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14	Plaintiffs,	APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY
15	v.	RE: SERVICE AND IDENTITY OF DOE DEFENDANTS AND
16	GAMEANARCHY, LLC, a Georgia	IDENTITY OF DEFENDANTS' HOST SERVER;
17	GAMEANARCHY, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company, DAVID ALLEN BAKER, a/k/a "Drunken Chartek an individual and DOES 1	,
18	Cheetah," an individual, and DOES 1 through 10,	MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES
19	Defendants.	Declaration of Marc E. Mayer and [Proposed] Order filed concurrently
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NOTICE OF EX PARTE APPLICATION

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs Nexon America Inc. and NEXON 3 Korea Corporation ("Nexon") hereby apply ex parte pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(d) and Local Rule 7-19 for leave to take certain specified, 4 expedited, pre-service discovery for the limited purpose of (1) learning the true 5 identities, whereabouts, and legal status of the Doe Defendants (collectively, the 6 7 "Doe Defendants"), in order to properly add them as named defendants in this action and to serve them with process, and (2) learning the identity and location of 8 the server used by Defendants to store data and software code relating to 9 10 "GameAnarchy."

Good cause exists for this Application: (1) despite reasonable and diligent
efforts, Nexon has been unable to collect the information necessary to identify and
serve the Complaint on the Doe Defendants, and (2) such relief is necessary to
reveal the true identities of the Doe Defendants and ensuring that key evidence
related to this case is not lost or destroyed. The discovery sought by this
Application is extremely limited, and will not unfairly prejudice Defendants.

17 The facts surrounding this Application are as follows: Nexon is a developer and publisher of computer games, including the computer game "Combat Arms." 18 Defendants are the developers, distributors, and sellers of a software product and 19 service known as "GameAnarchy." Specifically, Defendants' "GameAnarchy" 2021 product allows individuals, upon payment of a monthly fee, to alter the gameplay 22 of Combat Arms in a manner that allows those players to gain unfair competitive advantages in the game. Defendants' conduct constitutes copyright infringement, 23 contributory and vicarious copyright infringement, violation of Section 1201 of the 24 Digital Millennium Copyright Act ("DMCA"), breach of contract, intentional 25 interference with contract, and Unfair Competition. Their conduct causes serious 26 27 and irreparable harm to Defendants.

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By this Application, Nexon seeks to serve a subpoena for the production of
 documents and depositions, if necessary, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
 Procedure 45 on the following entities:

4 • YouTube, LLC, a company through which a number of individuals
5 and entities post instructional videos relating to GameAnarchy;

Facebook, Inc., a company through which Defendants advertised and
marketed the GameAnarchy website and service.

8 • Cloudflare, a company that provides certain domain services to the
9 GameAnarchy Website.

PaymentWall, a company that handles and processes payments on
behalf of GameAnarchy

Pineland Technology Solutions, a company that provided office
space and may have provided computers used for the operation of GameAnarchy.

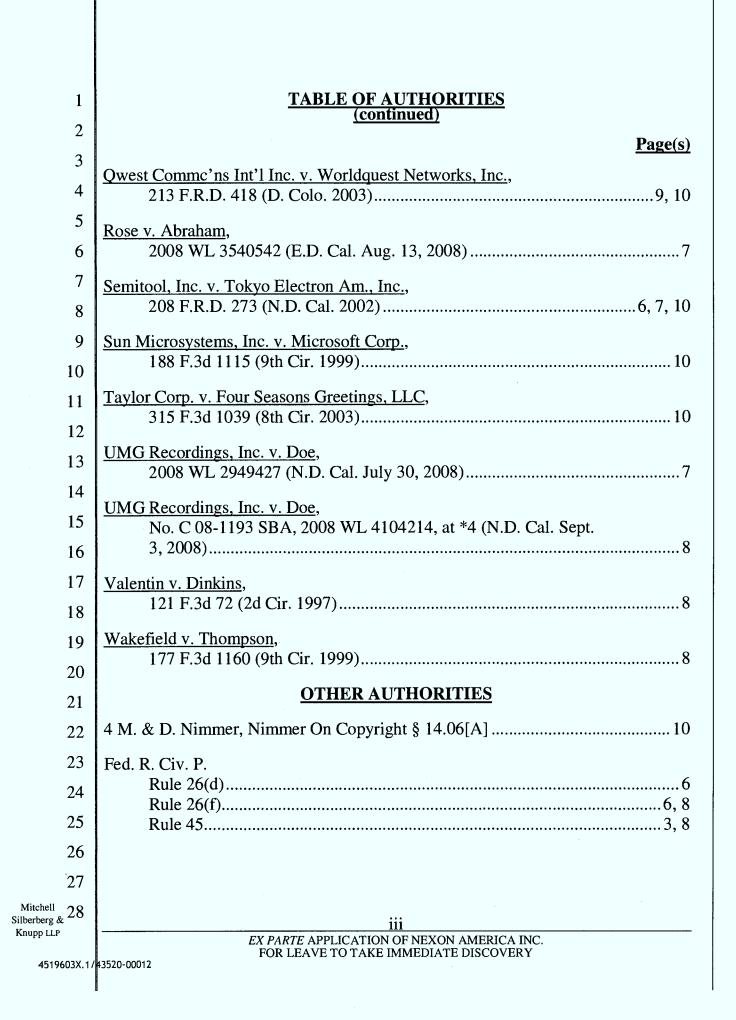
Should these efforts fail, any other third parties that are aware of the
identities of the Doe Defendants that may be uncovered by Nexon's limited
discovery from the entities described above, including those Internet Service
Providers ("ISPs") that provide service to individuals using IP addresses disclosed
by the foregoing discovery.

19 Good cause exists for allowing Nexon to take the requested discovery on an 20 expedited basis. First, Nexon has reason to believe that without expedited 21 discovery, crucial evidence may be lost or destroyed (either deliberately or 22 inadvertently). Thus, it is critical that Nexon immediately identify those 23 individuals or entities (including hosting services) who may possess relevant data 24 and either subpoend those entities for such data or instruct them to preserve the 25 data. Second, Nexon has taken reasonable and diligent steps to locate the Doe Defendants, but has been unable to do so. Third, expedited discovery will 26 27 substantially move this case forward, without prejudice to any responding party.

1	This Application is based	upon this Ex Parte Application, the attached
2	Memorandum of Points and Auth	norities, the attached supporting Declaration of
3	Marc E. Mayer, the Complaint in	this action filed on March 12, 2012, and such
4	other and further oral or document	ntary evidence and legal memoranda as may be
5	presented at or before any hearin	g on this application.
6	Nexon has given notice of	this Application to defendants GameAnarchy
7	LLC and Baker.	
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23	758 F.2d 1254 (8th Cir. 1985)
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2 I. INTRODUCTION

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3 By this *Ex Parte* Application, Nexon America Inc. and NEXON Korea 4 Corporation ("Nexon") seeks leave to take certain limited early discovery for the 5 limited purpose of (1) learning the true identities of the Doe defendants, in order to 6 properly add them as named defendants in this action and serve them with process, 7 and (2) obtaining critical information concerning the identity and location of 8 servers used to host and provide content offered by GameAnarchy. The limited 9 expedited discovery sought by this Application is critical in order to identify, add 10 and serve all relevant defendants and to provide notice to relevant hosting 11 companies to preserve potentially relevant data before it can be deleted or 12 destroyed.

13 This lawsuit involves a highly sophisticated, for-profit venture known as 14 "GameAnarchy." Defendants are the owners and operators of GameAnarchy, 15 which (as the name suggests) is a venture designed to profit from the disruption 16 and destruction of Nexon's popular online game "Combat Arms." Specifically, 17 Defendants have developed, and currently distribute and offer for sale, software tools and code that allow their customers to alter the gameplay of "Combat Arms" 18 19 in order to give these individuals competitive advantages (i.e. to cheat) in the 20 game. Defendants' conduct has caused immense harm to Nexon and its products. 21 After an extensive investigation, Nexon identified the owner of 22 GameAnarchy as an entity known as GameAnarchy LLC, and the primary coder of 23 GameAnarchy as an individual named David Allen Baker a/k/a 24 "DrunkenCheetah." During the course of its investigation, Nexon also learned that 25 several other individuals also have been involved in the creation and operation of 26 GameAnarchy, or have been involved in developing, marketing and advertising the service. These include individuals using the anonymous handles "Flamez," "Lord 27

Eternal," "Stealth," and "Crojo." Nexon has attempted to continue its investigation
 of Defendants' activities and to gather evidence of Defendants' conduct (such as
 message board postings on the GameAnarchy.com website). However, Defendants
 employed technical measures to block Nexon from accessing the GameAnarchy
 website and saving relevant website pages. Defendants also have deleted or
 destroyed relevant evidence, including videos that had been uploaded to YouTube
 by "Crojo" promoting the GameAnarchy service.

8 Courts have recognized that where tortious conduct occurs through on-line 9 activity, "[s]ervice of process can pose a special dilemma for plaintiffs" because 10 tortfeasors are able "to commit certain tortious acts, such as ... copyright 11 infringement" virtually "pseudonymously or anonymously" by providing 12 "fictitious or incomplete identifying information." Columbia Ins. Co. v. 13 Seescandy.com, 185 F.R.D. 573, 577-78 (N.D. Cal. 1999). Courts also have 14 recognized that electronic data is particularly susceptible to destruction or 15 alteration by individuals engaged in acts of copyright infringement. Psychopathic 16 Records Inc. v. Anderson, No. 08-13407-DT, 2008 WL 4852915, at *2 (E.D. 17 Mich. Nov. 7, 2008) (expedited discovery on internet service providers is 18 appropriate because "[c]ourts have recognized the possibility of evidence being 19 destroyed with the passage of time as a factor which may show good cause for 20granting expedited discovery"). These factors are present here. 21

By this Application, Nexon seeks an extremely limited body of early
discovery, designed in order to (1) identify the Doe Defendants, and (2) identify
servers used by Defendants and preserve evidence contained thereon. This
discovery will be directed at the following entities:

• YouTube, LLC, a company through which a number of individuals and entities post instructional videos relating to GameAnarchy;

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Facebook, Inc., a company through which Defendants advertised and
 marketed the GameAnarchy website and service.

Cloudflare, a company that provides domain services to the
GameAnarchy Website.

PaymentWall, a company that handles and processes credit card
payments on behalf of GameAnarchy.

Pineland Technology Solutions, a company that provided office
space and may have provided computers used in the operation of GameAnarchy.

Should these efforts fail, any other third parties that are aware of the
identities of the Doe Defendants that may be uncovered by Nexon's limited
discovery from the entities described above.

By virtue of their business and financial relationships with the Doe
Defendants or their predecessors, each of these third parties likely possesses
information concerning (or relevant to discovering) the Doe Defendants' true
identities. Accordingly, Nexon seeks an order from the Court granting leave to
serve Rule 45 subpoenas for the production of documents and deposition, if
necessary, on these persons and entities immediately.

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II. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

20 Nexon's Combat Arms Game. Nexon is the owner of copyright in the 21 computer game "Combat Arms." Complaint, ¶¶ 1, 17. Combat Arms is an online, 22 multiplayer, "first person shooter" ("FPS") game, in which players assume the role 23 of a military commando and engage in weapons-based combat against other 24 players. Id., ¶ 18. As they play the game, players are rewarded with new weapons 25 or weapon modifications, gain access to different player models, outfits, and 26 additional game "maps" and "modes," and advance in the game's on-line 27 leaderboards (which ranks players by skill level). <u>Id.</u> Combat Arms is a highly

competitive, skill-based game with a fixed set of rules and regulations that have
 been carefully designed to ensure that all players stand on equal footing and have a
 fair chance to defeat their opponents and progress in the game. <u>Id.</u>

4 Defendants and GameAnarchy. Defendants are the developers and
5 distributors of a software product and related service collectively known as
6 "GameAnarchy." Complaint, ¶ 30. Defendants promote, sell, and distribute the
7 GameAnarchy software and service via their website <u>www.gameanarchy.com</u> (the
8 "GameAnarchy Website"). <u>Id.</u> Defendants are the owners, operators, and
9 administrators of the GameAnarchy Website. <u>Id.</u>

10 GameAnarchy is an easy-to-use software product and service that enables 11 users to run (or "inject") a variety of hacks into certain online games, including 12 Combat Arms. Complaint, ¶ 31. In basic terms, GameAnarchy consists of two 13 separate components: (1) a software product that users install on their personal 14 computers (referred to herein as the "GameAnarchy Client"), and (2) a 15 subscription service by which users in possession of the GameAnarchy Client may 16 (including from within the GameAnarchy Client itself), purchase, obtain and 17 implement a variety of "hacks" and "cheats" that modify and alter a variety of 18 online games, including Combat Arms. Id.

19 When GameAnarchy is used in connection with Combat Arms, the 20GameAnarchy Client generates a stand-alone user interface that runs alongside the 21 game and offers a variety of options for modifying or "hacking" the online game. 22 Complaint, ¶ 33. By merely clicking various buttons on the user interface, users 23 may toggle these options "on" or "off" and in **d**oing so either enable gameplay 24 features that are not present in the game or disable elements of the game that have 25 been put into place by the game designers. Id. Hacks that are incorporated into 26 GameAnarchy allow a player, for example, to automatically aim his or her weapon 27("Auto Aim"), to more easily target enemies or target only specific enemies, to kill

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1 opponents remotely ("Tele Kill"), to shoot through walls ("Super Bullets"), to 2 reduce or eliminate weapon recoil ("No Recoil"), to disable environmental effects 3 such as fog or smoke ("No Fog"), to increase his or her speed or jump height, to 4 teleport around the map ("Teleport"), and to turn invisible ("Ghost"). Id., ¶ 34. 5 Additionally, the Game Anarchy Client contains several hacks intended to destroy 6 or disrupt the online game, such as hacks that cause the game to crash 7 ("Disconnect") or send unsolicited "spam" messages to other players ("Spam"). 8 Id.

9 By developing, distributing, and selling GameAnarchy and its related 10 services, Defendants have infringed Nexon's copyrights in Combat Arms and 11 induced others to engage in infringement (including by creating derivative works 12 of Combat Arms). They also have circumvented access-control measures 13 incorporated into Combat Arms (including the anti-cheating tool known as 14 "HackShield"), trafficked in circumvention devices, breached their contracts with 15 Nexon, and induced others to breach their contracts with Nexon. Complaint, ¶¶ 16 49-115.

17 **Procedural History and Need For Expedited Discovery**. Nexon filed its 18 Complaint on March 12, 2012, against defendants GameAnarchy LLC and David 19 Allan Baker. The Complaint alleges nine claims for relief, including copyright 20 infringement; secondary copyright infringement (inducement, contributory 21 infringement, and vicarious infringement), violation of Section 1201 of the 22 DMCA, breach of contract, intentional interference with contract, and unfair 23 competition. The Complaint was served on the named defendants on March 14, 24 2012. Declaration of Marc E. Mayer ("Mayer Decl."), ¶ 9.

25 Prior to filing this lawsuit, Nexon conducted an investigation into 26 GameAnarchy. Mayer Decl., ¶ 2. Based on that investigation, Nexon learned that GameAnarchy and the GameAnarchy website purportedly was owned by a

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Georgia limited liability company titled "GameAnarchy LLC." <u>Id.</u> Nexon also
 learned that the primary coder of the GameAnarchy software was an individual
 using the handle "Drunken Cheetah." Nexon has learned that "Drunken Cheetah"
 is defendant David Allan Baker, and Nexon has reason to believe that Baker is the
 owner or one of the owners of GameAnarchy LLC. <u>Id.</u>

6 In the course of its investigation, Defendants also learned that several other 7 individuals also may have been involved in creating, distributing, marketing, or 8 promoting GameAnarchy. These individuals use anonymous handles such as 9 "Flamez," "Lord Eternal," "Stealth," and "Crojo." Mayer Decl., ¶ 2. Because 10 these individuals have taken steps to remain anonymous and have not disclosed 11 their true identities on the GameAnarchy website, Nexon has been unable to determine their identity or where they are located. Id., ¶ 3. Nexon's efforts to 12 13 identify these individuals has been further hampered by the fact that Defendants make large portions of the GameAnarchy website inaccessible to the public, use 14 15 domain name privacy services to register relevant domain names, conduct business via third-party payment services such as "PaymentWall," and hide the identity of 16 17 their host server behind a company known as "Cloudflare."

18 Additionally, Nexon has reason to believe that critical evidence is in the 19 process of being destroyed. Mayer Decl., ¶ 8. For example, prior to filing the 20 lawsuit, Nexon attempted to gather evidence the GameAnarchy website, but 21 Defendants used technical measures designed to prevent copyright owners such as 22 Nexon from accessing and copying website pages. Id. Additionally, Nexon has 23 just learned that immediately after the lawsuit was served, one of the Doe 24 Defendants (an individual using the handle "Crojo") deleted from YouTube dozens 25 of videos that he posted promoting the GameAnarchy service and instructing users 26 how to use the GameAnarchy software. Id.



Defendants have not yet responded to the Complaint or contacted Nexon to

discuss this matter. However, Nexon has given notice of this Application to
 Defendants at the e-mail addresses possessed by Nexon.

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III. NEXON SHOULD BE GRANTED LEAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY.

6 While discovery ordinarily is deferred until the parties have conducted the 7 Rule 26(f) conference, District courts have broad discretion in scheduling 8 discovery, including broad discretion to order expedited discovery. Hallet v. 9 Morgan, 296 F.3d 732, 751 (9th Cir. 2002). The court may authorize expedited 10 discovery for "good cause." Semitool, Inc. v. Tokyo Electron Am., Inc., 208 11 F.R.D. 273, 276 (N.D. Cal. 2002); accord American LegalNet, Inc. v. Davis, 673 12 F. Supp. 2d 1063, 1066 (C.D. Cal. 2009); Rose v. Abraham, 2008 WL 3540542, at 13 *2 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 13, 2008); UMG Recordings, Inc. v. Doe, 2008 WL 2949427, 14 at *3 (N.D. Cal. July 30, 2008) (collecting cases). Good cause generally exists "where the need for expedited discovery, in consideration of the administration of 15 16 justice, outweighs the prejudice to the responding party." Semitool, 208 F.R.D. at 17 276. Moreover, "good cause is frequently found in cases involving claims of 18 infringement and unfair competition." Id.

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A. <u>The Requested Discovery Is Necessary and Appropriate.</u>

20 The requested (limited) expedited discovery is necessary here in order to
21 identify the Doe Defendants, to avoid potential spoliation of evidence, and stop the
22 irreparable harm of further infringement.

First, the discovery will enable Nexon to identify and serve the Doe
Defendants, as well as to identify all servers that are hosting the GameAnarchy
website. Specifically:

Nexon has learned that individuals promoting the GameAnarchy
service have used Facebook and YouTube to conduct these activities. Nexon

expects that Facebook and YouTube have retained e-mail addresses, IP addresses
 and other information concerning the individuals who created these pages. Mayer
 Decl., ¶¶ 3, 4.

Nexon has learned that GameAnarchy has collected (substantial)
income using a third party payment service "PaymentWall." Nexon expects that
PaymentWall possesses identifying information concerning the individual or
individuals who created the account and to whom payments are remitted. Mayer
Decl., ¶ 5.

Nexon has learned that Defendants have used the service known as
"Cloudflare" to direct the relevant domain names (<u>www.gameanarchy.com</u>) to
servers hosting GameAnarchy content. Cloudflare will possess information
concerning the individuals who administer the GameAnarchy website, as well as
the hosting company that provides services for GameAnarchy. Mayer Decl, ¶ 6.

Nexon has learned that GameAnarchy registered as its corporate
address an office belonging to a computer company owned by Pineland
Technology Solutions. Accordingly, it is likely that computers owned by Pineland
Technology Solutions contain data relevant to the operation of GameAnarchy.
Pineland may also maintain logs reflecting the identities of users that accessed and
operated its computers. Mayer Decl., ¶ 7.

20 Courts routinely allow pre-service discovery to identify Doe defendants. See Gillespie v. Civiletti, 629 F.2d 637, 642 (9th Cir. 1980) ("where the identity of 21 22 [the] alleged defendant[] [is] not [] known prior to the filing of a complaint[,] the 23 plaintiff should be given an opportunity through discovery to identify the unknown defendants, unless it is clear that discovery would not uncover the identities, or that 24 25 the complaint would be dismissed on other grounds"); see also Wakefield v. 26 Thompson, 177 F.3d 1160, 1163 (9th Cir. 1999) (holding that district court erred in 27 dismissing Doe defendant "simply because [plaintiff] was not aware of Doe's

1	identity at the time he filed his complaint"); Valentin v. Dinkins, 121 F.3d 72, 75-
2	76 (2d Cir. 1997); Munz v. Parr, 758 F.2d 1254, 1257 (8th Cir. 1985); Maclin v.
3	Paulson, 627 F.2d 83, 87 (7th Cir. 1980). Such discovery is especially appropriate
4	where individuals "pseudonymously or anonymously" commit tortious acts over
5	the Internet. UMG Recordings, Inc. v. Doe, No. C 08-1193 SBA, 2008 WL
6	4104214, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 3, 2008) ("In internet infringement cases, courts
7	routinely find good cause exists to issue a Rule 45 subpoena to discover a Doe
8	defendant's identity, prior to a Rule 26(f) conference, where a plaintiff makes a
9	prima facie showing of infringement, and there is no other way to identify the Doe
10	defendant, and there is a risk an ISP will destroy its logs prior to the conference.");
11	Seescandy.com, 185 F.R.D. at 578-81 (authorizing plaintiff to conduct pre-service
12	discovery to ascertain the identities of Doe defendants accused of committing
13	trademark infringement over the Internet).1
14	Second, expedited discovery is necessary because there is a tangible risk that
15	the information Nexon seeks will be lost or destroyed. ISPs typically retain user
16	activity logs containing the information sought for only a limited period of time –
17	sometimes for as little as a few weeks – before erasing the data. Also
18	disconcerting is the fact that Nexon has been blocked by Defendants from
19	preserving data contained on the GameAnarchy website. Because Defendants have
20	taken extensive steps to conceal their activities (including by operating
21	anonymously), Nexon has reason to believe that Defendants may attempt to shut
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23	¹ "Service of process can pose a special dilemma for plaintiffs in cases like this in which the tortious activity occurred entirely on-line. The dilemma arises because,
24	as here, the defendant may have used a fictitious name and address in the commission of the tortious acts With the rise of the Internet has come the
25	ability to commit certain tortious acts, such as defamation, copyright infringement, and trademark infringement, entirely on-line. The tortfeasor can act
26	pseudonymously or anonymously and may give fictitious or incomplete identifying information. Parties who have been injured by these acts are likely to find
27	themselves chasing the tortfeasor from Internet Service Provider (ISP) to ISP, with little or no hope of actually discovering the identity of the tortfeasor."
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down their servers, erase their message boards, or otherwise conceal relevant
 information. Mayer Decl., ¶ 8. Accordingly, if Nexon is to pursue its lawsuit to
 protect its copyrighted works, Nexon must have swift access to this information.

4 Where "physical evidence may be consumed or destroyed with the passage 5 of time, thereby disadvantaging one or more parties to the litigation," good cause 6 for expedited discovery exists. Qwest Commc'ns Int'l Inc. v. Worldquest 7 <u>Networks, Inc.</u>, 213 F.R.D. 418, 419 (D. Colo. 2003); see Monsanto Co. v. Woods, 8 250 F.R.D. 411, 413 (E.D. Mo. 2008) (granting request for expedited discovery 9 because "as time passes, the likelihood of discovering evidence relevant to their 10 claims will decrease"); Pod-Ners, LLC v. N. Feed & Bean of Lucerne LLC, 11 204 F.R.D. 675, 676 (D. Colo. 2002) (allowing plaintiff expedited discovery to 12 inspect beans in defendant's possession because the beans might no longer be 13 available for inspection if discovery proceeded in the normal course).

14 *Third*, expedited discovery is necessary where, as here, the complaint 15 alleges claims of infringement. Qwest, 213 F.R.D.at 419 ("The good cause 16 standard may be satisfied . . . where the moving party has asserted claims of 17 infringement and unfair competition."). Expedited discovery is necessary because 18 infringement claims involve irreparable harm to the plaintiffs. Sun Microsystems, Inc. v. Microsoft Corp., 188 F.3d 1115, 1121 (9th Cir. 1999) ("Federal copyright 19 20law presumes irreparable harm from the infringement of a copyright."); see also 21 4 M. & D. Nimmer, Nimmer On Copyright § 14.06[A], at 14-125 (2007); Taylor 22 Corp. v. Four Seasons Greetings, LLC, 315 F.3d 1039, 1041-42 (8th Cir. 2003); 23 ABKCO Music, Inc. v. Stellar Records, Inc., 96 F.3d 60, 66 (2d Cir. 1996). Here, 24 it is necessary to identify and serve the Doe Defendants as quickly as possible so as 25 to ensure they do not continue to infringe the copyrights of Nexon.

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B. <u>The Requested Expedited Discovery Will Further The</u> <u>Administration of Justice.</u>

3 In addition to being necessary, Nexon's proposed expedited discovery is 4 critical to ensure that those who operate and profit from the unlawful infringement 5 in this case can be brought before the Court as soon as possible. Information from 6 the third parties sought to be subpoenaed will likely identify the individuals or 7 entities who created GameAnarchy and who operate the GameAnarchy website, 8 each of whom should timely be made Defendants in this case. See Knapp v. 9 Americredit Fin. Servs., Inc., 204 F.R.D. 306, 308-09 (S.D. W.Va. 2001) (granting, 10 in a case with Doe defendants and a named defendant, expedited discovery because 11 it "further[s] the goal of assuring that the necessary parties are joined and 12 participating in this action at the earliest possible date"); Semitool, 208 F.R.D. at 13 277 (reasoning that expedited discovery is justified where it will "substantially 14 contribute to moving th[e] case forward").

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C. <u>The Requested Expedited Discovery Will Not Prejudice</u> <u>Defendants or Any Third Party.</u>

This Application seeks leave to subpoena a limited number of entities, for
the limited purpose of learning the Doe Defendants' true identities, whereabouts,
and relationship to GameAnarchy.

20 If the Court grants this Application, Nexon will promptly serve subpoenas 21 requesting information identifying those affiliated with GameAnarchy and the 22 servers used to host GameAnarchy. Nexon will provide a reasonable response date 23 for the subpoenas (no less than 14 days). The Subpoenaed Parties will be able to 24 notify the Doe Defendants that Nexon is seeking their identities and all parties will 25 have the opportunity to raise objections by filing a motion to quash in this Court 26 before the return date of the subpoena. The Subpoenaed Parties will be asked for information that they would have eventually provided in the normal course of 27

1	discovery, so they take on no extra burden by responding to expedited discovery.
2	Thus, the Doe Defendants will not be prejudiced if this Application is granted.
3	In addition, Nexon's narrowly tailored discovery does not exceed the
4	minimum information required to advance this lawsuit and, thus, will not prejudice
5	the Doe Defendants or Subpoenaed Parties. See Capitol Records, Inc. v. Doe, No.
6	07-cv-1570-JM (POR), 2007 WL 2429830, at *1 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 24, 2007)
7	(motion for immediate discovery granted because of narrow tailoring of requests,
8	allegations of copyright infringement, danger of lost evidence, and need for the
9	discovery to move the case forward).
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11	IV. CONCLUSION
12	For the foregoing reasons, Nexon's Ex Parte Application for leave to take
13	expedited pre-service discovery should be granted.
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15	DATED: March 16, 2012 MITCHELL SILBERBERG & KNUPP LLP MARC E. MAYER
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2	STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles
3 4	I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to this action; my business address is Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, 11377 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064-1683, and my business email address is sgd@msk.com.
5 6 7 8	On March 16, 2012, I served a copy of the foregoing document(s) described as [NOTICE OF EX PARTE APPLICATION AND EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY RE: SERVICE AND IDENTITY OF DOE DEFENDANTS AND IDENTITY OF DEFENDANTS' HOST SERVER; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES on the interested parties in this action at their last known address as set forth below by taking the action described below:
9 10	UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7851 Old Morrow Road Jonesboro, GA 30236
11 12	Agent for Service of Process for Game Anarchy, LLC
13	BY OVERNIGHT MAIL : I placed the above-mentioned document(s) in
14	sealed envelope(s) designated by the carrier, with delivery fees provided for, and addressed as set forth above, and deposited the above-described
15 16	document(s) with [Name of Messenger Service] in the ordinary course of business, by depositing the document(s) in a facility regularly maintained by the carrier or delivering the document(s) to an authorized driver for the carrier.
17	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that
18	the above is true and correct.
19	Executed on March 16, 2012, at Los Angeles, California.
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12	E-mail: David@bo-solutions@gmail.com
13	Defendant
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