies from the Commission:

a Decision declaring that the 1987 MS Agreement is caught by 85(1) and was not notified and that its requirements with respect to the future UNIX for Intel PC products are therefore automatically void pursuent to Article 85(2) and the issuance of a permanent sease and desist order to prevent the imposition and enforcement of these or similar provisions; and

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A declaration that the existence of the 1987 MS Agreement strengthens Microsoft's dominance in Intel PC operating system market and is therefore abusive, which is further evidenced, as discussed above, by Microsoft's refusal/failure to waive the restrictive provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement on request; and that Microsoft should be enjoined from taking any action legal or otherwise to enforce the restrictive provisions of the 1987 MS Agreement.

SCO is at the disposal of the Commission to furnish any further information that it may require.

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Microsoft Applauds European Commission Decision to Close Santa Cruz Operation Matter

Decision upholds Microsoft's right to receive royalties if SCO utilizes Microsoft's technology

REDMOND, Wash., November 24, 1997 — Microsoft Corporation today applauded the decision of the European Commission to close the file and take no further action on a dispute between Microsoft and Santa Cruz Operation (SCO) involving a 1987 contract. The Commission's decision follows progress by Microsoft and SCO to resolve a number of commercial issues related to the contract, and upholds Microsoft's right to receive royalty payments from SCO if software code developed by Microsoft is used in SCO's UNIX products.

"We are gratified that the European Commission rejected SCO's request for further action and approved our request to close the file on this case," said Brad Smith, Microsoft's associate general counsel, international.

"We were prepared to address SCO's concerns as long as our intellectual property royalty rights could be protected at the same time. The unique nature of the original 1987 contract made it difficult, but we were able to find a workable solution that resolves SCO's major concerns and still protects Microsoft's intellectual property rights," Smith said.

SCO's complaint concerned a contract originally negotiated in 1987 between Microsoft and AT & T for the development of the UNIX operating system. A principal goal of that contract was to help AT & T reduce fragmentation in the UNIX marketplace by creating a single merged UNIX product. To accomplish this goal, under the contract Microsoft developed for AT & T a new Intel-compatible version of UNIX that improved the program's performance and added compatibility with Microsoft's popular XENIX® operating system, which was at the time the most popular version of UNIX on any hardware platform. When completed in 1988, the merged product created by Microsoft was named "Product of the Year" by UnixWorld Magazine.

To prevent further UNIX fragmentation and at AT & T's behest, the contract obligated the parties to ensure that any future versions of UNIX they developed for the Intel platform would be compatible with this new version of UNIX.

As compensation for Microsoft's technology and for its agreement to give up its leadership position with XENIX, AT & T agreed to pay Microsoft a set royalty for the future copies of UNIX it shipped. AT & T subsequently transferred its rights and obligations under the contract to Novell, which transferred the contract to SCO in 1995.

The code developed by Microsoft under the 1987 contract continues to play an important role in SCO's OpenServer UNIX product. This includes improvements Microsoft made in memory management and system performance, development of a multi-step bootstrap sequence, numerous bug fixes, and the addition of new functions originally developed for XENIX and still documented today by SCO for use by current application developers.

SCO complained to the EC that the provisions in the 1987 contract restricted the manner in which it could develop a future version of UNIX (code-named "Gemini") for the 64-bit generation of Intel processors. After reviewing the matter, Microsoft modified the contract to waive SCO's backward compatibility and development obligations, but insisted on continued payment of royalties for any UNIX versions that include Microsoft's technology. Microsoft then requested that the Commission close the file on the case and take no further action, and the Commission agreed to do so. SCO therefore withdrew its complaint.

Microsoft's Smith said there were basically three issues in the contract that needed to be resolved: (1) the backward compatibility requirement, (2) a development requirement designed to reduce UNIX fragmentation under which each new version of UNIX would be built on the previous versions, and (3) royalty payment

obligations for Microsoft's intellectual property rights.

"Microsoft was willing to waive the backward compatibility and development requirements, which were included in the 1987 agreement at AT & T's behest, but we needed to preserve our intellectual property royalty rights, which are fundamental to the software industry as a whole," he noted. "Unfortunately, the old contract was written in a way that made it difficult to separate the development requirement from the royalty rights, but we were able to find a solution that gave SCO what it wanted but protected our intellectual property rights."

Microsoft first learned of SCO's complaint to the European Commission in late March. In a May 22 submission to European Commission officials, Microsoft affirmed that it was willing to waive the backward compatibility requirement in the contract, as long as Microsoft's right to receive royalty payment for use of its copyrighted technology was preserved. On May 26, before receiving Microsoft's submission, the Commission provided Microsoft with a Statement of Objections. This is a preliminary step in the EC process that identifies issues for further deliberation and provides a company an opportunity to present its position in person at an internal hearing. Microsoft reiterated its willingness to waive the backward compatibility requirements in an August 1 filing with the European Commission. Microsoft also requested that the Commission hold a hearing, so that Microsoft could document the various ways in which Microsoft's intellectual property is contained in SCO's present UNIX products.

On November 4, after discussions with SCO were unsuccessful in resolving the matter, Microsoft informed SCO that it was unliaterally waiving the compatibility and development requirements of the contract, but retaining the requirement that SCO pay a royalty to Microsoft when it ships product that utilizes Microsoft's Intellectual property rights. Upon receiving Microsoft's waiver, the Commission canceled the hearing, which was scheduled for November 13. Despite Microsoft's action to address SCO's concerns, SCO continued to ask for further action by the European Commission. However, the Commission rejected SCO's request and decided to close the case. SCO therefore withdrew its complaint.

"We're pleased that we were able to resolve these issues to the satisfaction of everyone involved, and we're particularly pleased that the EC upheld our right to collect royalties for the use of our technology. This principle is fundamental to the entire software industry," said Smith.

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Last Week Archives



Still more legal battles, CCIA & Dole back the DoJ and a Ms-owned company sues itself.

The Continuing Crisis

- •The Microsoft vs DoJ battle went on as usual last week. The government investigators produced evidence in the form of interoffice e-mails that Microsoft had no intention to integrate a web browser with Windows when the 1994 antitrust agreement was signed. "We view Microsoft as saying they can bundle anything they want, that they 'can sell Windows 95 and a ham sandwich' and it would be an integrated product," Justice Department officials said at a news briefing. Microsoft continued to deny all charges of wrongdoing and spewed their usual 'the government doesn't know anything about technology' and 'the government knew we were going to integrate a browser' lines. There will be a district court hearing on this case Friday, so expect a lot more news next week.
- •In related events. Thursday before last an employee of Microsoft PR firm Edelman Public Relations was caught sneaking into a Department of Justice press-only briefing on the investigation. DoJ officials escorted the man out without incident after it was revealed that he didn't have a press pass. "I think he knew that he was someplace he wasn't supposed to be," DoJ spokesman Michael Gordon later commented. We were unable to confirm if this was the same PR company that staged a protest outside the Appraising Microsoft conference almost 3 weeks ago.
- •The Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA) has charged Microsoft with extortion in its attempts to control the internet. Edward Black, head of the CCIA, said Microsoft was telling computer makers they must use its Web brower "or else." The association also filed a brief supporting the DoJ's investigation of the behemoth's business practices. The brief said Microsoft was using its monopoly position "to gain an unfair competitive advantage against other providers of Internet browsers." Association officials said they hope their brief will help convince Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to rule in favor of the government this Friday. Ms

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executives defended the company by claiming the CCIA is just an extension of long-time Microsoft opponents Sun Microsystems and AT&T, forgetting about the hundreds of other organization members.

Retired US Senator Bob Dole also gave the government investigation his backing last week in an LA Times opinion column. In the column Senator Dole stated that his instincts usually lean away from government intervention, but in this case he makes an exception. "When a dominant company artificially dictates how, where, and even if consumers have choice in the online marketplace, it is time for the government to step in and enforce the antitrust laws," the former Republican presidential candidate wrote. Dole predicted that the internet will take a dominant role in the future of commerce and investing, and as such no company should have a monopoly to its access.

•Last week. Unix developer Santa Cruz Operation (SCO) was released from a decade-old licensing agreement with Microsoft. The agreement, which required SCO to add useless Microsoft code to its OSes and pay royalties "in perpetuity," was found to be anticompetitive by the European Union. Following that ruling, Ms released SCO from the contract. The agreement was originally made 10 years ago and required SCO to make all its applications and OSes backwards-compatable with Microsoft's short-lived Un*x clone, Xenix. Termination of the contract should save SCO \$6 million per year and add between 5 and 9 cents per share to its stock price. However, since Microsoft owns part of SCO, it will make part of the licensing money back with its stock holdings. That makes the story even weirder, as SCO is comtemplating suing Ms to get back the royalties it wrongly paid over the last 8 or 9 years. Like we've said before, when they start fighting amongst themselves the end is

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A Tale of Two Press Releases

> Lead Article by Mitch Stone, Editor/Publisher

It was the best of times, and it was the best of times.

-- Charles Dickens (corrupted)

Good morning, class, and welcome to Microsoft Literature 101. Today, we will be examining a short story from the points of view of both the protagonist and the antagonist, and considering how these two characters in a story react to the same events, and what this may reveal about their personalities.

The protagonist in our narrative is a small software company called SCO, otherwise known as the Santa Cruz Operation. The antagonist is the software giant, Microsoft. First, we should sketch out the storyline.

SCO sells a version of the Unix operating system, a product they purchased from Novell, Inc. in 1995. Novell had acquired it from AT&T, the fathers of Unix, two years earlier. Looking further back to 1980, we find Microsoft developing a commercial version of Unix called Xenix under license from AT&T. Actually, Microsoft didn't develop Xenix, though they did obtain a license from AT&T to do so -- and subcontracted the actual coding to SCO. But we digress.

In 1987 Microsoft became worried that AT&T's newlydeveloped personal computer version of Unix might not run software applications originally written to run under Microsoft Xenix, so they asked AT&T to add some Xenix code to AT&T Unix in order to assure future compatibility. A deal was struck between the companies: AT&T agreed to include the Microsoft code, and to pay Microsoft a royalty for its use. Novell, and then SCO, inherited these terms when they purchased AT&T Unix.

By the time SCO acquired it, the archaic Xenix code

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Microsoft is going to argue that since most users are now familiar with the way a Web browser works, the browser will be an easier interface for novices to use in finding stuff on their own computers. And that might be true. But if it is true, it's an admission of awful truth for Microsoft: It's saying, "After all these years and versions of Windows we still haven't figured out how to make personal computing easy enough for an intelligent person to learn easily."

SCOTT ROSENBERG, Salon Magazine had more than outlived its technical usefulness. SCO announced its desire to be discharged from the obligation of including it with their products, and a deliverance from the liability of paying royalties to Microsoft for distributing it. And with the release of Windows NT, a product aimed squarely at the Unix market, SCO felt that Microsoft should not be meddling directly in the products of a competitor, let alone be permitted to extract a royalty for doing so.

In September of 1996, SCO formally requested that Microsoft release them from the terms of the old contract. In its letter to Microsoft, SCO suggested that including the code was "no longer appropriate or commercially desirable," and that continuing to do so "would impose unnecessary cost, lower reliability, add complexity and extend the development time for any Unix operating system for modern Intel processors. Overall, the effect would be to reduce SCO's ability to compete in the marketplace with the resulting product."

Not surprisingly, Microsoft's reply to it competitor's plea was "no."

SCO took a complaint to the European Commission, enforcer of European Union competition regulations, in January 1997, while also seeking relief from the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Four months later, the Commission ruled that an indelible agreement tying Microsoft to SCO's products violated European laws by restraining advances in technology and hindering SCO's competitiveness, particularly against Microsoft's rival product, Windows NT.

In its statement, the European Commission declared that SCO could "now design its future Unix products as it wishes, is not obliged to use any Microsoft intellectual property in future Unix products, and has the option ... to use the Microsoft IP involved at a set royalty." With a single stroke, the European Commission had lifted a formidable technological and fiscal burden from SCO. In the face of this finding, Microsoft relented, settling with SCO and canceling a scheduled hearing before the EC.

A company liberated from an unusual and onerous commitment, SCO was jubilant. And why not? It was a clear victory for our protagonists. "Now that we are legally able to remove the outdated Microsoft code from both our ... products we will do so as soon as

possible," said Doug Michels, SCO's executive vice president and chief technical officer in a press release. "We are excited about the positive impact the lifting of this burden will have on SCO."

Now, for the antagonist's view of these events.

Microsoft's simultaneous press release trumpets, "the [European] Commission's ... decision ... upholds Microsoft's right to receive royalty payments from SCO if software code developed by Microsoft is used in SCO's Unix products," and insists, rather oddly, that the old Unix code SCO went to such lengths to be free of, "continues to play an important role in SCO's OpenServer Unix product." How could this be, in the face of the fact that SCO expressed such blessed relief at the ability to finally consign this code to the bit bucket?

At no point within this press release does Microsoft directly acknowledge the European Commission's ruling against them. Instead, they attempt to cloud the issue, stating that "the European Commission rejected SCO's request for further action and approved our request to close the file on this case," though it is never clear what further action SCO had requested. We also learn of Microsoft's 1988 award from UnixWorld Magazine, a highly relevant tidbit.

Why is it so important for Microsoft to play these public relations games over an otherwise obscure contest involving mere fragments of Unix code? This entire affair is scarcely a matter of banner headlines, and the outcome, though important in some quarters, is unlikely to have a major impact on the future of computing. So why does Microsoft trouble themselves with these nearly farcical face-saving efforts?

The apparent answer: Consistency.

In examining Microsoft's public reaction to this and other similar events, a somewhat tortured company personality profile begins to emerge. When faced with criticism, they lash out at the critics. When faced with difficult questions, they dismiss the questioner. When accused of misdeeds, they produce baroque and fantastical explanations. When faced with a loss, they unilaterally declare victory.

This consistent pattern of self-aggrandizement,

misdirection, doublespeak and deception evokes the impression of a company that cannot contend with the reality, or even the perception, of error. They evidently have come to view themselves as infallible, and cannot comprehend why everyone else does not see them in precisely the same light. Microsoft appears to have constructed a kind of alternate universe for itself, where Microsoft never loses, and all are eternally indebted to their vast wisdom and largess.

Consistency, observed Oscar Wilde, is the last refuge of the unimaginative. But at what point, we must ask ourselves, do efforts to delude others spring less from a lack of imagination and more nearly from a pathological variety of self-deception?

Alas, we have run out of time, and we must leave the class to contemplate this troubling literary question on its own. But consider it well -- this material is almost certain to appear on the final exam.

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To:

Kanwal Rekhi

From:

David R. Bradford

Re:

Avoidance of \$15.00 Per Copy Royalty to Microsoft

Date:

November 19, 1993

Coples:

Ray Noorda, Sandy Tannenbaum

Enclosure:

Yes

Via:

Hand Delivery and Fax

Dear Kanwal:

As a follow up to our conversation the other day, I have been reviewing the possible legal bases upon which Novell would have a legitimate reason to refuse providing Microsoft a \$15.00 per copy fee for each copy of UNIXWare sold on the Intel platform. I have had conversations with Sandy Tannenbaum about these issues. Subsequently, Sandy sent me a copy of a memorandum he wrote approximately 2½ years ago analyzing these very Issues. The memorandum was extensive so let me summarize it with the following points:

- In the February 1987 development and license agreement between USL and Microsoft, Microsoft agreed that binary versions of UNIX System V (or derivatives thereof) marketed and distributed by Microsoft for intel based computers must be "binary compatible." USL could argue that the \$15.00 payment was especially conditioned on the marketing obligation by Microsoft to assure binary compatibility, and that Microsoft has breached this obligation. Microsoft violated its contractual obligations by: (1) not making available a binary compatible product offering; and (2) permitting Santa Cruz Operations (SCO), as the Microsoft value added distributer responsible for the shipment of 80X86 implementations of UNIX System V, to modify their product in a manner that destroyed binary compatibility.
- Microsoft has some counter arguments that the primary purpose of the Microsoft/USL agreement and AT&T's agreement to pay Microsoft \$15.00 was in exchange for the Xenix source code and that the Microsoft agreement to market a binary compatible product was not material to the contract. Sandy believed at the time that USL's chances of success based on a breach of contract theory against Microsoft were 35 percent or less. I feel the chances of success on such a theory are somewhat higher but that it would clearly be a tough case. Perhaps you have some thoughts on what Microsoft and SCO have done in the Intel platform over the last 2½ years which would shed further light on the degree to which Microsoft actually has continued to be in

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breach of the 1987 contract.

Assuming for one second that Novell determined that it was on solid legal ground in claiming that Microsoft is in breach of contract, what are our alternatives? Sandy's memo cites four:

- Litigation (either initiated by USL or Microsoft);
- 2. Negotiation;
- Novell could develop a Xenix-free substitute for its UNIX Operating System: 3. however, Sandy seems to indicate that even if we ship a Xenix-free substitute for the UNIX Operating System on the 80X86 platform, the royalty obligation is still owed to Microsoft:
- Allow the development and licensing agreement to expire.

As Sandy points out, any attempt on our part to repudiate our payment obligations under the agreement by stopping payment of the \$15.00 fee, would force Microsoft to consider filing a lawsuit. However, since Microsoft nets these payments against the royalties they owe USL it would be a pragmatic problem in stopping payment of the \$15.00 per copy fees. On the other hand, If we don't care about ever receiving payments again from SCO, the netting issue might go away.

With respect to the possible expiration of the \$15.00 obligation, section 14a of the agreement permits the agreement to expire if AT&T or its successor falls to distribute a binary compatible 80386 or 80486 binary implementation until at least two years after the date of commercial availability of such microprocessors. However, I believe we are already distributing such an implementation and therefore the "expiration theory" is not a likely winner.

Given the foregoing, I tend to believe that our best argument is the one which says that Microsoft originally breached its obligations under the 1987 agreements by permitting (and perhaps encouraging) SCO to market a non-compatible binary product, on which Microsoft itself receives a royalty. This in turn, deprived AT&T, USL and now Novell of the benefits of a unified UNIX market.

I have asked Sandy Tannenbaum to analyze his 1991 memorandum in light of recent events to determine that there is another legal basis upon which we can refuse royalty payments to Microsoff. Such a current analysis would have to include the fact that Microsoft is now marketing NT which BIII Gates himself has called "A Disciplined UNIX" and that this product has falled to be "binary-compatible" resulting in further splintering of the UNIX market place. Also, the NT product tiself may be violative of certain UNIX copyrighted code. We are attempting to obtain some NT source code in order to analyze it based on possible copyright infringement.

I recognize that this is a key issue for Novell moving forward and we are anxious to work with you closely in aggressively asserting Noveli's rights.

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Plaintiff,

Magistrate Judge Brooke C. Wells

v.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

MACHINES CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Defendant.

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I, STEVEN SABBATH, declare as follows:

- 1. I submit this Declaration in connection with the lawsuits entitled *The SCO* Group v. IBM and The SCO Group v. Novell, Inc.
- 2. From in or about January 1991 until in or about November 2003, I was employed by The Santa Cruz Operation, Inc. ("Santa Cruz"), which was subsequently renamed Tarantella, Inc. In 1995 and 1996, my position at Santa Cruz was Vice President of Law and Corporate Affairs.
- 3. In that capacity, I participated with others in numerous meetings and discussions leading up to the 1995 Asset Purchase Agreement (the "APA") whereby Novell sold its UNIX business to Santa Cruz. Those individuals included Jim Wilt, Geoff Seabrook, and Doug Michaels, who represented Santa Cruz in the negotiations; Ed Chatlos, the principal negotiator for Novell; and in-house and outside counsel for Novell.
- 4. Based on my involvement with the APA, I understand that the parties' intent and purpose in executing the APA was to transfer to Santa Cruz Novell's entire UNIX-related business, including all rights to UNIX and UnixWare and the UNIX copyrights; that the parties agreed to permit Novell to retain an interest in future System V binary royalties to enable SCO to afford the asset purchase; and that the parties never intended to give Novell any right with respect to any of Santa Cruz's future source code interests in UNIX and UnixWare, including under the SVRX licenses.
- 5. I understand that IBM has argued that Section 4.16(b) of the APA gave Novell the right to require Santa Cruz to waive any breach of the intellectual property protections provided in the SVRX licenses. That argument is contrary to the intent of Paragraph 4.16(b) as I understood it. Indeed, Santa Cruz would never have agreed to

give Novell the right under the APA to waive such protections under the SVRX licenses because such a right could have eviscerated the entire purpose of the APA and the value of the assets transferred to Santa Cruz under the APA.

- 6. In October 1996, Novell and Santa Cruz executed Amendment No. 2 to the APA. I was involved the discussions leading up to Amendment No. 2, and I signed Amendment No. 2 on behalf of Santa Cruz. Amendment No. 2 arose as a result of a dispute between Novell and SCO concerning Novell's attempt to execute, on Santa Cruz's behalf, a royalty buy-out with IBM. That dispute was ultimately resolved through an amendment to IBM's SVRX license that was jointly executed by Santa Cruz, Novell, and IBM. Amendment No. 2, however, was intended to confirm, among other things, the parties' intent that SCO would obtain ownership of the UNIX copyrights under the APA and that Novell had received no rights with respect to UNIX source code under the APA. Paragraph B.5 of Amendment No. 2 was specifically intended to make clear that Novell had no right to increase any SVRX licensee's rights to SVRX source code, no right to grant any new SVRX source code licenses, and no right to prevent Santa Cruz from exercising the rights it obtained under the APA with respect to SVRX source code.
 - 7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Santa Cruz County, California