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9	METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER	CASE NO. CV 01-08541 SVW
10	STUDIOS INC., COLUMBIA	(RNBx)
11	PICTURES INDUSTRIES, INC., DISNEY ENTERPRISES, INC., NEW	KAZAA BV'S ANSWER TO
12	LINE CINEMA CORPORATIÓN, PARAMOUNT PICTURES	COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM FOR
13	CORPORATION, TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, L.P.,	DECLARATORY RELIEF
14	TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM	
	CORPORATION, UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS, INC., ARISTA RECORDS,	
15	INC., ATLANTÍC RECORDING CORPORATION, ATLANTIC RHINO	
16	VENTURES INC. d/b/2 RHINO	
17	ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, BAD BOY RECORDS, CAPITOL RECORDS, INC., ELEKTRA	
18	ENTERTAINMENT UROUP INC.,	
19	HOLLYWOOD RECORDS, INC., INTERSCOPE RECORDS, LAFACE	
20	RECORDS, LONDON-SIŔE RECORDS INC MOTOWN RECORD	
21	RECORDS INC., MOTOWN RECORD COMPANY, L.P., THE RCA RECORDS LABEL, a unit of BMG	
22	MUSIC d/b/a BMG	
	ENTERTAINMENT, SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT INC., UMG RECORDINGS, INC., VIRGIN	
23	RECORDINGS, INC., VIRGIN RECORDS AMERICA, INC., WALT	
24	RECORDS AMERICA, INC., WALT DISNEY RECORDS, WARNER BROS. RECORDS INC., WEA	
25	INTERNATIONAL INC., WEA LATINA INC., and ZOMBA	
26	RECORDING CORPORATION,	
27	Plaintiffs,	
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GI	ROKSTER, LTD.,	
M Ni	USICCITY.COM, INC., MUSICCITY ETWORKS, INC., and CONSUMER MPOWERMENT BV,	
ËN	MPOWERMENT BV,	
	Defendants.	
	Defendants.	
KA	AZAA BV,	
	Counterclaimant, v.	
	ETRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER TUDIOS INC., COLUMBIA	
PI	CTURES INDUSTRIES, INC.,	
	ISNEY ENTERPRISES, ÎNC., NEW NE CINEMA CORPORATION,	
PA	ARAMOUNT PICTURES ORPORATION. TIME WARNER	
	NTERTAINMENT COMPANY, L.P.,	
	WENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM ORPORATION, UNIVERSAL CITY	
ST	TUDIOS, INC., ARISTA RECORDS, IC., ATLANTIC RECORDING	
CO	ORPORATION, ATLANTIC RHINO	
	ENTURES INC. d/b/a RHINO NTERTAINMENT COMPANY, BAD	
BO	OY RECORDS, CAPITOL ECORDS, INC., ELEKTRA	
EN	NTERTAÍNMENT GROUP INC.,	
HO IN	OLLYWOOD RECORDS, INC., ITERSCOPE RECORDS, LAFACE	
RE	TERSCOPE RECORDS, LAFACE ECORDS, LONDON-SIRE	
CC	ECORDS INC., MOTOWN RECORD OMPANY, L.P., THE RCA	
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RI	NTERTAINMENT, SONY MUSIC NTERTAINMENT INC., UMG ECORDINGS, INC., VIRGIN	
RE	ECORDS AMERICA, INC., WALT ISNEY RECORDS, WARNER BROS. ECORDS INC., WEA	
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LA	TERNATIONAL INC., WEA ATINA INC., and ZOMBA	
RF	ECORDING CORPORATION,	
-	Counterdefendants.	
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1	Defendant and Counterclaimant Kazaa BV (formerly known as Consumer	
2	Empowerment BV) ("Kazaa" or "Counterclaimant") hereby answers the	
3	Complaint of plaintiffs Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc., Columbia Pictures	
4	Industries, Inc., Disney Enterprises, Inc., New Line Cinema Corporation,	
5	Paramount Pictures Corporation, Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P.,	
6	Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, Universal City Studios, Inc., Arista	
7	Records, Inc., Atlantic Recording Corporation, Atlantic Rhino Ventures Inc. d/b/a	
8	Rhino Entertainment Company, Bad Boy Records, Capitol Records, Inc., Elektra	
9	Entertainment Group, Inc., Hollywood Records, Inc., Interscope Records, LaFace	
10	Records, London-Sire Records Inc., Motown Record Company, L.P., The RCA	
11	Records Label, a unit of BMG Music d/b/a BMG Entertainment, Sony Music	
12	Entertainment Inc., UMG Recordings, Inc., Virgin Records America, Inc., Walt	
13	Disney Records, Warner Bros. Records Inc., WEA International Inc., WEA Latina	
14	Inc., and Zomba Recording Corporation (collectively, "Plaintiffs" or	
15	"Counterdefendants"), on personal knowledge as to its own activities and on	
16	information and belief as to the activities of others, as follows:	
17	RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS	
18	NATURE OF THE ACTION	
19	1. Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 1.	
20	2. Answering the allegations of Paragraph 2, Kazaa admits that	
21	Plaintiffs have purported to bring an action for copyright infringement under the	
22	Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101, et seq., and that this Court has subject matter	
23	jurisdiction over this action. Except as thus expressly admitted, Kazaa denies the	
24	allegations of Paragraph 2.	
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1 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 2 Answering the allegations of Paragraph 3, Kazaa admits that venue is 3. 3 proper in this Court. Except as thus expressly admitted, Kazaa denies the 4 allegations of Paragraph 3. 5 THE PARTIES 6 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 4. 4. 7 5. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 5. 8 6. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 6. 9 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 7. 7. 10 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 8. 8. 11 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 9. 9. 12 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 10. 10. 13 11. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 11. 14 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 12. 12. 15 13. Kazaa lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to 16 the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 13, and on that basis denies those 17 allegations. 18 14. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 14. 19 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 15. 15. 20 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 16. 16. 21 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 17. 17. 22 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 18. 18. 23 19. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 19. 24 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 20. 20. 25 21. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 21. 26 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 22. 22. 27 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 23. 23. 28

1 24. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 24. 2 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 25. 25. 3 26. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 26. 4 27. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 27. 5 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 28. 28. 6 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 29. 29. 7 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 30. 30. 8 31. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 31. 9 32. Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 32. 10 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 33. 33. 11 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 34. 34. 12 35. Kazaa lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to 13 the truth of the allegations of Paragraph 35 and on that basis denies those 14 allegations. 15 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 36. 36. 16 Kazaa admits the allegations of Paragraph 37. 37. 17 Kazaa admits that Kazaa BV, formerly known as Consumer 38. 18 Empowerment BV, is a limited liability company organized under the laws of The 19 Netherlands with offices in Sweden, Denmark and The Netherlands. Except as 20 thus expressly admitted, Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 38. 21 39. Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 39. 22 Answering the allegations of Paragraph 40, Kazaa lacks knowledge or 40. 23 information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of 24 Paragraph 40 to the extent that they are directed at defendants other than Kazaa, 25 and on that basis denies those allegations. Except as thus expressly admitted, 26 Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 40. 27 28 ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM [37842-0001/BY013530.096]

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BACKGROUND ALLEGATIONS

- Answering the allegations of Paragraph 41, Kazaa admits that the 41. Internet is a worldwide network of millions of computers and computer networks that enables computer users to communicate with one another through digital transmissions of information from one computer to another, and that recent years have seen the development and refinement of technologies that can be used for the reproduction and distribution via the Internet of various types of digital data, including files containing motion pictures, music and other content. Except as thus expressly admitted, Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 41.
 - Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 42. 42.
- 43. Answering the allegations of Paragraph 43, Kazaa admits that it created certain peer-to-peer software that can be downloaded at no cost. Kazaa also admits that it licensed certain technology to Defendants MusicCity and Grokster. Kazaa further admits that it developed an application software program entitled the "KaZaA Media Desktop" (hereafter "Media Desktop"). Kazaa admits that MusicCity's peer-to-peer software is called "Morpheus" and that Grokster's is called "Grokster." Except as thus expressly admitted, Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 43.
- Answering the allegations of Paragraph 44, Kazaa admits that the 44. Media Desktop allows users of the software to connect to a registration server controlled by Kazaa. Kazaa lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations regarding Defendants MusicCity and Grokster and on that basis denies those allegations. Except as thus expressly admitted, Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 44.
- 45. Kazaa admits that users of the Media Desktop can connect to SuperNodes (which are themselves other Media Desktop users), that SuperNodes compile an index of digital data made available for download by users connected

1	to the Supe	rNodes and that SuperNodes process search requests. Kazaa further
2	admits that	with simple commands, the user can download data directly from the
3	hard drive	of a fellow user who hosts it. Kazaa lacks knowledge or information
4	sufficient to	o form a belief as to the truth of the allegations regarding Defendants
5	MusicCity	and Grokster and on that basis denies those allegations. Except as thus
6	expressly a	dmitted, Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 45.
7	46.	Kazaa admits that the Media Desktop provides encryption for certain
8	communica	ations to and from the users of its software. Except as thus expressly
9	admitted, K	Lazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 46.
10	47.	Kazaa admits that Kazaa, Music City and Grokster all provide chat
11	rooms and/	or message boards on their Web sites. Except as thus expressly
12	admitted, K	Lazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 47.
13	48.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 48.
14	49.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 49.
15		PLAINTIFFS' CLAIM FOR RELIEF
16		(By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants, for
17	C	opyright Infringement Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §501, et seq.)
18	50.	Kazaa incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations set
19	forth in Par	agraphs 1 through 49 as if fully set forth herein.
20	51.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 51.
21	52.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 52.
22	53.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 53.
23	54.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 54.
24	55.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 55.
25	56.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 56.
26	57.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 57.
27	58.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 58.
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59.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 59.
60.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 60.
61.	Kazaa denies the allegations of Paragraph 61.
	AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES
	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
	(Failure to State a Cause of Action)
62.	Plaintiffs' complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be
granted aga	inst Kazaa.
	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
	(First Amendment)
63.	Plaintiffs' claim is barred by the First Amendment to the United
States Constitution.	
	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
	(Digital Millennium Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 512)
64.	Plaintiffs' claim is barred by the limitations on copyright liability in
Title 17, Se	ection 512, of the United States Code.
	FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
	(Fair Use)
65.	Plaintiffs' claim is barred by the by the defense of fair use.
	FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
	(Implied License)
66.	Plaintiffs' claim is barred because Plaintiffs have granted an implied
license to s	ome or all of the works at issue.
	SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
	(Copyright Misuse)
67.	Plaintiffs' claim is barred because Plaintiffs engage in copyright
misuse.	
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1	SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE	
2	(Audio Home Recording Act, 17 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq.)	
3	68. The Record Company Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the Audio	
4	Home Recording Act, Title 17, Section 1001 et seq., of the United States Code.	
5	EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE	
6	(Waiver)	
7	69. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the equitable doctrine of waiver.	
8	NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE	
9	(Unclean Hands)	
10	70. Plaintiffs' claim is barred due to Plaintiffs' unclean hands.	
11	TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE	
12	(Laches)	
13	71. Plaintiffs' claim is barred by the equitable doctrine of laches.	
14	ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE	
15	(Estoppel)	
16	72. Plaintiffs' claim is barred by the equitable doctrine of estoppel.	
17	TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE	
18	(Knowledge, Consent and Acquiescence)	
19	73. Plaintiffs' claim is barred by Plaintiffs' knowledge, consent and	
20	acquiescence.	
21	COUNTERCLAIM FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF	
22	Defendant and Counterclaimant Kazaa hereby asserts the following	
23	counterclaim against plaintiffs/counterdefendants Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios,	
24	Inc., Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc., Disney Enterprises, Inc, New Line	
25	Cinema Corporation, Paramount Pictures Corporation, Time Warner	
26	Entertainment Company, L.P., Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation,	
27	Universal City Studios, Inc., Arista Records, Inc., Atlantic Recording Corporation,	
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1	Atlantic Rhi	no Ventures Inc. d/b/a Rhino Entertainment Company, Bad Boy
2	Records, Capitol Records, Inc., Elektra Entertainment Group, Inc., Hollywood	
3	Records, Inc., Interscope Records, LaFace Records, London-Sire Records Inc.,	
4	Motown Re	cord Company, L.P., The RCA Records Label, a unit of BMG Music
5	d/b/a BMG	Entertainment, Sony Music Entertainment Inc., UMG Recordings,
6	Inc., Virgin	Records America, Inc., Walt Disney Records, Warner Bros. Records
7	Inc., WEA I	nternational Inc., WEA Latina Inc., and Zomba Recording
8	Corporation (collectively, "Counterdefendants" or "Plaintiffs"), on personal	
9	knowledge as to its own activities and on information and belief as to the activitie	
10	of others, as follows:	
11		JURISDICTION AND VENUE
12	74.	Kazaa's counterclaim for declaratory relief is brought pursuant to the
13	Declaratory	Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, et seq., and the Copyright Act, 17
14	U.S.C. § 10	l, et seq.
15	75.	This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Kazaa's counterclaim
16	pursuant to 2	28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.
17	76.	Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391
18	because Counterdefendants are subject to personal jurisdiction within it.	
19		THE PARTIES
20	77.	Counterclaimant Kazaa BV is a limited liability company organized
21	under the lav	ws of The Netherlands with offices in Sweden, Denmark and The
22	Netherlands	•
23	78.	Counterdefendant Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc. is a Delaware
24	corporation,	with its principal place of business in California.
25	79.	Counterdefendant Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. is a Delaware
26	corporation,	with its principal place of business in California.
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- 80. Counterdefendant Disney Enterprises, Inc. is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in California.
- 81. Counterdefendant New Line Cinema Corporation is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 82. Counterdefendant Paramount Pictures Corporation is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in California.
- 83. Counterdefendant Time Warner Entertainment Company, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 84. Counterdefendant Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business in California.
- 85. Counterdefendant Arista Records, Inc. is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 86. Counterdefendant Atlantic Recording Corporation is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 87. Counterdefendant Atlantic Rhino Ventures Inc. d/b/a Rhino Entertainment Company is a Delaware corporation with it principal place of business in California.
- 88. Counterdefendant Bad Boy Records is a joint venture of Arista Good Girls, Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York, and Bad Boy Entertainment, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York, and is qualified to transact business in California.
- 89. Counterdefendant Capitol Records, Inc. is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 90. Counterdefendant Elektra Entertainment Group Inc. is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 91. Counterdefendant Hollywood Records, Inc. is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California.

- 92. Counterdefendant Interscope Records is a California general partnership with its principal place of business in California.
- 93. Counterdefendant LaFace Records is a joint venture between Arista Ventures, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and LaFace Records, Inc., a Georgia corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 94. Counterdefendant Motown Record Company, L.P. is a California limited partnership that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 95. Counterdefendant The RCA Records Label, a unit of BMG Music d/b/a BMG Entertainment, is a New York general partnership that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 96. Counterdefendant Sony Music Entertainment Inc. is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 97. Counterdefendant UMG Recordings, Inc. is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 98. Counterdefendant Virgin Records America, Inc. is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California.
- 99. Counterdefendant Walt Disney Records is a division of ABC, Inc., a New York corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 100. Counterdefendant Warner Bros. Records Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in California.
- 101. Counterdefendant WEA International Inc. is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 102. Counterdefendant WEA Latina Inc. is a Delaware corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.
- 103. Counterdefendant Zomba Recording Corporation is a New York corporation that is qualified to transact business in California.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

104. Kazaa is a software company that develops and licenses innovative peer-to-peer data-sharing technology. Peer-to-peer data transfer technology allows users wishing to transfer electronic information to do so by connecting directly to each other, rather than going through a centralized server, such as the technology employed with the World Wide Web. Some of the advantages of a peer-to-peer system are cost savings on bandwidth and storage, stability and protection from denial of service attacks, and efficient search capabilities. Peerto-peer technology is recognized as one of the more important innovations on the Internet, and presents opportunities for significant improvements in the field of computing and networking. The efficiencies provided by peer-to-peer enables users to place their individual computers into a larger network, and allow users to gain the benefits of the shared resource. This new technological paradigm has the potential to better utilize computing and network resources.

The Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack

105. Kazaa's peer-to-peer product is known as the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack. In a self-generated network that uses the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack, certain user computers (known as "SuperNodes") provide the routing information and information location tools for the data transferred by other users' computers. This peer-to-peer method of data distribution allows the increasing power of desktop computers to be harnessed for networking, thereby decreasing the need for expensive servers and saving operating costs. Likewise, by distributing the network management functions, the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack allows the network to remain operational even if certain computers go offline, increasing the data's survivability should problems arise in particular components or connections.

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- 106. Companies and consumers can deploy the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack to operate a self-generated network for any kind of digitized data. For example, a large corporation could use the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack to set up a secure network to permit its employees to share internal documents, using its already installed base of personal computers in place of a central server farm. In addition, software developers wishing to distribute shareware or freeware to the public may use the network to do so. Likewise, musicians, photographers, artists and film makers can use the technology to distribute digital versions of their works to the public. Consumers can also use it to share photograph albums, letters or home movies with friends and family. Finally, it can be used to transfer digital data in the public domain, such as the Bible, Shakespeare plays or NASA's photos of Mars.
- 107. The Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack can be used as a platform for various enterprise applications including but not limited to distributed processing, distributed storage and bandwidth reduction. For example, Kazaa's CloudLoad product, which uses the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack, minimizes central server resources by utilizing unused resources on individual peer computers to transfer and distribute data, following a data request.
- 108. The Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack cannot differentiate between copyrighted and non-copyrighted material transferred over a network created with the software. In that respect, it is much like the structure of the Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol ("http," the technological protocol behind Web browsers such as Microsoft Internet Explorer) that allows users to download Web pages regardless of copyright status, or how an e-mail protocol (e.g., Post Office Protocol ("POP") used by Qualcomm Eudora or Microsoft Outlook) allows users to transfer e-mail messages regardless of whether the messages contain infringing or authorized material.

109. Kazaa makes the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack available to be licensed to third-party software developers interested in more efficient, scalable, cost-advantageous, and distributed data transfers and storage. The Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack also includes application-program interfaces (APIs), which allow the underlying technology to interoperate with specially designed front-end software applications. Thus, licensees can create software applications that utilize the underlying technology, but are customized to fit their particular business needs. The technology is equally suited for a consumer oriented data sharing service as for a large corporate information retrieval service. For example, Kazaa has licensed the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack to two of the Defendants, MusicCity.com, Inc. and Grokster, Inc.

The Kazaa Media Desktop

- 110. In addition to its Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack, Kazaa has developed a separate software application known as the Kazaa Media Desktop ("The Media Desktop"). The Media Desktop is a peer-to-peer data-transfer software program that uses the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack. Individuals running the software can search and download media files from other users on the self-organized network. The Media Desktop supports any and all data types, including audio, video, software, images, and documents.
- 111. Users also can organize and play or view their media files through a media viewing application integrated with the Media Desktop software, publish their own works to a large audience, and communicate with other users of the software.
- 112. Once a user downloads the Media Desktop software, he or she may register with an authentication server and obtain a list of SuperNodes from a variety of sources, including other users' copies of the Media Desktop or from a server located at supernode.kazaa.com. Neither registration nor login is necessary

to operate the software. The user's computer thereafter interacts directly with the computers of other users of the software.

- 113. Kazaa does not maintain a central server for transferring data using the Fast Track P2P Stack, nor does it monitor or control the data being shared by individual users through either KaZaA or the other software applications that interoperate with the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack.
- 114. While Kazaa may in some cases initially help new users find the self-organized network, Kazaa does not provide a data-sharing service. Rather, like the makers of a Web browser who do not control the sites being browsed, or the e-mail software providers who do not monitor the attachments to its users' messages, Kazaa simply provides a data-sharing software application and a peer-to-peer software stack without monitoring the specific data being shared or controlling its users' behavior. Indeed, the Media Desktop and the self-organized network would continue to operate even if all computers maintained by Kazaa were offline.
- 115. Kazaa's Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack does not harm or threaten any lawful rights of Plaintiffs and Kazaa is entitled to a declaration to that effect in this action.

FIRST COUNTERCLAIM

(Declaratory Relief)

- 116. Kazaa realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 74 through115 above as though fully set forth herein.
- 117. An actual controversy under 28 U.S.C. § 2201 has arisen and now exists between Kazaa and the Plaintiff/Counterdefendants relating to the legal rights of Kazaa to develop and license the Fast Track Peer-to-Peer Stack technology to software developers.

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- 118. On October 2, 2001, Plaintiffs/Counterdefendants filed suit in this Court alleging that Defendant/Counterclaimant Kazaa has engaged in copyright infringement under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 501, et seq.
- 119. Plaintiffs allege in their Complaint that "Defendants have created and control an extensive and integrated network" that "enables [consumers] to pool various types of infringing digital files . . .". Plaintiffs allege that software was created by Defendant Kazaa and licensed to defendants MusicCity and Grokster, and that such software connects consumers to the above-alleged "network controlled by Defendants."
- 120. Plaintiffs bring a claim for copyright infringement, alleging that "[t]hese infringements occur . . . whenever one of [Defendants'] users, without authorization of the copyright owner, uses Defendants' network to download a copyrighted content file from another user's computer . . .".
- 121. Plaintiffs' claim appears to be for contributory and/or vicarious liability for copyright infringement, based on the alleged direct infringements of users of an alleged "network" jointly created and controlled by Defendants.
- 122. Accordingly, a declaratory judgment is necessary in that the Plaintiffs contend and Kazaa denies that, by developing and licensing the Fast Track Peerto-Peer Stack technology, Kazaa directly or indirectly infringes the Plaintiffs' copyrights or other exclusive rights.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Kazaa requests entry of judgment in its favor on both Plaintiffs' Complaint and on Kazaa's Counterclaim and prays that the Court:

- A. Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint with prejudice;
- B. Declare that Kazaa has not infringed, contributed to the infringement of or induced infringement of any valid copyright of Plaintiffs';

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Steve Dennison, declare:

I am a citizen of the United States and am employed in the County of San Francisco, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is Perkins Coie LLP, 180 Townsend Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, California 94107-1909. I am personally familiar with the business practice of Perkins Coie LLP. On January 2, 2001, I served the following document(s):

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF

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