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INTRODUCTION

Defendants are correct about one thing: this is a "simple case." Grokster Opp. 1. Indeed, "[t]he complex marvels of cyberspatial communication may create difficult legal issues; but not in this case." <u>UMG Recordings, Inc. v. MP3.com, Inc.,</u> 92 F. Supp. 2d 349, 350 (S.D.N.Y. 2000). Defendants set up, maintained, upgraded, monitored, and are continuously involved in systems designed to provide the same user functionality as, and to replace, Napster. Defendants have succeeded. Their systems are dedicated to the widespread, unauthorized reproduction and distribution of Plaintiffs' principal assets. Defendants profit directly from the "glittering object" that attracts their "financially-valuable user base": the daily distribution and copying of millions of copies of Plaintiffs' works. <u>A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc.,</u> 114 F. Supp. 2d 896, 922 (N.D. Cal. 2000), <u>aff'd</u>, 239 F.3d 1004 (9th Cir. 2001).

The uncontroverted facts establish Defendants' liability. None of the "issues" Defendants raise (frequently without record support), is "genuine" or "material." Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323, 106 S.Ct. 2548, 91 L.Ed. 2d 265 (1986). Defendants are liable for contributory infringement because they have knowledge (actual and constructive) of infringing activity, and materially contribute to that infringement. Grokster does not contest its knowledge, and MusicCity disputes it only in connection with its meritless Sony-Betamax defense. Grokster does not contest its contribution, and MusicCity devotes only a half-hearted page to it. Defendants also are liable for vicarious infringement. They clearly have the ability to supervise or control infringement, and do not contest that they receive a direct financial benefit from the infringement over their systems. Summary judgment on both these claims is appropriate.

I. DEFENDANTS CANNOT USE THEIR LICENSOR TO SHIELD THEIR INFRINGING CONDUCT

This Court did not grant Kazaa B.V.'s strategic application to have its own default entered, after it had answered the complaint, filed a counterclaim, served

extensive discovery, and moved for summary judgment. Kazaa remains a defendant in this litigation (and continues to be involved in and benefit from infringement over the FastTrack system it licenses). Grokster is incorrect in its contention (never raised by Kazaa) that summary judgment against Kazaa is improper, and the cases on which it relies do not support its position.¹

The motivation for Grokster's argument is clear: Grokster and MusicCity were essentially business partners with Kazaa for FastTrack; as licensees, they also are (or were) in privity with Kazaa; they operated their FastTrack systems for their own gain; and they are legally responsible for actions Kazaa has taken on its licensees' behalf and for their benefit. See MCA Records, Inc. v. Charly Records, 865 F. Supp. 649, 654-656 (C.D. Cal. 1994) (defendant claiming it was only a licensee had proprietary interest in subject matter of litigation and was in privity with licensor, and therefore could be found liable for trademark infringement). Although Grokster contends that "[o]nly Kazaa can dispute many of Plaintiffs' purported factual issues" (Grokster Opp. 3), Grokster knows what the FastTrack system is and does, and manipulates it to its benefit. By characterizing themselves as "mere licensees," Grokster and MusicCity (for its FastTrack phase) now attempt to hide behind their absent licensor. Grokster Opp. 12, MusicCity Opp. 4-5. However, if Kazaa is liable, so necessarily are its licensees, using and profiting from the exact same infringing system. Otherwise, any infringement could be immunized by the expedient of a license and a defaulting licensor. 2

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judgment may be entered if adverse party does not respond to motion).

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In Phillips Factors Corp. v. Harbor Lane of Pensacola, Inc., 648 F. Supp. 1580 (M.D.N.C. 1986), the court specifically distinguished defendants who appeared but did not respond to a summary judgment motion, like Kazaa, from defendants who never appeared and whose default had been entered. Id. at 1583 ("Regarding [the defendants who appeared] . . . summary judgment is an apt procedural device as they have appeared and answered"); see In re First T.D. & Investment, Inc., 253 F.3d 520, 525 (9th Cir. 2001) (defendant never appeared); Hunt v. Inter-Globe Energy, Inc., 770 F.2d 145, 146 (10th Cir. 1985) (same); see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e) (summary)

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² Under their licenses, Defendants could demand changes to the Kazaa source code, MUS 013095-120 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 11) (MusicCity license agreement);

II. THERE IS UNDISPUTED EVIDENCE OF DIRECT INFRINGEMENT

Users of Defendants' systems infringe at least two of Plaintiffs' exclusive copyright rights - reproduction and distribution. A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 239 F.3d 1004, 1014 (9th Cir. 2001) ("Napster I").3 Defendants' own users repeatedly informed them of infringement of the reproduction right. SUF 3(i); e.g., I.D. 173503 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 11) ("I did download some Britney Spears"). Defendants' executives committed direct infringement, including popular music by such artists as The Beatles, Michael Jackson, Aerosmith, Britney Spears, Pink Floyd, and Led Zeppelin, and such movies as Zoolander and South Park. SUF 3(i), (k); see also MusicCity's Third Supplemental Responses to First Set of Interrogatories Ex. A (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 82); Grokster's Response to First Set of Interrogatories Ex. A (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 83). Plaintiffs have downloaded copies of infringing works, confirming violation of the distribution right (SUF 3), and have provided screen shots from Defendants' systems showing further unlawful distribution. Breen Decl., Exs. B-D; Creighton Decl. Ex. 18; see RCA Ariola Int'l v. Thomas & Grayston Co., 845 F.2d 773, 781-782 (8th Cir. 1988) (summary judgment for plaintiffs based on investigator's proof of direct infringement); In re Aimster Copyright Litigation, 2002 WL 31006142 (N.D. Ill. Sept. 4. 2002) at *4; Olan Mills, Inc. v. Linn Photo Co., 23 F.3d 1345, 1348 (8th Cir. 1994); see also Olkin Decl. ¶¶ 6,16 (75% of files surveyed were infringing and owned by Plaintiffs; 90% were infringing or likely infringing); Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 911 (that more than 70%

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GR10904-24 (Id. Ex. 12) (Grokster license agreement). Grokster presumably may also seek contractual or equitable indemnity from its licensor Kazaa.

³ Grokster, at least, is candid enough to acknowledge that its challenge to direct infringement is "an admittedly technical argument." Grokster Opp. 4. Its next admission is obvious and dispositive: "[I]t is reasonable to assume that at least some of the works . . . have been illicitly copied." Id. (emphasis in original). In an earlier filing, Grokster's admission was unequivocal: it "is of course aware as a general matter that some of its users are infringing copyrights." Grokster Summary Judgment Memo. at 15 (emphasis added).

of files surveyed on Napster may be owned or administered by plaintiffs evidence of direct infringement).⁴

Making available copyrighted works for copying, by itself, is a violation of Plaintiffs' distribution rights. Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1014 ("users who upload *file names* to the search index for others to copy violate plaintiffs' distribution rights") (emphasis added). Defendants speculate, but do not offer *any* evidence, that the listing of a title on their systems may not identify the work. To the contrary, just like Napster, the fundamental functionality of Defendants' systems is based on users searching for and finding works by title and/or author. Napster I, 239 F.2d at 1024 ("For Napster to function effectively, . . . file names must reasonably or roughly correspond to the material contained in the files, otherwise, no user could ever locate any desired music."); Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 918 (rejecting argument that file names "cannot be used to distinguish infringing from non-infringing files"). Ultimately, each of the copyrighted works identified in Plaintiffs' Amended Complaints, and many others, were physically downloaded and verified. See, e.g., Breen Decl. ¶ 18; Cole Decl. ¶ 2, 3, 4; Creighton Decl. ¶ 16, 21, 24, 27, 28, 32; Shock Opp. Decl. ¶ 3.

Grokster's reliance on the Audio Home Recording Act ("AHRA") and <u>RIAA v.</u> <u>Diamond Multimedia Sys., Inc.</u>, 180 F.3d 1072, 1079 (9th Cir. 1999) is misplaced. The AHRA has no application to peer-to-peer infringement. <u>Napster I</u>, 239 F.3d at 1024; <u>Aimster</u> at *9. Further, since <u>Diamond</u> held that computers are not within the

Defendants cite <u>Arista Records, Inc. v. MP3Board, Inc.</u> (Page Decl., Ex. A). There, the defendant's website provided links to infringing content. The Court found insufficient evidence for summary judgment that defendant's users downloaded copyrighted files; here the evidence of such downloads is uncontroverted and includes evidence of downloads by Defendants' own executives. Similarly, in <u>MP3Board</u>, the court determined that insufficient evidence had been presented for summary judgment as to whether copyrighted files were distributed; here, there is no dispute that Defendants' users distribute millions of copyrighted files per day. In any event, as Defendants construe the district court's opinion in <u>MP3Board</u> (in which a motion for reconsideration is pending), it is contrary to this <u>Circuit's law set forth in Napster I</u>.

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scope of the AHRA, that statute cannot apply to copying and distribution over Defendants' systems. Diamond, 180 F.3d at 1078.

SONY-BETAMAX CANNOT IMMUNIZE DEFENDANTS

The Sony-Betamax doctrine is a narrow one - the knowledge element of

contributory infringement cannot be established "merely" because a product "may

be used for infringement." Sony Corp. v. Universal City Studios, Inc., 464 U.S.

417, 428, 104 S.Ct. 774, 78 L.Ed. 2d 574 (1984). The Court in Napster I reaffirmed

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this specific holding. Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1020-21 ("We are bound to follow

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Sony, and will not impute the requisite level of knowledge to Napster merely

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copyrights"). Regardless of whether Plaintiffs bear the burden of proof on this issue

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- as Defendants claim without citation to authority - or Defendants do, as the

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Napster court recognized (referring to the issue as a "defense," not an element of

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plaintiffs' claim), Sony-Betamax does not shield Defendants' infringing activities.

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Defendants' Knowledge of Infringement. "We observe that Napster's (a) actual, specific knowledge of direct infringement renders Sony's holding of limited assistance to Napster." Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1020. The source of knowledge of

"infringing material" that the Court held sufficient is precisely the same here:

"[D]efendant had actual notice of direct infringement because the RIAA informed it

of more than 12,000 infringing files. . . . Although Napster, Inc. purportedly

terminated the users offering these files, the songs are still available using the Napster service[.]" Id. at 1022 n.6; cf. Creighton Decl. ¶ 20 (notice to defendants in this case

of more than 8 million files).

MusicCity's argument -- that to be liable it must know that a particular user is engaging in infringement of specific works and must have "the capacity to act" (MusicCity Opp. 23-24) -- is directly contrary to Napster. It also would immunize

⁵ MusicCity "disagrees" with but cannot dispute that <u>Sony-Betamax</u> is not a defense to vicarious infringement. <u>Napster I</u>, 239 F.3d at 1022.

massive infringement indefinitely until a plaintiff located each infringement, notified a defendant, and the defendant failed to remove it (all of which did occur here, in any event). The district court in the Napster MDL case rejected the position MusicCity espouses here:

The conduct the court singled out [in Napster I] as "demonstrated infringing use" is merely exemplary. It is not an exclusive list of conduct necessary to give rise to contributory liability. Nor should the court's language be interpreted as mandating a showing of actual knowledge.

Id. at *7; see also Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 918 ("The law does not require actual knowledge of specific acts of infringement"), citing Gershwin Pub. Corp. v.

Columbia Artists Management, 443 F.2d 1159, 1163 (2d Cir. 1971); Aimster at *13 (rejecting argument that defendant must know of "actual specific transfers between specific users"); Perfect 10, Inc. v. Cybernet Ventures, Inc., 213 F. Supp. 2d 1146, 1169-1170 (C.D. Cal. 2002) ("general knowledge of copyright infringement" including notice of "generic potential copyright infringement by users" is sufficient); Sega Enters. Ltd. v. MAPHIA, 857 F. Supp. 679, 686-88 (N.D. Cal. 1994) (element satisfied "[e]ven if Defendants do not know exactly when games will be uploaded to or downloaded from" their service); see also 17 U.S.C. § 512(c)(3)(A)(ii) (notice under DMCA by a "representative list"); ALS Scan, Inc. v. RemarQ Communities, Inc., 239 F.3d 619, 625 (4th Cir. 2001) (DMCA "does not seek to burden copyright holders with the responsibility of identifying every infringing work – or even most of them – when multiple copyrights are involved"); Hotaling v. Church of Latter-Day Saints, 118 F.3d 199, 204 (4th Cir. 1997) ("[N]o one can expect a copyright

MusicCity purports to reserve its right to claim it is covered by the DMCA (MusicCity Opp. 2 n.1), failing to recognize the inconsistency between its denial that it performs a service and the fact that the DMCA protects only Internet "service providers." 17 U.S.C. §512(k) (emphasis added). In any event, Defendants never would be eligible for DMCA safe harbor. See 17 U.S.C. § 512(c), (d), (i), (k); A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 54 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1746 (N.D. Cal. 2000).

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holder to prove particular instances of use by the public when the proof is impossible to produce because the infringing [defendant] has not kept records of public use").

- Defendants Do Not Provide A "Staple Article of Commerce." No court (b) ever has applied Sony-Betamax to a service as opposed to a product. See Aimster at *15; A&M Records, Inc. v. Abdallah, 948 F. Supp. 1449, 1456-57 (C.D. Cal. 1996); RCA Records v. All-Fast Sys., Inc., 594 F. Supp. 335, 339 (S.D.N.Y. 1984). In fact, the Sony-Betamax doctrine originated in patent law, where it applies only to a "staple article of commerce." 464 U.S. at 442 (emphasis added). Unlike MusicCity's hypothetical "megaphone manufacturer," whose only contact with direct infringers (like that of the Betamax manufacturer) occurs "at the moment of sale," id. at 438, Defendants concede their ongoing and continuing relationship with infringing users. Grokster Opp. 5, MusicCity Opp. 28. Whether that continuing contact and relationship is called a software "product" or a "service," or if it is maintained through just a few employees as Grokster claims (no more is needed in the Internet age), Sony-Betamax does not apply. See Sony-Betamax, 464 U.S. at 437 (imposing contributory liability in case "involving an ongoing relationship between the direct infringer and the contributory infringer at the time the infringing conduct occurred" is "manifestly just").
- Defendants' Systems Facilitate Viral Distribution Of Copyrighted Works. The private "time-shifting" for home use of free television programs by making a single copy for personal viewing and later erasing it, as was at issue in

Religious Technology Center v. Netcom Online Communication Serv., 907 F. Religious Technology Center v. Netcom Online Communication Serv., 907 F. Supp. 1361 (N.D. Cal. 1995), relied on by MusicCity (MusicCity Opp. 24), does not support its proposed knowledge standard. The court did not find Netcom's knowledge insufficient, and in fact *denied* defendant Netcom's motion for summary judgment on contributory infringement. Id. at 1381. The Court in Napster II recognized that Netcom "would not mandate a determination that Napster, Inc. lacks the knowledge requisite to contributory infringement" (239 F.3d at 1021-1022, quoting Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 919), and concluded that Napster had sufficient knowledge. Finally, unlike Netcom, a passive provider of Internet access (Netcom, 907 F. Supp. at 1365), the Defendants here do not provide Internet access at all but 907 F. Supp. at 1365), the Defendants here do not provide Internet access at all, but rather infringing systems.

Sony-Betamax, is not the same as the viral distribution of copyrighted works to millions of strangers. This is a distinction with a difference. Permitting the conduct at issue in Sony-Betamax was vastly different from permitting global distribution of millions of infringing copies, as the Court in Napster refused to do. At the outset of the Sony-Betamax opinion (not limited to the fair use analysis, as Grokster claims), the Supreme Court marked the parameters of its decision by recognizing that the case before it "concerned the private, home use of VTR's for recording programs broadcast on the public airways without charge to the viewer. No issue concerning the transfer of tapes to other persons, . . . was raised." Sony-Betamax, 464 U.S. at 425. No court since has held Sony-Betamax applicable to facilitation of infringing distribution. See Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1019; Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 913-914; Aimster at *16.

- (d) <u>Defendants' Designed Their Systems For Infringement</u>. If Defendants specifically design, advertise, or promote a system for infringing uses, or can avoid infringing uses while permitting noninfringing uses, there is no logical or policy reason to allow continued infringement. <u>See Sony-Betamax</u>, 464 U.S. at 436; <u>see also Aimster</u> at *16; <u>RCA Records</u>, 594 F. Supp. at 339; <u>Compaq Computer Corp. v. ProCom Tech., Inc.</u>, 908 F. Supp. 1409, 1424 (S.D. Tex. 1995); <u>Abdallah</u>, 948 F. Supp. at 1456.
- (e) <u>Defendants' Systems Do Not Have A "Substantial Noninfringing Use."</u>
 Defendants' inability to meet the above prerequisites renders the <u>Sony-Betamax</u>
 defense inapplicable. Even if the facts were otherwise, Defendants fail because there are no commercially significant, substantial noninfringing uses of Defendants' systems. (Grokster does not even *claim* any.)

First, Defendants have failed completely to show the magnitude of any asserted noninfringing uses. Their declarants fall far short of meeting the test of "substantial."

See Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1021; Abdallah, 948 F. Supp. at 1456 ("insubstantial" noninfringing uses not sufficient); Sega, 857 F. Supp. at 685 ("incidental capabilities"

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insufficient). See Plaintiffs' Opp. Memo. 14. The uncontradicted evidence is that any such use is miniscule. Plaintiffs' Memo. 49; Creighton Decl. ¶ 25; Creighton Opp. Decl. ¶ 8.8

Second. Defendants have failed to show that any asserted noninfringing use is "commercially significant." Sony-Betamax, 464 U.S. at 442; Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1021 ("commercially significant noninfringing uses"); Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 917; In re Certain Personal Computers, 224 U.S.P.Q. 270, 280 (U.S. Int'l Trade Comm'n. 1984) ("commercially significant" use). Rather, the evidence shows that infringement is the key to Defendants' success, just as in Napster.

Third, the undisputed, overwhelming, and primary use of Defendants' systems is infringement. 75% of files on the FastTrack system are owned by Plaintiffs, and 90% of the total are infringing or likely infringing. See Olkin Decl. ¶¶ 6,16.9 Cf. Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 911 (more than 70% of files on Napster system owned by Plaintiffs, 87% infringing); see also Aimster at *15; Sega, 857 F. Supp. at 685 (noninfringing uses "have not been shown to be the primary use"); Cable/Home Communication Corp. v. Network Prods., Inc., 902 F.2d 829, 846 (11th Cir. 1990) (defendant utilized devices "primarily as infringement aids and not for legitimate, non-infringing uses"); Atari, Inc. v. JS&A Group, Inc., 597 F. Supp. 5, 8 (N.D. Ill. 1983) ("primary use").

Ultimately, in an attempt to force the square peg of their infringing systems into the round hole of Sony-Betamax, Defendants distort the "important public policy goals that animate copyright." MusicCity Opp. 21. The Court in Sony-Betamax did

⁸ Contrary to Defendants' assertion, Napster I did not hold that "future capabilities were sufficient," but rather that the analysis should include "current and future noninfringing uses." 239 F.3d at 1021 (emphasis added). Moreover, nothing in Sony-Betamax indicates that its use of the term "capable" meant anything other than having the current capability. Current uses were the only uses that the Supreme Court discussed. In any event, Defendants do not provide any evidence of future substantial noninfringing uses.

MusicCity makes these same files available over its system. See infra.

not hold that a single noninfringing use was sufficient or "substantial." MusicCity Opp. 20, 22. Rather, the Court relied heavily on the facts that:

- (a) plaintiffs represented "well below" 10% of relevant copyright holders, 464 U.S. at 443, and "the copying of the respondents' programs represents a small portion of the total use of VTR's." Id. at 434. Here, unlike Sony-Betamax, the record company Plaintiffs represent 85% of the sound recording market (Grokster Opp. 21), the music publisher Plaintiffs constitute a class with over 27,000 publishers representing more than 160,000 songwriters (Sanders Decl. ¶ 6), the motion picture company Plaintiffs represent the U.S. film market and account for the majority of the market for pre-recorded cassettes. Jacobsen Decl. ¶ 2.
- (b) numerous copyright owners expressly authorized certain copying (Sony-Betamax, 464 U.S. at 443-445) compared to virtually no authorization here; and
- (c) the "primary" use of the Betamax VTR either was authorized or a fair use (id. at 423), as compared here to the global distribution of copyrighted materials, which is neither. Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1019.

The only case cited by Defendants, <u>Vault Corp. v. Quaid Software</u>, <u>Ltd.</u>, 847 F.2d 255 (5th Cir. 1988), involved the specific statutory right to make a single, "archival copy" of a computer program under 17 U.S.C. § 117(a), which is not implicated here. The court's discussion on the issue of substantial noninfringing use, as framed by the parties, was not directed to the magnitude or viability of the alleged noninfringing uses (which were assumed sufficient), but to whether the copies made by defendant's product were "archival copies." 847 F.2d at 263-267. 10

Defendants' position would render <u>Sony-Betamax</u> a bar to all contributory infringement claims. As Defendants argue it, *any* product or system theoretically

Vault is unique in its factual and legal context and never has been followed on its application of Sony-Betamax. See Napster, 114 F. Supp. 2d at 916 n.20 (distinguishing Vault). The court in Napster I did not cite Vault as relevant precedent; and Defendants do not cite any other case decided in the 18 years since Sony-Betamax in which a defendant successfully has invoked that defense.

IV. DEFENDANTS ARE LIABLE FOR CONTRIBUTORY INFRINGEMENT

A. <u>Defendants Materially Contribute To Infringement.</u>

Grokster does not dispute that it materially contributes to infringement.¹¹ MusicCity merely rehashes Napster's losing arguments, and mis-cites the applicable law, asserting that "a contributory infringer must have acted in concert with the direct infringer." MusicCity Opp. 32-34. The cases it cites do not support that assertion, which is not the law. See Fonovisa, 76 F.3d at 264 ("providing the site and facilities for known infringing activity is sufficient to establish contributory liability"); Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1019-1022.

There can be no dispute that Defendants provide the system software, updates, modifications, servers, ongoing support and maintenance, user anonymity, search and resume-search functions, firewall circumvention, moderators and other staff, and a user tutorial. SUF 4(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (p); 6(a), (b), (g), (j); 8(g); 9(i). Defendants operated servers essential to connecting users to their systems, and server programs that permit Defendants to support and fine-tune their

Grokster's argument that it lacks control over infringement is both incorrect and irrelevant. Ability to supervise or control is not an element of contributory infringement. Casella v. Morris, 820 F.2d 362, 365 n.4 (11th Cir. 1987).

systems, and communicate with their users. SUF 4(d), (f), (h), (i), (j), (l), (p); 6(a), (b), (g). Going even further than Napster, MusicCity provides some of the actual files distributed - automatically making available for distribution (via its Morpheus 2.0) all files in its users' "share folders" from Kazaa or other systems. See infra and 4 Plaintiffs' Opp. 20-23. Defendants organized their systems and are the "but for" 5 cause of their users' infringement. They also promote the infringing conduct over 6 their systems. SUF 3(i), (n); 5(f) and in words reminiscent of Napster's, MusicCity 7 boasts that using its system is the way to "find what you want, when you want it." 8 O'Neil 02470-72 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 79). 9

Defendants Have Knowledge Of Infringing Activity. В.

That massive infringements were occurring over Defendants' systems was not news to Defendants; it was part of their business plan. SUF 3(c), (d), (e), (f), (g). The evidence of Defendants' actual and constructive knowledge is at least as compelling as the evidence found sufficient in Napster. Plaintiffs' Memo. 23-30; SUF 3. MusicCity argues only (and incorrectly, see III(a), supra) that a specific type of knowledge is required under Sony-Betamax. Grokster never contests that it has the requisite knowledge.

DEFENDANTS ARE VICARIOUSLY LIABLE V.

Defendants Have The Ability To Supervise Or Control.

Defendants misstate the law when they contend that "actual control" is required. Although Defendants do have actual control, it is the right and ability to supervise or control that is material. See Fonovisa, 76 F.3d at 226; Gershwin, 443 F.2d at 1161-63; Shapiro, Bernstein & Co. v. H.L. Green Co., Inc., 316 F.2d 304, 306 (2d Cir. 1963). That is so because "it is ordinarily fair and reasonable to place responsibility . . . on the person who profits" from the infringement. PolyGram Int'l Publ'g v. Nevada/TIG, Inc., 855 F. Supp. 1314, 1325 (D.Mass. 1994).

The requisite level of supervision or control can be demonstrated in many ways. At a minimum, "[t]he ability to block infringers' access to a particular

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environment for any reason whatsoever is evidence of the right and ability to supervise." Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1023, citing Fonovisa, 76 F.3d at 262. Defendants indisputably have that ability. They also refuse to take any steps to prevent or limit infringement, much less police to the "fullest extent." Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1023 ("Turning a blind eye to detectable acts of infringement for the sake of profit gives rise to liability"); see also Gershwin, 443 F.2d at 1159 ("failure to police the conduct of the primary infringer" gives rise to liability). Vicarious liability also is warranted because Defendants promote their systems, provide the suppliers of infringing content (their users), and create their audience. SUF 3(l), (n); 4(b), (j), (n); 5(a), (e), 8(b), (c); 10. See Fonovisa, 76 F.3d at 263 ("pervasive participation in the formation and direction' of the direct infringers, including promoting them (i.e., creating an audience for them)"), quoting Gershwin, 443 F.2d at 1163; Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1023.

B. Defendants Exercise Actual Supervision And Control

There is overwhelming evidence of Defendants' actual exercise of supervision and control, which is uncontroverted. <u>See generally Plaintiffs' Memo.</u> 35-40; Plaintiffs' Opp. Memo. 18-23, 26-29; Kleinrock and Horowitz Decls.; SUF 6.

• Defendants each operated "root" supernodes on their central servers. which, for a period of time, were necessary for new users to gain access to the systems. Smith Depo. 813:16-814:1 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); see also Smith Depo. 177:4-178:7 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2); and ID168236 (id. Ex.11). These root supernodes created an index of files offered by the users connected to them, and processed user search requests. SUF 4(j). Smith Depo. 806:25-808:20 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Kleinrock Decl. ¶ 37(b). They were thus the equivalent of Napster servers. 12

The fact that Defendants currently may not use a centralized file index, but instead "outsource" that function to users' computers (some of which Defendants once operated), is irrelevant. Aimster at *3 n.6. In fact, Defendants' systems, as Napster,

Defendants operated other servers ("kazaaservers") which registered and logged users into the FastTrack system. Smith Depo. 103:16-104:3 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2), 106:14-20 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2), 107:20-23 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76), 120:12-20 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2); D. Rung Depo. 87:5-8; 88:11-16; 136:12-137:7 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 5); M. Rung Depo. 51:2-18, 52:11-53:4, 62:12-25 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 6). By deleting a user name and password from their servers, Defendants admit they could prevent any user from connecting to the system. Smith Depo. 154:11-23 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2); Smith Opp. Decl. ¶ 84.

- Defendants had the ability to add users to a "banned list" by blocking the user's Internet address. Smith Depo. 302:24-303:25, 304:5-16, 313:18-314:1 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2); D. Rung Depo. 229:8-230:14 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 5). MusicCity admits that it blocked the Internet addresses of entities that assisted copyright owners in enforcing their copyrights. Smith Depo. 532:1-13 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2) and Ex. 229 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 11); MusicCity Opp. 14.
 - Defendants maintained the contractual right to ban users. SUF 6(c).
- Defendants (and their licensor) have the ability to terminate every user and to change the protocol and encryption governing all communications on their systems. They did so to block the efforts of hackers (Smith Depo. 318:18-319:15 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2), 343:7-11 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76), 354:17-355:22 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2); Kleinrock Decl. ¶¶ 49(c) and 63); and again to terminate the ability of all MusicCity users to connect to the system. Smith Depo. 412:14-413:12, 414:3-9, 415:17-416:5 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2); Kleinrock Decl. ¶ 65.
- Defendants have effected changes to the user programs that altered their functioning (e.g., changing how user programs broadcast search requests over the system). Smith Depo. 101:5-20 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Kleinrock Decl. ¶ 49. Defendants communicated with user supernodes every 12 hours, and demoted

undisputedly have both decentralized aspects and centralized server aspects. Horowitz Decl. Ex. 19; Gribble Decl.

them to regular "node" status if they were not running the current version of the user program. Smith Depo. 253:9-20, 254:7-23, 260:25-261:4 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2); ID 168312 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 11).

- On numerous occasions, Defendants sent messages prompting their users to upgrade to new versions of the user program. Smith Opp. Decl. ¶ 85; D. Rung Depo. 236:17-239:19 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 5). This "auto-update" enables Defendants regularly to modify the user program, including in ways directly related to its file copying and distribution components. Smith Depo 107:3-14 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2), 343:7-11 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Kleinrock Decl. ¶ 50.
- Through numerous central servers, Defendants maintain continuous contact and communication with their users, and are able to direct advertising and other content inside a running user application. Smith Depo. 713:3-734:24 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Smith Opp. Decl. ¶¶ 58-59, 86-89.

Moreover, the admitted, undisputed facts prove that MusicCity now has *more* control over its Gnutella-based version of Morpheus.

First, MusicCity now concedes that it has the ability to force any user to accept any upgrade or new application of MusicCity's choosing. Smith Depo. 751:8-752:2, 753:6-21, 757:7-21, 771:12-772:17 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Gribble Depo. 363:7-366:1, 428:24-430:4 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 78); Horowitz Decl. ¶¶ 35-

One of MusicCity's counsel previously acknowledged the importance of this fact:

[&]quot;Auto-update: Does the use of 'auto-update' functionality in peer-to-peer filesharing software increase the likelihood of copyright liability for the software vendor?

It may. Building auto-update functionality into your code may increase the risk that a court (1) will find that you have the right and ability to 'control' your users (after all, you could disable the software via update, thus effectively 'terminating' users); and (2) will have the capability to force you to make modifications to the code, then distribute those changes to your users via 'update' (and also order you to deny service to any previous versions)." EFF FAQ. Fred you Lohmann, Esq. Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 81.

MusicCity itself realized this: "Legally we can't have auto-update servers." ID 1536322 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 11).

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39. In other words, MusicCity can compel a user to download and install any upgrade - without giving the user an opportunity to decline it. Smith Depo. 771:22-772:17 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76). This "forced upgrade" gives MusicCity complete dominion and control over its users and system - more control than Napster had - including the ability to deploy any infringement-prevention it wants.

Second, MusicCity now concedes that it can and does make the decision to offer for distribution through Morpheus certain categories of files on its users' computers. The current Morpheus application, by design, makes available for distribution all files in the users' Kazaa directories (and any of another half-dozen "file-sharing" applications). Smith Depo. 820:11-15, 823:16-24 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Gribble Depo. 395:1-396:21 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 78). Morpheus does this without asking or telling the user – even if the user has taken affirmative steps to prevent distribution of those files. Smith Depo. 825:25-826:23 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Horowitz Decl. ¶¶ 54-58.

Third, MusicCity built into its current Morpheus system the ability to control aspects of the user application centrally from a MusicCity server, through its "auto.xml" function. Through it, MusicCity communicates directly and periodically with its users' computers, and determines (and changes) the timing and frequency of the communications. The auto.xml feature allows MusicCity to change the behavior and functionality of the Morpheus user application from its central servers. Smith Depo. 683:22-686:21 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); see Horowitz Decl. ¶ 40-49.

Fourth, MusicCity assigns to and receives from each user an identifier ("GUID") that uniquely identifies each user application. Smith Depo. 719:12-725:15, 729:11-20, 730:3-7 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Gribble Depo 270-76 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 78). MusicCity receives user statistics and other personal user information that it associates with the unique GUID. Smith Depo.

724:11-726:2 (Borkowski Reply Decl Ex. 76.)

C. Defendants Refuse To Filter to Stop Infringement.

Defendants acknowledge that they now filter (or have filtered) their systems in various ways – for example, to block "adult" or offensive files, viruses, or "bogus" files. Kleinrock Decl. ¶ 69; Smith Depo. 527:12-528:18 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 2) and Ex. 227 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 68). However, Defendants have never incorporated means to filter Plaintiffs' copyrighted works, even though it is uncontroverted that they could do so. Kleinrock Decl. ¶¶ 82-97; Breslin Decl.; Ikeyzoye Decl.; D. Rung Depo. 248:14-249:6 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 77); Smith Depo. 837:22-838:25, 839:13-20, 842:12-843:23 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76). Defendants admit that they have spent thousands of hours working on technology issues to advance their business interests, but have done nothing to even investigate infringement prevention mechanisms. D. Rung Depo. 248:14-249:6 (never gave any thought to it); Smith Depo. 780:7-781:5 ("not a whole lot" of time on infringement prevention). The reason is obvious: the availability of the most popular copyrighted works is the lifeblood of Defendants' business. MusicCity acknowledged the obvious after a leading file identification company sent it a proposal in 2002:

"What this is, is a technology that will allow Morpheus to see what our users are sharing so that in turn we can 'tie into a rights payment infrastructure.' I know this is something we DO NOT want to do, but am not sure how to word that." ID1570734 (Borkowski Decl. Ex. 11) (emphasis in original).

Defendants' complete lack of effort and investigation regarding any type of filtering is why their conclusory (and largely unsupported) arguments about the

¹⁴ A document just produced by Sharman Networks (successor to Kazaa) reflects Defendants' conundrum:

I need to reiterate that the fact that Sharman is able to detect and filter the Benjamin virus will undoubtedly be used by the RIAA and MPAA to argue that Sharman has the ability to detect and/or filter allegedly infringing files. . . [E]very time we demonstrate that the KMD [Kazaa Media Desktop] software can be modified to prevent or limit the exchange of certain types of files, we incrementally strengthen the RIAA's position on this. SHAR 002307-09 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 80).

"challenges" of filtering cannot create a material issue.¹⁵ However, the undisputed evidence that Defendants could have incorporated mechanisms to filter copyrighted works also comes from Defendants' admissions:

For example, in an admission equally applicable to Grokster, MusicCity admitted that - even without the FastTrack source code - it could have written a program as part of its user application (or, more easily, could have used a third party program) to access a user's "share" folder and authenticate each file against a database of copyrighted works. Smith Depo. 424:6-16, 834:12-837:17 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76); Gribble Depo. 427:4-428:23 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 78). In addition, MusicCity admitted that it knew from the start that Kazaa could incorporate a mechanism to monitor files that users were downloading so they could track copyrighted material. Smith Depo. 90:18 – 95:10; see also id. at 68:8-71:8 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76). Grokster too (as another FastTrack licensee) could have done so.

Defendants essentially are left with the (unsupported) arguments that filtering might not be perfect, and that they have "no duty to redesign" their software. The former argument rings hollow coming from Defendants who profit from the infringements they do nothing to prevent. The latter argument ignores that Defendants have changed their systems multiple times in two years -- OpenNap to FastTrack (and MusicCity) to Gnutella. Indeed, MusicCity has modified its recently-

¹⁵ MusicCity's proffered expert, Gribble, conceded that filtering can be implemented. ("as an instance of filter-in or filter-out now at work, there's a ton of systems that use this capability, including such things as distributed file systems . . ."). Gribble Depo. 188:15-21 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 78). Moreover, he testified that each of the "technical challenges" identified in his declaration also would have been applicable to the filtering Napster was ordered to implement (Gribble Depo. 460:12-24 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 78)) – leaving Gribble's opinion legally irrelevant, since the district court ordered Napster to filter, and the Ninth Circuit affirmed that order. Gribble's conclusory concerns are entitled to no deference for the additional reasons that Gribble admitted he knew nothing about the filtering Napster implemented. Gribble Depo. 458:1-19 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 78).

released Morpheus system more than twenty times in just a few months. Smith Depo. 524:24-525:17, 584:22-585:25 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 76).

Both arguments also ignore the dictates of Napster. ¹⁶ Napster was ordered to filter copyrighted works, which it first did through text filtering based on file names. ¹⁷ Napster also was required to implement fingerprinting technology. A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 284 F.3d 1091, 1097-1098 ("Napster II") ("The new filter analyzed the contents of a file using audio fingerprinting . . . It was a proper exercise of the district court's supervisory authority to require use of the new filtering mechanism[.]"). The Court specifically rejected Napster's argument (echoed by Defendants here) that requiring it to implement filtering would change its "current architecture." Napster II, 284 F.3d at 1096. Audio fingerprinting was implemented by Napster – and works. Id. ("Napster was able to prevent sharing of much of plaintiffs' noticed copyrighted works"). ¹⁸

Ellison v. Robertson, 189 F. Supp. 2d 1051 (C.D. Cal. 2002) is inapposite. In that case, the district court held that AOL would not be disqualified from DMCA safe harbor protection for providing Internet access to individuals who used that access (as well as Internet access provided by others) to post an infringing work on a third party USENET newsgroup. The court determined that AOL was not liable because the infringing material was "accessed from outside of AOL, and AOL had no ability to effectively control [the user's] infringement." Id. at 1060, 1062; see Hendrickson v. Ebay, Inc., 165 F. Supp. 2d 1082, 1093 (C.D.Cal. 2001), also cited by MusicCity (DMCA applies to Internet website service used to advertise infringing items). Unlike AOL's passive hosting of a newsgroup, Defendants do not provide Internet access, Defendants' users could not communicate and infringe without Defendants' systems, and Defendants have the ability to block access before infringement takes place. See Aimster at *17, 18 (rejecting Aimster's argument that it engages in the same conduct as AOL).

File name filtering alone (which Defendants have never attempted) will block many infringing files. Defendants, however, are able to do more. Unlike Napster, Defendants already extract metadata from every file offered by users to aid in searching. This metadata would result in much more accurate filtering. Kleinrock Decl. ¶¶ 70-76.

¹⁸ Grokster spends a lot of time arguing, from one piece of out-of-context testimony, that a fingerprint-based filtering would be inordinately slow. However, the witness clarified that the scope of the filtering Grokster hypothesized in its questioning was vastly overstated and unrealistic. Ikezoye Depo. at 83:15-86:15 (Borkowski Reply Decl. Ex. 84) (a realistic filtering scenario would require just a tiny fraction of a second to authenticate a file). Moreover, any time taken to authenticate files would be invisible to the user, and would not interfere with a user's use of the system. Kleinrock ¶ 96. Grokster's analysis is otherwise both unsupported and flawed. File

Defendants have refused to take any meaningful steps to prevent piracy.

Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1023 ("the reserved right to police must be exercised to its fullest extent."); Napster II, 284 F.3d at 1098 ("Napster must do everything feasible"). In the end, it is not for Plaintiffs to advise Defendants how to stop infringing; it is Defendants who are required to avoid infringement. See also Russ Hardenburgh, Inc., 982 F. Supp. at 510-11 ("it is more reasonable... to place the cost of protecting against copyright infringement on the parties who provide the system which facilitates infringement, rather than the innocent owner of the copyright").

VI. THERE IS NO GENUINE ISSUE AS TO MISUSE

Defendants excuse their failure to properly raise the misuse defense and their complete lack of proof by asserting that this issue can be re-argued at some future time. Grokster Opp. 18 n.16; MusicCity Opp. 34-35. Defendants then cite to a year old Rule 56(f) declaration in another case and to facts not before this Court, and rely on "charges" and consent decrees involving unrelated matters (e.g., CD prices), and which recite that each is "for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission . . . that the law has been violated." See, e.g., <www.ftc.gov/os/2000/09/sony.do.htm.> Defendants invoke a decision by the Napster Court that only permitted limited discovery. In re Napster, Inc. Copyright Litigation, 191 F. Supp. 2d 1087, 1102 (N.D. Cal. 2002). Defendants do not even speculate that misuse applies to the motion picture Plaintiffs, and they concede it has no application to the music publisher Plaintiffs. Neither the Napster court nor any other court ever has upheld the narrow defense of misuse under circumstances remotely similar to those

identification systems have been used (Breslin Decl. ¶7) and can be implemented in a peer-to-peer system (Breslin Decl. ¶¶ 19-21; Hyman Decl. ¶¶ 4-8; Ikezoye Decl. ¶¶ 9-11); the digital fingerprint is small in size and easy to store and send (Breslin Decl. ¶9; Ikezoye Decl. ¶7); it is fast (Breslin Decl. ¶¶ 15, 21; Ikezoye Decl. ¶7); scalable (Breslin Decl. ¶21; Ikezoye Decl. ¶12); and, any potential degradation can be minimized (Breslin Decl. ¶21).

here. See, e.g., Napster I, 239 F.3d at 1027 ("There is no evidence here that Plaintiffs seek to control areas outside of their grant of monopoly"). 19 **CONCLUSION** Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment should be granted. Dated: November 4, 2002 Grokster also makes the unsupported assertion that the record company plaintiffs falsely registered their copyright as "works for hire." The same argument failed to impress the court in Napster, 191 F. Supp. 2d at 1100. Grokster then acknowledges its stipulation to ownership as to all except the Leiber Plaintiffs. As to the latter, the evidence of ownership (Kalmanson Decl. ¶¶ 9-13) is uncontradicted.

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