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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

THE SCO GROUP, INC., by and through the Chapter 11 Trustee in Bankruptcy, Edward N. Cahn,

Plaintiff/Counterclaim-Defendant,

VS.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION,

Defendant/Counterclaim-Plaintiff.

THE SCO GROUP, INC.'S STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COURT'S ORDER REOPENING THE CASE

Civil No.: 2:03-CV-00294-DN

Honorable David Nuffer

### **STATEMENT**

Plaintiff/Counterclaim-Defendant, The SCO Group, Inc. ("SCO") respectfully submits this Statement in compliance with the Court's order reopening this case (Docket No. 1115) (the "Order"), which directed SCO to "file a brief statement identifying its claims which it agrees are foreclosed by the *Novell* judgment and the form of a judgment dismissing those claims."

## A. SCO Claims Foreclosed by the Novell Judgment

SCO's Second Amended Complaint, the operative complaint in this case, asserts nine enumerated causes of action against IBM. In addition, as explained below, by an order dated February 9, 2005, Judge Dale Kimball agreed with IBM that SCO's Second Amended Complaint set forth a tenth cause of action. (Id.)

With the exception of SCO's unfair competition claim concerning the Project Monterey joint venture (Count VI) and SCO's interference claims alleging that IBM interfered with SCO's contracts, market, and business relationships (Counts VII and IX), SCO agrees that its claims are foreclosed and may be dismissed on the basis of the rulings in the Novell judgment that Novell (1) owns the copyrights to pre-1996 UNIX source code and (2) has the right to waive SCO's contract claims against IBM for breach of the licensing agreements pursuant to which IBM licensed pre-1996 UNIX source code.

SCO's breach-of-contract claims (Counts I-IV) and copyright infringement claim (Count V) are foreclosed and may be dismissed on the basis of the <u>Novell</u> judgment that Novell waived SCO's contract claims against IBM for breach of the licensing agreements pursuant to which IBM licensed pre-1996 UNIX source code from SCO.

SCO's copyright infringement claim against IBM "arising out of its use, reproduction, or improvement of Linux" (see Docket No. 398 at 4-5) is foreclosed and may be dismissed on the basis of the Novell judgment that Novell owns the copyrights to pre-1996 UNIX source code. In an order dated February 9, 2005, Judge Kimball agreed with IBM that SCO's Second Amendment Complaint sets forth this second copyright infringement claim, and as a result of that ruling, that claim became part of this case. (See id.)

SCO's claim for Interference with Contract (Count VIII), which alleges that IBM interfered with the 1995 Asset Purchase Agreement between SCO and Novell that was at issue in the <u>Novell</u> litigation, is foreclosed and may be dismissed on the basis of the <u>Novell</u> judgment.

SCO's Unfair Competition cause of action (Count VI) is foreclosed and may be dismissed on the basis of the <u>Novell</u> judgment insofar as that cause of action is based on the allegations that Novell does not own the copyrights to pre-1996 UNIX source code and does not have the right to waive breaches of the licensing agreements pursuant to which IBM licensed pre-1996 UNIX source code.

#### B. SCO Claims Unaffected by the Novell Judgment

The <u>Novell</u> judgment has no bearing on the following claims, which therefore remain ripe for adjudication: SCO's Unfair Competition claim (Count VI) concerning the Project Monterey joint venture; SCO's Interference with Contract claim (Count VII), which (among other things) alleges that IBM interfered with contracts pursuant to which SCO licensed post-1995 UNIX products to third parties; and SCO's claim for Interference with Business Relationships (Count IX), which alleges that IBM interfered with SCO's market position and business relationships.

# C. Judgment Form

Also in compliance with the Court's Order, filed concurrently herewith as Exhibit A hereto is the form of a proposed judgment dismissing the claims identified herein as foreclosed by the <a href="Novell judgment">Novell judgment</a>.

DATED this 24th day of June, 2013.

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