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| 12 | UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA | |
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| 14 15 | HYDENTRA HLP INT. LIMITED, a foreign corporation, d/b/a METART, d/b/a SEXART, d/b/a The MetArt Network | CASE NO |
| 16 | Plaintiff, | |
| 17 | VS. | COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES |
| 18 | MOTHERLESS, INC., a New York | AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF |
| 19 | corporation; JOSHUA LANGE, an individual; and DOES 1-20, | |
| 20 | Defendants. | |
| 21 | Derendants. | |
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| 23 | Plaintiff, Hydentra HLP Int. Limited, d/b/a MetArt, d/b/a SexArt, d/b/a The MetArt Network | |
| 24 | (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff") by and through its counsel, file this complaint against | |
| 25 | Defendants Motherless, Inc., Joshua Lange, and the Doe Defendants (collectively hereinafter | |
| 26 | referred to as "Defendant" or "Defendants"). | |
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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff is a foreign corporation organized under the laws of the Cyprus, with offices located in Los Angeles, California.

2 Upon information and belief, Motherless, Inc. is a New York Corporation and Joshua Lange is a resident of New York.

3. Upon information and belief, the Defendants all transact business in this Judicial District by way of their interactive website and through their interactivity with subscription based and non-subscription based California members who have been offered the infringing and unlawful content at issue herein and who have, themselves, engaged in acts of infringement in this District and State. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants, who have engaged in business activities in and directed to this district, and have committed tortious acts within this district or directed at this district. The Defendants are amenable to service of process pursuant to the California Long-Arm Statute, Cal. Cod of Civ. Proc. § 413.10, and Fed.R.Civ.P. 4(e).

4. Any alien defendant is subject to jurisdiction in any district. See 28 U.S.C. 1391 ("An alien may be sued in any district.") See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(k)(2).

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's federal claims pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., Section 32 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1114(1), 15 U.S.C. § 1121, 15 U.S.C. §1125, 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 28 U.S.C. §1338.

Venue is appropriate in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and/or (c).

7. This Court has personal jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), (c) and/or (d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a).

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PARTIES

8. The named Plaintiff is the rightful copyright and intellectual property owner of the respective United States copyrights and intellectual property that is the basis for this action.

9. Plaintiff, more commonly known as the MetArt Network of adult entertainment properties, is a group of erotic websites that explore and deliver sensuality and sexuality through artistic photography, video, erotic stories, and through articles about beauty, culture, and nudity. These websites include MetArt.com, SexArt.com, Errotica-Archives.com, EroticBeauty.com, TheLifeErotic.com, RylskyArt.com, MichealNinn.com, ALSScan.com, VivThomas.com, EternalDesire.com, Stunning18.com, HollyRandall.com, domai.com, goddessnudes.com, MagikSex.com, and bbfilms.com.Since 1999, Plaintiff has grown its trademark brands into a globally recognized leader of sensual art garnering numerous industry awards through the use of studios around the globe, exotic locations, high budget productions, engaging storylines, famed photographers and directors coupled with the dedication from its artists and technicians.

10. The MetArt library is comprised of exclusive content that features over 5000 models shot by 250 photographers/directors including such notables as Vivian Thomas and the late Zalman King, who also brought Hollywood films such as Wild Orchid, Two Moon Junction, 9 ½ Weeks, and the Showtime network groundbreaking series Red Shoes Diaries.

11. The MetArt websites are paid membership sites. MetArt engages in extremely limited licensing of its content to other entities or websites for viewing, in addition to the small sample of promotional materials provided to MetArt affiliates for the sole purpose of the affiliates' promoting MetArt property. Any licensing is done with the intent for brand exposure and is limited to a small subset of hand-selected content. Predominantly, the MetArt business model is simply that a user must be a paid member to a MetArt site to view MetArts works.

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12. Plaintiff is the respective producer, distributor, and exclusive licensor of its own motion pictures in the United States as well as throughout the world.

13. Plaintiff has registered with the United States Copyright Office the copyrighted works identified in this Complaint. Plaintiff has taken industry standard steps to identify its products, including placing recorded warnings at the beginning and end of video productions that appear whenever those videos are played. Plaintiff's videos are watermarked with Plaintiff's readily identifiable logo.

14. Plaintiff's MetArt trademark and service mark have been continuously used in commerce since May 2002. U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3152759 was registered on October 10, 2006.

15. Plaintiff has expended considerable effort and expense in promoting its trademark and the goods sold under the trademark MetArt. As a result, the purchasing public has come to know, rely upon and recognize the mark MetArt as an international brand of high quality adult entertainment.

16. Plaintiff's SexArt trademark and service mark have been continuously used in commerce since April 2011. U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4191754 was registered on August 14, 2012.

17. Plaintiff has expended considerable effort and expense in promoting its trademark and the goods sold under the trademark SexArt. As a result, the purchasing public has come to know, rely upon and recognize the mark SexArt as an international brand of high quality adult entertainment.

18. Upon information and belief, Defendant Motherless, Inc. is the owner of the website located at <u>www.motherless.com</u>. Motherless, Inc. is a New York corporation.

19. Upon information and belief, Defendant Joshua Lange is the owner and President of Motherless, Inc. and resides at the same address as Motherless, Inc. Upon information and belief, there is unity of interest and absence of respect for the proper corporate formalities between Motherless, Inc. and Joshua Lange, such that Lange is an alter ego of Motherless, Inc. In addition, Lange is individually liable for copyright infringement and trademark infringement irrespective of any alter ego relationship with the corporate defendants.

20. Defendants, including Motherless, Inc. and Joshua Lang conduct business as Motherless.com, operate the website, and derive direct financial benefit through advertising sales on the websites.

21. Defendants compete against Plaintiff in the distribution and sale of adults-only audio-visual works through Internet distribution and divert potential customers from Plaintiff.

22. Defendant Motherless, Inc. registered Motherless.com as an Internet Service
Provider and designated Defendant Joshua Lang as a DMCA Agent. However, Defendants fail to
honor take-down notices as required and fail to implement a reasonable repeat infringer policy.
Thus, Motherless.com does not qualify for DMCA safe harbor protections.

23. Does 1-20 are individual or entities that own Motherless.com, and/or act in concert with Motherless.com. The true names and capacities of which are presently unknown to Plaintiff. It is for that reason Plaintiff sues these Defendants by fictitious names. Plaintiff avers that each of the Doe defendants, along with the named defendant, jointly or severally, is responsible for the damages alleged herein.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

24. Congress' implementation of safe harbor provisions in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act ("DMCA") provides true internet service providers with protection against liability

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for copyright infringement resulting from the actions and/or postings of their users. As a primary example, the safe harbor protections provide YouTube.com with protection from liability should one of its users post a copyright protected video without authority or license.

25. The DMCA safe harbor provisions have been systematically abused by internet copyright infringers in an attempt to garner protection for pirate websites displaying copyrighted adult entertainment content without license or authority for free viewing to the public. Under a veneer of DMCA compliance, the owners and operators attempt to hide behind the safe harbor provisions while monetizing the website through premium membership programs and substantial advertising contracts.

26. Motherless.com, is such a pirate website, displaying copyrighted adult entertainment content without authorization or license.

27. Defendants host adult entertainment videos and/or host embedded code for adult entertainment videos to permit a user to view the videos on Motherless.com for free.

28. Defendants sell advertising space on Motherless.com in several forms, including front load pop-up advertising and advertising banners on space in close proximity to free videos, often geocentric.

29. Defendants directly earn money from the videos posted on Motherless.com through the sale of a "Premium Membership." In order to view the videos in high definition or to download the videos, a user must have purchased a premium membership.

30. Defendants directly award users that post popular videos. Defendants provide a user
with money or credits on motherless.com for posting videos that obtain a certain number of views.
The more views that a video obtains, the more money or credit given to the poster of the video.

31. Videos on Motherless.com may be shared on other sites, in addition to the user being provided with direct links for posting on or to any social media site including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Google or via to Email to anyone regardless of age or location. Such functionality makes it impossible to know how many times and where an unlicensed copyrighted video has been posted and displayed illegally as a direct result of Defendants unlawful display.

32. Motherless.com fails to fulfill the requisite conditions precedent to qualify for the safe harbor provisions of the DMCA. Specifically, while a registered Internet Service Provider and appointing a registered DMCA Agent, the Defendants fail to honor the take-down notices sent to the DMCA Agent and fails to implement a reasonable repeat infringer policy.

33. On or about February 18, 2015, and for an unknown time before, Defendants' website Motherless.com displayed 28 of Plaintiff's copyright registered works over 88 separate and distinct URLs - each a part of Motherless.com. These copyrighted works and their corresponding Motherless.com page are listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto. Defendants have no authority or license to display or distribute any portion of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works.

34. On or about February 27, 2015, DMCA compliant take-down notices, for each of the 88 separate and distinct URLs, were delivered to the DMCA Agent appointed for Motherless.com.

35. On or about March 30, 2015, Defendants' website Motherless.com continued to display Plaintiff's copyright registered works over 56 separate and distinct URLs – each a part of Motherless.com. Each of these URLs were specifically listed in the DMCA compliant take down notices delivered to Defendants on February 27, 2015. These copyrighted works and their corresponding Motherless.com page are listed in Exhibit B, attached hereto. Defendants have no authority or license to display or distribute any portion of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works.

36. On or about May 8, 2015, Defendants' website Motherless.com continued to display Plaintiff's copyright registered works over 22 separate and distinct URLs – each a part of Motherless.com. Each of these URLs were specifically listed in the DMCA compliant take down notices delivered to Defendants on February 27, 2015. These copyrighted works and their corresponding Motherless.com page are listed in Exhibit C, attached hereto. Defendants have no authority or license to display or distribute any portion of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works.

37. Upon information and belief, the 88 DMCA compliant take down notices included registered works that were posted by repeat infringers. A reasonable repeat infringer policy would require that these infringers' accounts be terminated or prevented from further postings. Upon information and belief, no action was taken against these infringers.

38. The intellectual property infringement on Motherless.com is not limited to the unlawful display of Plaintiff's copyrighted works. Defendants have also infringed Plaintiff's registered trademarks.

39. For a meaningful and substantial portion of Plaintiff's videos displayed without authority on Motherless.com, the Defendants have caused Plaintiff's trademarks to be used in the meta tags and/or meta descriptions for the URL of the infringing video.

40. A meta tag is an HTML (hypertext markup language) code embedded on a Web page that is used by the website owner to identify the site content. Meta tags are powerful tools because they have a direct effect on the frequency with which many search engines will find a website.

41. Meta tags and/or meta descriptions are used by Internet search engines as an indexing tool to determine which web sites correspond to search terms provided by a user.

42. Meta tags do not affect the appearance of a website and are not visible when you look at a Web page, but they provide information regarding the content of the site.

43. Some websites use meta tags in a deceptive manner to lure Web surfers. Instead of using terms that properly describe the site, some programmers substitute the names of competing companies. For example, a rival shoe manufacturer may bury the meta tag "Nike" in its Web page to lure Web surfers searching for Nike products. In the case of the website selling handmade watches, the meta tag might include "Rolex, Swatch, Bulova, or Cartier."

44. By using Plaintiff's trademarks in Defendants' meta tags and/or meta descriptions, Defendants use Plaintiff's trademarks in commerce and in connection with their promotions, sales, and advertising.

45. The use of Plaintiff's trademarks in Defendants' meta tags and/or meta descriptions is likely to cause confusion to the end users/consumers.

46. For example, for many of the videos displayed without authority or license on Motherless.com, "SexArt," a Plaintiff trademark, is included in the meta tags and/or meta description. Therefore, a user utilizing an internet search engine searching for "SexArt" will discover that Plaintiff's videos can be viewed for free on Motherless.com. This will and does create confusion on behalf of the user that Motherless.com is an authorized distributor of Plaintiff's videos and, importantly, a belief that Plaintiff's videos are available for free viewing.

47. The take-down notices delivered to the Motherless.com DMCA Agent on February27, 2015 included notice of the trademark infringements and demanded that such action cease.

48. The demand to cease the use of Plaintiff's trademarks was ignored in totality. In fact, for the limited videos that were disabled on Motherless.com pursuant to the take-down notices, the meta data for these videos remained and remains active.

49. Upon information and belief, Defendants have actual knowledge and clear notice of the infringement of Plaintiff's titles or else is willfully blind to the rampant infringement. The

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infringement is clear and obvious even to the most naïve observer. Plaintiff's films are indexed, displayed and distributed on Defendants' website through Defendant and the Doe Defendants acting in concert. Plaintiff's and other major producers' trademarks are used to index infringing material along with obfuscation of watermarks and other identifiers which is evidence of knowledge and intent.

50. By virtue of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants knowingly promote, participate in, facilitate, assist, enable, materially contribute to, encourage, and induce copyright infringement, and thereby have infringed, secondarily infringed, and induced infringement by others, the copyrights in Plaintiffs' copyrighted work.

51. Defendants, either jointly, severally, actually, constructively, and with or without direct concert with one another, deprived Plaintiffs of the lawful monetary rewards that accompany its rights in the copyrighted works. Defendants disregard for copyright trademark laws threaten Plaintiff's business.

52. Defendants intentionally, knowingly, negligently, or through willful blindness avoided reasonable precautions to deter rampant copyright infringement on their website.

53. Defendants make no attempt to identify any individual providing the works, where the individual obtained the works, whether the individuals had authority to further reproduce and distribute the works or if such parties even exist.

54. Defendants' acts and omissions allow them to profit from their infringement while imposing the burden of monitoring Defendants' website onto copyright holders, without sufficient means to prevent continued and unabated infringement.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Copyright Infringement – 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et. seq.* Against All Defendants

55. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding allegation set forth herein.

56. Plaintiff holds the copyright on each of the infringed works alleged herein.

57. Plaintiff registered each copyright with the United States Copyright Office.

58. At all pertinent times, Plaintiff is the producer and registered owner of the audiovisual works illegally and improperly reproduced and distributed by Defendants.

59. Defendants copied, reproduced, reformatted, and distributed Plaintiffs copyrighted works by and through servers and/or hardware owned, operated and/or controlled by Defendants.

60. Defendants did not have authority or license to copy and/or display Plaintiffs original works.

61. Defendants infringed Plaintiff's copyrighted works by reproducing and distributing works through Defendants' website without property approval, authorization, or license of Plaintiff.

62. Defendants knew or reasonably should have known they did not have permission to exploit Plaintiffs' works on Motherless.com and further knew or should have known their acts constituted copyright infringement.

63. Defendants made no attempt to discover the copyright owners of the pirated works before exploiting them. Defendants failed and refused to take any reasonable measure to determine the owner or license holder of the copyrighted works.

64. Defendants engaged in intentional, knowing, negligent, or willfully blind conduct sufficient to demonstrate they engaged actively in the improper collection and distribution of Plaintiffs' copyrighted works.

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65. The quantity and quality of copyright files available to Internet users increased the attractiveness of Defendants' service to its customers, increased its membership base, and increased its ad sales revenue.

66. Based on information and belief, Defendants actively uploaded pirated copyrighted files and/or embedded code, enabling users of Motherless.com to view copyrighted videos and images for free.

67. Defendants controlled the files owned by Plaintiff and determined which files remained for display and distribution.

68. Defendants never adopted procedures to ensure that distribution of Plaintiff's copyrighted materials would not occur. Further, Defendants never implemented or enforced a "repeat infringer" policy.

69. Defendants either were aware, actually or constructively, should have been aware, or were willfully blind that pirated copyrighted materials comprised the most popular videos on the Defendants websites.

70. Defendants, through Motherless.com, affirmatively and willfully accommodated Internet traffic generated by the illegal acts.

71. Defendants' conduct was willful within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. § 101, *et seq*. At a minimum, Defendants acted with willful blindness and reckless disregard of Plaintiff's registered copyrights.

72. Because of their wrongful conduct, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for copyright infringement. See 17 U.S.C. §501. Plaintiff suffers and will continue to suffer substantial losses, including, but not limited to, damage to its business reputation and goodwill. Case 2:15-cv-03834 Document 1 Filed 05/20/15 Page 13 of 21 Page ID #:13

73. 1 The law permits Plaintiff to recover damages, including readily ascertainable direct 2 losses and all profits Defendants made by their wrongful conduct. 17 U.S.C. §504. 3 Alternatively, the law permits Plaintiff to recover statutory damages. 17 U.S.C. §504(c). 4 74. Because of Defendants' willful infringement, the law permits enhancement of 5 the allowable statutory damages. 17 U.S.C. §504(c) (2). 6 75. The law permits Plaintiff injunctive relief. 17 U.S.C. §502. Further, the law 7 permits a Court Order impounding any and all infringing materials. 17 U.S.C. §503. 8 9 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION** 10 **Contributory Copyright Infringement Against All Defendants** 11 76. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding 12 allegation set forth herein. 13 77. Unknown individuals, without authorization, reproduced and distributed Plaintiff's 14 15 works through Defendants' websites, directly infringing Plaintiff's copyrighted works. 16 78. Defendants contributed to the infringing acts of those individuals. 17 79. Defendants were aware, should have been aware, or were willfully blind to the 18 infringing activity. 19 80. Defendants aided, abetted, allowed, and encouraged those individuals to reproduce 20 and distribute Plaintiff's copyrighted works through Defendants' website without regard to 21 22 copyright ownership. 23 81. Defendants had the ability and obligation to control and stop the infringements. 24 Defendants failed to do so. 25 82. Defendants have engaged in the business of knowingly inducing, causing, and/or materially contributing to unauthorized reproduction, adaptation, public display and/or distribution

of copies of the Plaintiff's copyrighted works, and thus to the direct infringement of Plaintiff's copyrighted works.

83. Defendants received direct financial benefits from the infringements.

84. On information and belief, Defendants' actions constitute contributory infringement of Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright in the Plaintiffs' copyrighted works in violation of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106 and 501.

85. The unauthorized reproduction, distribution, and public display of Plaintiff's copyrighted works that Defendant enables, causes, materially contributes to and encourages through the acts described above are without Plaintiff's consent and are not otherwise permissible under the Copyright Act.

86. The acts of infringement by Defendants have been willful, intentional, and purposeful and in reckless disregard of and with indifference to Plaintiff's rights.

87. As a direct and proximate result of the infringements by Defendants of Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright in the Plaintiff's copyrighted works, Plaintiff is entitled to its actual damages and Defendants' profits pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b).

88. Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to maximum statutory damages, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c), in the amount of \$150,000 with respect to each work infringed, or such other amounts as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c).

89. Plaintiff is further entitled to their attorneys' fees and full costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C.§ 505.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Vicarious Copyright Infringement Against All Defendants

90. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding allegation set forth herein.

91. Without authorization, individuals reproduced, distributed, and publicly displayed Plaintiff's works through Defendants' website, directly infringing Plaintiff's copyrighted works.

92. Defendants were actually or constructively aware or should have been aware or were willfully blind to the infringing activity.

93. Defendants were able to control or completely end the illegal and improper infringement, but failed to do so.

94. Defendants contributed materially to the infringement.

95. Defendants received directly financial gain and profit from those infringing activities.

96. The acts, omissions, and conduct of all Defendants constitute vicarious copyright infringement.

97. The acts of infringement by Defendants have been willful, intentional, purposeful and in reckless disregard of and with indifference to Plaintiff's rights. As a direct and proximate result of the infringements by Defendants of Plaintiff's copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright in the Plaintiffs' copyrighted works, Plaintiff is entitled to its actual damages and Defendants' profits pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b).

98. Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to maximum statutory damages, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c), in the amount of \$150,000 with respect to each work infringed, or such other amounts as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c). 99. Plaintiff is further entitled to their attorneys' fees and full costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C.§ 505.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Inducement of Copyright Infringement Against All Defendants

100. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding allegation set forth herein.

101. Defendants designed and/or distributed technology and/or devices and/or induced individuals to use this technology to promote the use of infringed and copyrighted material. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' inducement, individuals infringed Plaintiff's copyrighted works. These individuals reproduced, distributed and publicly disseminated Plaintiff's copyrighted works through Defendants' website.

102. On information and belief, Defendants have encouraged the illegal uploading and downloading of Plaintiff's copyrighted works, thus inducing the unauthorized reproduction, adaptation, public display and/or distribution of copies of the Plaintiff's copyrighted works, and thus to the direct infringement of Plaintiff's copyrighted works.

103. Defendants' actions constitute inducing copyright infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright in the Plaintiffs' copyrighted works in violation of the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106 and 501.

104. The infringement of Plaintiff's rights in and to each of the Plaintiff's copyrighted works constituted a separate and distinct infringement.

105. The acts of infringement by Defendants have been willful, intentional, purposeful and in reckless disregard of and with indifference to Plaintiff's rights.

| 1 | 106. As a direct and proximate result of the infringements by Defendants of Plaintiff's | |
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| 2 | copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright in the Plaintiff's copyrighted works, Plaintiffs are | |
| 3 | entitled to its actual damages and Defendants' profits pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(b). | |
| 4 | 107. Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to maximum statutory damages, pursuant to 17 | |
| 5 | U.S.C. § 504(c), in the amount of \$150,000 with respect to each work infringed, or such other | |
| 6 7 | amounts as may be proper under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c). | |
| 8 | 108. Plaintiff is further entitled to their attorneys' fees and full costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. | |
| 9 | § 505. | |
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| 11 | <u>FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> Trademark Infringement – 15 U.S.C. <u>§§</u> 1111 <i>et. seq.</i> | |
| 12 | Against All Defendants | |
| 13 | 109. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding | |
| 14 | allegation set forth herein. | |
| 15 | 110. By virtue of its trademark registrations, Plaintiff has the exclusive right to use of the | |
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| 17 | trademarks, trade dress and service marks enumerated in this Complaint in the adult-oriented audio- | |
| 18 | visual markets, including Internet markets. | |
| 19 | 111. Defendants' use of Plaintiff's registered trademarks and service marks is in a manner | |
| 20 | likely to cause consumer confusion, as alleged herein, constitutes trademark infringement pursuant | |
| 21 | to 15 U.S.C. § 1114. | |
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| 23 | 112. Defendants' infringement is intentional and willful, has caused and will continue to | |
| 24 | cause damage to Plaintiff in an amount to be proven at trial, and is causing irreparable hard to | |
| 25 | Plaintiff for which there is no adequate remedy at law, thus Plaintiff are entitled to statutory and | |
| 26 | treble damages. | |
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<u>SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> <u>Contributory Trademark Infringement – 15 U.S.C. §§ 1111 *et. seq.* Against All Defendants</u>

113. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding allegation set forth herein.

114. By virtue of its trademark registrations, Plaintiff has the exclusive right to use of the trademarks, trade dress and service marks enumerated in this Complaint in the adult-oriented audio-visual markets, including Internet markets.

115. Defendants' actions that encouraged use of Plaintiff's registered trademarks and service marks in manners likely to cause consumer confusion, as alleged herein, constitutes trademark infringement pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

116. Defendants' infringement is intentional and willful, has caused and will continue to cause damage to Plaintiff in an amount to be proven at trial, and is causing irreparable hard to Plaintiff for which there is no adequate remedy at law, thus Plaintiff are entitled to statutory and treble damages.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION False Designation of Origin under the Lanham Act – 15 U.S.C. §§ 1125 *et. seq.* Against All Defendants

117. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding allegation set forth herein.

118. Upon information and belief, Defendants' conduct is likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception as to Defendants' affiliations, connection, or association with Plaintiff, or as to the origin, sponsorship or approval of their goods or commercial activities. 119. Defendants' conduct as alleged herein, including but not necessarily limited to their use of Plaintiff's marks, constitutes false designation of origin pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

120. Plaintiff has been damaged by these acts in an amount to be proven at trial. Plaintiff is also entitled under the Lanham Act to injunctive and equitable relief against Defendants.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

A. That Defendants, their agents, servants, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, privies, representatives, successors and assigns and parent and subsidiary corporations or other related entities, and any or all persons in act of concert or participation with any of them, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from:

(1) Any and all reproduction, adaptation, public display and/or distribution of copies of the Plaintiff's copyrighted works by Defendants on any website, including but not limited to www. Motherless.com,.

(2) Permitting any user to upload for reproduction, adaptation, public display and/or distribution of copies of the Plaintiffs' copyrighted works by Defendants on any website, including but not limited to www. Motherless.com.

and

(3) Marketing or selling any product containing or utilizing Plaintiff's intellectual property or business values.

B. That Defendants be ordered to transfer the domain www. Motherless.com and all similar domains held by Defendants found in discovery, such as misspellings of the enumerated domains, domains held by Defendants linked to www. Motherless.com and the content therein to Plaintiff.

C. That Defendants be ordered to file with the Court and serve upon Plaintiff, within thirty (30) after the entry of an injunction, a report in writing and under oath, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which Defendants have complied with any ordered injunction;

D. That Plaintiffs be awarded damages in an amount to be determined at trial for all infringing activities, including statutory damages of \$2,000 to \$200,000 for each instance of unlawful use of Plaintiff's trademark, up to \$2,000,000 per act if deemed willful, and/or Plaintiff's damages and lost profits, Defendants' profits, plus any costs incurred in preventing future confusion, mistake or deception, all from the date of first infringement; and statutory damages for each instance of copyright infringement:

E. That Defendants pay Plaintiff a sum sufficient to cover the cost of corrective advertising necessary to alleviate any existing or lingering confusion resulting from Defendants' unauthorized use of Plaintiff's trade dress and terms;

F. That Defendants be ordered to account to Plaintiff for all profits, gains and advantages which they have realized as a consequence of their unauthorized use of Plaintiff's copyrighted works;

G. That Plaintiff be awarded enhanced damages and attorney's fees;

H. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;

I. That Plaintiff be awarded costs and expenses incurred in prosecuting this action, including expert witness fees; and

That such other and further preliminary and permanent relief be awarded to Plaintiff as the J. Court deems appropriate. DATED: May 20, 2015 Respectfully submitted, By: /s/ Alex Volchegursky Alexander Volchegursky, Esq. LAW OFFICES OF ALEXANDER VOLCHEGURSKY Attorney for Plaintiff 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 600 San Francisco, CA 94104 Telephone: 415-986-4000 Facsimile: 415-986-4001