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The Honorable Barbara S. Jones
United States Courthouse - Southern District of New York
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Re: Register.com v. Verio Inc.
00 Civ. 5747 (BSJ)

Dear Judge Jones:

We represent defendant Verio Inc. in the referenced action.

As Your Honor will recall, the parties have sent the Court copies of correspondence relating to Verio's request for ICANN-required bulk access to Register.com's WHOIS database (see Kenneth A. Plevan's letter dated September 29, 2000 and my letter dated October 10, 2000). Unfortunately, there has been no resolution of Verio's request for bulk access to date. Indeed, as yet, there has been no response to Verio's October 9, 2000 letter enclosing a draft bulk access agreement.

As a result, Verio has been effectively foreclosed from any access to Register.com's WHOIS database. Absent an agreement on bulk access, Verio's only other option would be to access the WHOIS database through port 43, and that option is forbidden by the Consent TRO agreed to on August 8, 2000 in anticipation of the September 15 hearing on Register.com's motion for a preliminary injunction.

Verio is understandably anxious to resume lawful use of the data in Register.com's WHOIS database. Verio unilaterally offered to enter into a Consent TRO under the impression that its lawful practices would be disrupted for a short time, as it appeared both parties and the court desired a quick resolution of the dispute. However, almost three months have passed since the Consent TRO was entered and nearly three weeks has passed since a draft bulk access agreement was tendered to Register.com.

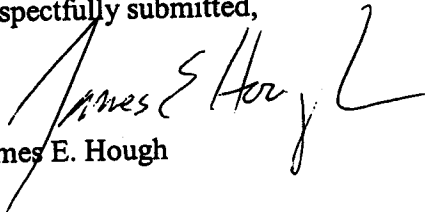
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In Verio's view, its efforts to be fair at every turn in the dispute resolution process and the above-referenced passages of time have enabled Verio's competitors, especially Register.com and its partners, to gain an unintended and unfair advantage. As a result of the Consent TRO and Register.com's failure to enter into a bulk license agreement, Verio's competitors are free to market their services (including, in Register.com's case, domain name registration renewals) to the very same leads that Verio is precluded from reaching.

We recognize the many burdens faced by Your Honor, and we are naturally reluctant to add to those burdens. However, given the unexpected length of time required to resolve Register.com's motion, and Register.com's obvious disinterest in entering into a bulk license agreement as required by ICANN, we feel constrained to respectfully request that Your Honor render a ruling on the pending motion. In the alternative, we request a conference with Your Honor to discuss modifications to the August 8 Consent TRO that would permit Verio to resume automated queries to Register.com's WHOIS database.

Respectfully submitted,


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cc: Kenneth A. Plevan, Esq.