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15 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

19 GUEST-TEK INTERACTIVE
20 ENTERTAINMENT LTD.,

21 Defendant.

Case No.
CV16-08033 AB (FFMx)

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1 Pursuant to Local Rule 37-2, Plaintiff Nomadix and Defendant Guest-Tek
2 Interactive Entertainment Ltd. submit this Joint Stipulation in connection with
3 Nomadix's motion to compel Guest-Tek to respond to Nomadix's interrogatory 5.

4 I. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS

5 A. Nomadix's Introduction

6 Plaintiff Nomadix filed this action to recover millions of dollars in unpaid
7 royalties that Defendant Guest-Tek Interactive Entertainment owes under a patent
8 license agreement. Guest-Tek's royalty obligations depend on whether Guest-Tek
9 has incorporated Nomadix's patented technology into its computer networking
10 devices. The parties recognize that Nomadix's case in chief at trial may involve
11 expert testimony explaining how Guest-Tek's software works. Guest-Tek does not
12 dispute that Nomadix is entitled to discovery of the source code for Guest-Tek's
13 products. Indeed, Guest-Tek has now produced over 50 versions of source code.
14 This Court previously ordered Guest-Tek to respond in full to interrogatories
15 requiring Guest-Tek to identify which version of source code was installed at each
16 customer site during each quarter the license agreement has been in effect. (Dkt.
17 No. 117 (granting motion to compel at Dkt. No. 76).)

18 Nomadix's interrogatory 5 asks Guest-Tek to explain how to take the source
19 code it has produced and turn it into the executable software running at actual
20 customer sites. At trial, Nomadix is entitled to ask its expert to explain to the jury
21 how the human-readable source code that Guest-Tek has produced is turned into
22 the executable software running at actual customer sites so as to trigger a royalty
23 obligation under the license agreement. Nomadix is also entitled to this
24 information so that an expert can verify that Guest-Tek has in fact produced all
25 relevant source-code files. Nomadix's expert should also be able to convert Guest-
26 Tek's produced source code into executable software to verify that the source code
27 Guest-Tek has produced matches the behavior Nomadix has observed while
28 performing testing at actual Guest-Tek customer sites. And Nomadix is also

1 entitled to run Guest-Tek's software in a test environment to demonstrate how
2 Guest-Tek's software has worked over the years. The alternative would be for
3 Nomadix and its expert to visit thousands of Guest-Tek customer properties across
4 the country to produce test data showing how Guest-Tek's software operates in the
5 field.

6 Guest-Tek has refused to answer interrogatory 5. Guest-Tek's refusal is
7 baseless and unfair given that Guest-Tek itself has demanded in interrogatories that
8 Nomadix explain how Guest-Tek's products incorporate Nomadix's patented
9 technology. In particular, Guest-Tek has served an interrogatory demanding that
10 Nomadix identify the specific lines of source code corresponding to the technology
11 Nomadix has patented. Guest-Tek has asked Nomadix to provide this analysis for
12 *every* Guest-Tek product, *every* one of more than 50 versions of source code, and
13 *every* one of thousands of customer sites.

14 The Court should therefore order Guest-Tek to respond to Nomadix's
15 interrogatory 5 in full.

16 **B. Guest-Tek's Introduction**

17 Nomadix's complaint is a problem of its own making. Its Interrogatory No.
18 5 is based on a fundamental flaw in Nomadix's assumption of how the accused
19 Guest-Tek instrumentality (called "OneView Internet" or "OVI") operates.
20 Interrogatory No. 5 simply cannot be answered given the configuration of Guest-
21 Tek's systems, and Guest-Tek has told Nomadix why that is the case. Here,
22 Nomadix has asked how to manually install and execute the OVI code on a Guest-
23 Tek machine, even though Guest-Tek has no mechanism for doing so, because that
24 is simply not how the code operates. The code is not ever manually installed on
25 machines, and in order to satisfy Nomadix, Guest-Tek would need to *invent* a
26 protocol to "manually install and execute the OVI code on a Guest-Tek machine."
27 In other words, Nomadix's interrogatory is asking how to put a square peg in a
28 round hole. Had Nomadix asked the right questions, or even bothered to take a

1 deposition to learn how the accused instrumentality works, it would not find itself
2 in this position. In fact, Nomadix has had over six years to learn that its premise is
3 flawed. Nomadix has had versions of the OVI source code since 2013, and, for at
4 least the past several years, it has had a Guest-Tek machine prepopulated with the
5 OVI code. It has also had access to hotels that use the Guest-Tek machines
6 populated with the OVI code, by which it can observe the operation of the accused
7 instrumentality. It knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have
8 known, that the question is incapable of a response, other than the one that Guest-
9 Tek has already provided.

10 Moreover, Nomadix's motion is premature. There has been recent
11 correspondence between the parties indicating that there may be a
12 misunderstanding as to the information that Nomadix requests. Guest-Tek has
13 asked Nomadix to explain why it believes that there is a misunderstanding, but
14 Nomadix has not done so.

15 Nomadix's motion should be denied.

16 **II. INTERROGATORY 5**

17 **A. Text of Nomadix's Interrogatory**

18 Nomadix's interrogatory 5 is set forth below. The set of interrogatories in
19 which it appears is Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Justin Gillett.

20 **INTERROGATORY 5**

21 For each version of each Guest-Tek Product at each property that has
22 been a Customer Property in any License Quarter, provide a detailed, step-
23 by-step explanation of how to take the Code for the Guest-Tek Product you
24 have produced in this litigation and install and execute it on a machine so
25 that the machine operates as the Guest-Tek Product operated at the Customer
26 Property and includes all functionality resident on the Guest-Tek Product at
27 the Customer Property ("Guest-Tek Operation").

28 In your explanation, specify all compiling, building, and linking steps
involved and all Build Parameters necessary to achieve such Guest-Tek
Operation, including the exact values, versions, and configurations of such

1 Build Parameters; to the extent any particular Build Parameter has more than
2 one option sufficient to achieve Guest-Tek Operation, your explanation
3 should specify at least one such option, such that the entire set of Build
4 Parameters provided is internally consistent and will suffice to achieve
5 Guest-Tek Operation. To the extent your explanation involves files,
6 libraries, tools, or other Code or other Build Parameters that you have
7 produced in this litigation, identify those items by their production (Bates)
8 number or, if no production number exists, the date of production and
9 specific filepath. To the extent your explanation involves files, libraries,
10 tools, or other Code or other Build Parameters that you have not produced in
11 this litigation and that you contend you need not produce, explain
12 unambiguously where to download or otherwise obtain the precise version
13 and configuration of such items.

14 **B. Text of Guest-Tek's Response**

15 Guest-Tek's response to Nomadix's interrogatory 5 is set forth below. The
16 set of interrogatory responses in which it appears is Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of
17 Justin Gillett.

18 **Response to Interrogatory No. 5:**

19 Guest-Tek objects that Nomadix has not established standing to
20 propound this Interrogatory. If Nomadix validly assigned its interests in the
21 License Agreement, in the Licensed Patents, and in this litigation to Gate
22 Worldwide Holdings LLC ("GWH"), then GWH—not Nomadix—is the
23 proper Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant here. Guest-Tek further objects that this
24 Interrogatory calls for Highly Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only
25 information, which the Protective Order bars Nomadix from viewing if
26 Nomadix lacks standing to prosecute this action.

27 Guest-Tek further objects that this Interrogatory is unduly
28 burdensome and seeks discovery not proportional to the needs of the case
because it would require Guest-Tek to create "a detailed, step-by-step
explanation" of how to install and execute code "[f]or each version of each
Guest-Tek Product at each property that has been a Customer Property in
any License Quarter." The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not require
Guest-Tek to create documents explaining how to use the documents and
things that it produces.

Guest-Tek further objects that the phrase "a detailed, step-by-step
explanation" is vague and ambiguous. Nomadix does not specify whether

1 this explanation includes even more than the already burdensome
2 information expressly requested in this Interrogatory.

3 Guest-Tek further objects that this Interrogatory seeks information not
4 relevant to the parties' claims and defenses. Nomadix defines "Guest-Tek
5 Products" to encompass products not at issue in this case.

6 Guest-Tek further objects that this Interrogatory is an improper
7 compound interrogatory comprising an indefinite number of parts. Nomadix
8 defines "Guest Tek Products" to encompass six categories of products, and
9 these categories consist of multiple products or versions of products. Guest-
10 Tek will not respond to this Interrogatory unless and until the parties reach
11 agreement on the scope of this Interrogatory and the number of
12 Interrogatories that it contains.

13 **III. NOMADIX'S ARGUMENT**

14 **A. Nomadix seeks to understand how human-readable computer code** 15 **Guest-Tek has produced in this case is turned into the software running** 16 **at Guest-Tek's customer sites**

17 In a nutshell, interrogatory 5 asks Guest-Tek to explain how to take the
18 human-readable source code Guest-Tek has produced in this litigation and install it
19 on a machine so that the machine operates just as Guest-Tek's products do at
20 actual customer sites. Nomadix employed technical jargon to make the
21 interrogatory precise, but the bottom line is that Nomadix simply seeks to
22 understand how the source-code files Guest-Tek has produced in this case become
23 the final executable software product that operates at actual Guest-Tek customer
24 sites.

25 Interrogatory 5 asks Guest-Tek to explain this process with reference to the
26 Bates numbers of files that Guest-Tek has already produced. Alternatively, if
27 installing Guest-Tek's software on a machine depends on computer files that
28 Guest-Tek believes it need not produce, the interrogatory calls for Guest-Tek to
explain where Nomadix can download or otherwise obtain such files.

B. Nomadix's interrogatory 5 seeks relevant information

Guest-Tek's liability for unpaid royalties depends on whether Guest-Tek has incorporated Nomadix's patented technology into its products. Guest-Tek does not dispute that Nomadix may prove its case by demonstrating how Guest-Tek's software works. Nor does Guest-Tek dispute that Nomadix is entitled to discovery of the source code for Guest-Tek's products. Indeed, Guest-Tek has now produced over 50 versions of source code. And this Court previously ordered Guest-Tek to respond in full to interrogatories requiring Guest-Tek to identify which version of source code was installed at each customer site during each quarter the license agreement has been in effect. (Dkt. No. 117 (granting motion to compel at Dkt. No. 76).) The Court also ordered Guest-Tek to explain any contentions that its products do not incorporate Nomadix's patented technology. (*Id.*)

Nomadix's interrogatory 5 goes to the heart of these issues. First, Nomadix is entitled to rely on Guest-Tek's source code at trial. Nomadix may offer the source code into evidence and have its expert explain the source code to the jury. As part of its trial presentation, Nomadix is entitled to have its expert explain to the jury how the human-readable source code that Guest-Tek has produced is turned into the executable software running at actual customer sites so as to trigger a royalty obligation under the license agreement.

Second, despite having access to the same human-readable source-code files, the parties apparently disagree on how Guest-Tek's products operate in practice. As part of understanding Guest-Tek's contentions and as part of confirming Nomadix's own understanding of Guest-Tek's products, Nomadix is entitled to understand how Guest-Tek translates its source code into software.

Third, Nomadix is entitled to have an expert compile the source code and replicate Guest-Tek's software to verify that Guest-Tek has in fact produced all relevant source-code files. For example, Nomadix should be able to verify that the particular source-code files Guest-Tek has produced can in fact be used to make an

1 operational product. If following Guest-Tek's instructions for turning the source
2 code into software results in an error message or an inoperable piece of software,
3 that would indicate Guest-Tek has not produced all relevant source-code files.

4 As another example, Nomadix has conducted testing at actual Guest-Tek
5 customer sites and observed behavior showing that Guest-Tek has incorporated
6 Nomadix's patented technology into its products. Nomadix is entitled to confirm
7 that the behavior it has observed in testing matches the behavior of software
8 generated from the source-code files Guest-Tek has produced. Again, a mismatch
9 between what Nomadix has observed in its own testing at actual sites and what
10 Nomadix obtains from Guest-Tek's document production would suggest Guest-
11 Tek's production is incomplete. Nomadix cannot make this comparison until
12 Guest-Tek answers interrogatory 5.

13 Fourth, interrogatory 5 promotes efficiency and practical preparation for
14 trial. To show Guest-Tek owes it royalties, Nomadix must demonstrate how Guest-
15 Tek's software has worked over the years. Guest-Tek has had thousands of
16 customer sites over the life of the license agreement, which has been in effect for
17 over eight years. Guest-Tek's royalty obligations arise on a quarter-by-quarter
18 basis. It would be impractical for Nomadix to have its expert visit thousands of
19 Guest-Tek customer properties across the country four times a year to produce test
20 data showing how Guest-Tek's software operates in the field. A proper answer to
21 interrogatory 5 would allow Nomadix's expert to take the source code Guest-Tek
22 has produced in this case, install it on a machine in accordance with Guest-Tek's
23 instructions, and run Guest-Tek's software in a test environment to demonstrate
24 how various versions of Guest-Tek's software have worked during the term of the
25 license agreement. Running the software in a test environment will also allow
26 Nomadix to keep variables fixed and demonstrate consistent results that can be
27 more easily summarized for a jury. Nomadix is entitled to this discovery to save on
28 the cost of litigation and facilitate a more realistic presentation at trial.

C. Guest-Tek's objections are meritless

Guest-Tek has refused to answer interrogatory 5 altogether. Guest-Tek's response thus far has been limited to objections without any substantive response. Nomadix wrote to Guest-Tek immediately after receiving Guest-Tek's deficient response over a year ago. (Gillett Decl. Ex. 3.) The parties conferred on April 19, 2018, and Guest-Tek explained at that time that it objected to answering the interrogatory on the grounds that Federal Rules of Civil Procedure did not obligate it to create documents that did not previously exist. (Gillett Decl. ¶ 5; Gillett Decl. Ex. 4.) Nomadix explained that Guest-Tek must still answer questions propounded under Rule 33. (Gillett Decl. ¶ 5.) Guest-Tek stated it would consider Nomadix's position and consider whether to supplement.

Shortly thereafter, Judge Birotte stayed the case, and the case remained stayed for approximately ten months. Judge Birotte lifted the stay in February 2019. (Dkt. No. 325.) After Nomadix did not hear anything further from Guest-Tek for several weeks, Nomadix confirmed via correspondence and telephonic conference that Guest-Tek refused to answer interrogatory 5. (Gillett Decl. ¶ 7.)

In the Local Rule 37-1 conference of counsel, the only ground Guest-Tek cited for not answering interrogatory 5 was its objection that the Federal Rules "do not require Guest-Tek to create documents." But interrogatory 5 does not ask Guest-Tek to create any documents. Rather, it asks Guest-Tek to answer a question: namely, how can one take the source code Guest-Tek has produced and install and execute it on a machine so that the machine operates like Guest-Tek's products in the field? If answering this question constituted "creating a document" in the manner Guest-Tek suggests, no party would ever have to answer any interrogatory.

Guest-Tek's other objections are equally meritless. Guest-Tek objected that Nomadix may lack standing based on a third party's attempt to substitute as the plaintiff in the case. That objection should be moot because the third party

1 withdrew its request to substitute. (Dkt. No. 329.) Guest-Tek also objected that the
2 interrogatory encompasses products not at issue, but the interrogatory is directed to
3 products that give rise to royalty obligations under the license agreement and is
4 phrased in terms of source code that Guest-Tek has produced in this litigation.
5 Guest-Tek also objected that the interrogatory covers multiple versions of multiple
6 products. But Guest-Tek failed to substantiate in its objections any undue burden
7 from addressing the versions of code it has produced in this litigation.

8 Guest-Tek's own interrogatories to Nomadix show that its objections to
9 interrogatory 5 lack merit. For example, Guest-Tek's interrogatory 10 is a
10 sweeping interrogatory demanding that Nomadix identify the specific lines of
11 source code corresponding to Nomadix's patented technology for *every* disputed
12 patent claim, *every* Guest-Tek product, *every* one of over 50 versions of source
13 code, and *every* one of thousands of customer sites over the years. (Gillett Decl.
14 Ex. 5.) Having propounded interrogatory 10, Guest-Tek cannot legitimately object
15 to explaining how to take the source-code files it has produced and install them as
16 software on a machine.

17 Responding on any level to Guest-Tek's interrogatory 10 is unduly
18 burdensome and unfair without the ability to turn the human-readable source code
19 Guest-Tek has produced in this case into machine-executable software that
20 Nomadix can test and debug. A debugger is a computer tool used to test the
21 operation of a software program. It would allow Nomadix's expert to run Guest-
22 Tek's software on a machine while monitoring the specific lines of human-
23 readable source code triggered by particular operations. To debug Guest-Tek's
24 software, Nomadix's expert first needs to know how to turn Guest-Tek's source
25 code into software—i.e., Nomadix first needs Guest-Tek to answer interrogatory 5.
26 Given Guest-Tek's demands that Nomadix identify specific lines of source code
27 for every version of every Guest-Tek product and every customer property,
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1 Nomadix is entitled to understand how to install all the source code Guest-Tek has
2 produced in this case as machine-executable software.

3 **D. Conclusion**

4 Through interrogatory 5, Nomadix seeks to understand how to take the
5 human-readable source code Guest-Tek has produced in this case and install it on a
6 machine for testing. This discovery is highly relevant to critical issues in the case.
7 As Guest-Tek's own interrogatories demonstrate, Guest-Tek has no legitimate
8 objections. The Court should therefore order Guest-Tek to answer Nomadix's
9 interrogatory 5 in full within 14 days.

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12 **IV. GUEST-TEK'S ARGUMENT**

13 Guest-Tek has advised Nomadix as follows in a supplemental response to
14 Interrogatory No. 5:

15 Guest-Tek objects to this Interrogatory as unduly burdensome and as
16 seeking discovery through inappropriate means. The Interrogatory
17 incorrectly assumes the existence of facts, circumstances and information
18 (collectively "information") that would enable Guest-Tek to respond thereto,
19 and based on that incorrect assumption, requests that Guest-Tek provide
20 and/or summarize such non-existent information.

21 By way of example, this Interrogatory requests a "detailed, step-by-step
22 explanation of how to take the Code for the Guest-Tek Product you have
23 produced in this litigation and install and execute it on a machine so that the
24 machine operates as the Guest-Tek Product operated at the Customer
25 Property and includes all functionality resident on the Guest-Tek Product at
26 the Customer Property." This portion of the Interrogatory incorrectly
27 assumes that Guest-Tek manually installs its products on-site at customer
28 hotels, and therefore that the assumed manual installation process can be
explained....

As presently advised, Guest-Tek does not perform, and has not performed,
such manual installations. Rather, code installation occurs through an
automated procedure; a server at Guest-Tek's headquarters directs and self-

1 installs the code on the “Guest-Tek Product” once the “Guest-Tek Product”
2 has been remotely connected to the server via a secure internet connection.
3 To the extent that the Interrogatory requests an explanation of how code
4 might be manually installed in and executed on a “Guest-Tek Product,” the
Interrogatory calls for speculation.

5 Moreover, Guest-Tek is not required to perform a manual installation so that
6 it can respond to this Interrogatory, and any such effort would be extremely
7 burdensome since it would require significant, time-consuming, and costly
re-engineering of Guest-Tek’s installation process.

8 For the same reasons, the remainder of the Interrogatory, which calls for a
9 specification of “all compiling, building, and linking steps involved and all
10 Build Parameters necessary to achieve such Guest-Tek Operation, including
11 the exact values, versions, and configurations of such Build Parameters,” is
12 improperly based on an incorrect assumption, calls for speculation, and is
unduly burdensome.

13 Thus, the Interrogatory improperly requests Guest-Tek to set forth
14 information that does not exist. To the extent that the Interrogatory purports
15 to request that Guest-Tek explain why such information does not exist, or
16 how such information might otherwise be obtained by Nomadix, Guest-Tek
objects thereto, inasmuch as there are less burdensome ways, such as a
17 deposition, for Nomadix to attempt to obtain the information that it seeks.
18 Alternatively, Nomadix may seek to access a “Guest-Tek Product” at a
19 Guest-Tek Property and attempt to obtain the information that it seeks. The
20 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not require Guest-Tek to undertake an
effort that is more burdensome to Guest-Tek than it would be to Nomadix by
pursuing other avenues of discovery.

21 But, Guest-Tek did not stop there. Guest-Tek went on to advise Nomadix:

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See Ex. 5 (Guest-Tek Interactive Entertainment Ltds’ Supplemental Objections and Response to Interrogatory No. 5 of Nomadix’s Second Set of Interrogatories.

Guest-Tek has done everything that it can do to respond to this interrogatory. Guest-Tek has no obligation to tell Nomadix how to do its homework, but, as mentioned in Guest-Tek’s supplemental response above, there are less burdensome ways, such as a deposition, for Nomadix to attempt to obtain the information that it seeks. Alternatively, Nomadix may seek to access a “Guest-Tek Product” at a Guest-Tek Property and attempt to obtain the information that it seeks. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not require Guest-Tek to undertake an effort that is more burdensome to Guest-Tek than it would be to Nomadix by pursuing other avenues of discovery.

1 In any event, Nomadix's motion is premature. Following receipt of Guest-
2 Tek's supplemental response, and Guest-Tek's portion of this Joint Stipulation,
3 Nomadix e-mailed Guest-Tek stating: "It seems that Guest-Tek may misunderstand
4 what Nomadix is looking for.... It is also possible that, after Nomadix reads Guest-
5 Tek's half of the joint stipulation, we will identify issues worth discussing further
6 by phone before filing a motion." (Exh. 6, June 17, 6:18 PM EST e-mail from
7 Mark Lezama to Steven Rocci.) Guest-Tek responded, stating that Guest-Tek
8 suggests "that you let us know, in writing, what information you seek, that you
9 believe GuestTek may possess, after having reviewed the supplemental response.
10 We can then decide whether further discussion is warranted, and you can then
11 decide whether to proceed with your motion." (Exh. 6, June 17, 6:30 PM EST e-
12 mail from Steven Rocci to Mark Lezama.) But Nomadix never explained how it
13 believes that Guest-Tek "may misunderstand what Nomadix is looking for," never
14 identified any "issues worth discussing further by phone before filing a motion,"
15 and never let Guest-Tek know "what information [Nomadix] seeks that you believe
16 that Guest-Tek may possess." Rather, Nomadix informed Guest-Tek that it would
17 proceed to file this motion. (Exh. 6, 10:05 PM EST e-mail from Mark Lezama to
18 Steven Rocci).

19 Nomadix's motion must be denied.
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Dated: June 18, 2019

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOMADIX, INC.

Plaintiffs,

v.

GUEST-TEK INTERACTIVE
ENTERTAINMENT LTD.

Defendants.

Case No.:

2:16-cv-08033-AB-FFM

ORDER RE JURY TRIAL

I. DEADLINES

II. TRIAL PREPARATION

**III. CONDUCT OF
ATTORNEYS AND
PARTIES**

Trial: December 4, 2018

Time: 8:30 a.m.

I. DEADLINES

Last Day to Add Parties/Amend Pleadings	2/26/2018
Non-expert Discovery Cut-off	5/31/2018
Expert Disclosure (Initial)	6/29/2018
Expert Disclosure (Rebuttal)	7/27/2018
Expert Discovery Cut-off	8/27/2018
Last Day to Hear Motions	8/27/2018
Last Day to Conduct ADR Proceeding	9/10/2018
File Memorandum of Contentions of Fact and Law, Exhibit and Witness Lists, Status Report regarding settlement, and all Motions in Limine	10/15/2018
Lodge Pretrial Conference Order, file agreed set of Jury Instructions and Verdict forms, file statement regarding Disputed Instructions and Verdict Forms, and file oppositions to Motions in Limine	10/22/2018
Final Pretrial Conference and Hearing on Motions in Limine	11/5/2018 at 11:00 AM
Trial Date (Est. <u>4</u> Days)	12/4/2018 at 08:30 AM

1 **A. Parties/Pleadings**

2 The Court has established a cut-off date for adding parties or amending
3 pleadings. All motions to add parties or to amend the pleadings must be noticed to
4 be *heard* on or before the cut-off date. All unserved parties will be dismissed at
5 the time of the pretrial conference pursuant to Local Rule 16–8.1.

6 **B. Discovery and Discovery Cut-off**

7 1. Discovery Cut-off: The Court has established a cut-off date for
8 discovery, including expert discovery, if applicable. This is not the date by which
9 discovery requests must be served; it is the date by which all discovery, *including*
10 *all hearings on any related motions*, is to be completed.

11 2. Discovery Disputes: Counsel are expected to comply with the
12 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and all Local Rules concerning discovery.
13 Whenever possible, the Court expects counsel to resolve discovery problems
14 among themselves in a courteous, reasonable and professional manner. The Court
15 expects that counsel will adhere strictly to the Civility and Professionalism
16 Guidelines (which can be found on the Court’s website under Attorney
17 Information, Attorney Admissions).

18 3. Discovery Motions: Any motion challenging the adequacy of
19 discovery responses must be filed, served, and calendared sufficiently in advance
20 of the discovery cut-off date to permit the responses to be obtained before that date
21 if the motion is granted.

22 4. Depositions: All depositions shall commence sufficiently in
23 advance of the discovery cut-off date to permit their completion and to permit the
24 deposing party enough time to bring any discovery motions concerning the
25 deposition before the cut-off date. Given the requirements to “meet and confer”
26 and to give notice, in most cases a planned motion to compel must be discussed
27 with opposing counsel at least six weeks before the cut-off.

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1 5. Written Discovery: All interrogatories, requests for production
2 of documents and requests for admissions must be served sufficiently in advance
3 of the discovery cut-off date to permit the discovering party enough time to
4 challenge (via motion practice) responses deemed to be deficient.

5 6. Expert Discovery: All disclosures must be made in writing.
6 The parties should begin expert discovery shortly after the initial designation of
7 experts. The final pretrial conference and trial dates will not be continued merely
8 because expert discovery is not completed. Failure to comply with these or any
9 other orders concerning expert discovery may result in the expert being excluded
10 as a witness.

11 **C. Law and Motion**

12 The Court has established a cut-off date for the *hearing* of motions. All
13 motions must be noticed so that the *hearing* takes place on or before the motion
14 cut-off date.

15 **The Court will allow only one motion for summary judgment per party**
16 **in this case, and will not entertain cross-motions.** Counsel shall meet and confer
17 prior to summary judgment to determine which party will be the moving party and
18 which will be the opposing party on summary judgment. To the extent it is
19 appropriate based on undisputed facts and controlling principles of law, the Court
20 will *sua sponte* enter summary judgment in favor of the non-moving party pursuant
21 to Rule 56(f). If any party believes this is one of the rare instances in which there
22 is good cause to allow more than one summary judgment motion (including a
23 cross-motion) or to increase page limits on the moving papers, the party shall seek
24 leave from the court by a noticed motion setting forth good cause.

25 Counsel must provide chambers with Mandatory Chambers' Copies of the
26 following:

27 1. Civil Matters: initial pleadings (complaints, counterclaims,
28 cross-claims), Joint Rule 16(b)/26(f) Reports, motion papers (motions, oppositions,

1 replies, non-oppositions, and any related documents), trial documents (joint
2 statement of the case, proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions, verdict form,
3 exhibit list, witness list, and any related disputes), ex parte applications for
4 temporary restraining orders, and presentation materials for patent cases.

5 2. Criminal Matters: motion papers (motions, oppositions, replies,
6 non-oppositions, and any related documents), plea agreement(s), and sentencing
7 position papers.

8 Counsel should consult the Court's website at www.cacd.uscourts.gov,
9 Judges' Procedures and Schedules, Honorable André Birotte Jr., for further
10 information regarding chambers' copies and motion procedures.

11 **D. Settlement Procedures (ADR Proceedings)**

12 Pursuant to Local Rule 16-15, the parties in every case must select a
13 settlement procedure. The final meeting with the parties' settlement officer must
14 take place no later than four weeks before the Final Pretrial Conference. Counsel
15 shall file a Joint Report regarding the outcome of settlement discussions, the
16 likelihood of possible further discussions and any help the Court may provide with
17 regard to settlement negotiations not later than seven (7) days after the settlement
18 conference.

19 If the parties desire to participate in an ADR procedure other than that
20 elected in the Rule 26(f) Scheduling Report and Order, they shall file a stipulation
21 with the Court. This request will not necessarily be granted.

22 No case will proceed to trial unless all parties, including the principals of all
23 corporate parties, have appeared personally at a settlement conference.

24 **E. Final Pretrial Conference/Proposed Pretrial Conference Order**

25 A final Pretrial Conference (PTC) date has been set pursuant to Rule 16
26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 16-8. STRICT
27 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF FED. R. CIV. P. 16, 26
28 AND LOCAL RULES ARE REQUIRED BY THE COURT.

1 Unless excused for good cause, each party appearing in this action shall be
2 represented at the PTC by the lead trial counsel for that party. Counsel should be
3 prepared to discuss streamlining the trial, including presentation of testimony by
4 deposition excerpts or summaries, time limits, stipulations as to undisputed facts,
5 and qualification of experts by admitted resumes.

6 The proposed Pretrial Conference Order (PTCO) shall be lodged fourteen
7 (14) days before the PTC. Adherence to this time requirement is necessary for
8 in-chambers preparation of the matter. The form of the proposed PTCO shall
9 comply with Appendix A to the Local Rules and the following:

10 1. Place in “all caps” and in “bold” the separately numbered
11 headings for each category in the PTCO (e.g., “**1. THE PARTIES**” or
12 “**7. CLAIMS AND DEFENSES OF THE PARTIES**”).

13 2. Include a table of contents at the beginning.

14 3. In specifying the surviving pleadings under section 1, state
15 which claims or counterclaims have been dismissed or abandoned, e.g., “Plaintiff’s
16 second cause of action for breach of fiduciary duty has been dismissed.” Also, in
17 multiple party cases where not all claims or counterclaims will be prosecuted
18 against all remaining parties on the opposing side, please specify to which party
19 each claim or counterclaim is directed.

20 4. In specifying the parties’ claims and defenses under section 7,
21 each party shall closely follow the examples set forth in Appendix A of the Local
22 Rules.

23 5. In drafting the PTCO, the court also expects that the parties will
24 attempt to agree on and set forth as many non-contested facts as possible. The
25 court will usually read the uncontested facts to the jury at the start of trial. A
26 carefully drafted and comprehensively stated stipulation of facts will reduce the
27 length of trial and increase jury understanding of the case.

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6. In drafting the factual issues in dispute for the PTCO, the parties should attempt to state issues in ultimate fact form, not in the form of evidentiary fact issues. The issues of fact should track the elements of a claim or defense on which the jury will be required to make findings.

7. Issues of law should state legal issues on which the court will be required to rule during the trial and should not list ultimate fact issues to be submitted to the trier of fact.

The parties shall provide an electronic copy of the PTCO in Microsoft Word format to the chambers' e-mail at: AB_Chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov.

II. TRIAL PREPARATION

STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 16 IS REQUIRED. This Order sets forth some different and some additional requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the Final Pretrial Conference being taken off calendar or continued, or in other sanctions.

A. Pretrial Documents

All pretrial document copies shall be delivered to the Court "binder-ready" (three-hole punched on the left side, without blue-backs, and stapled only in the top left corner).

The filing schedule for pretrial documents is as follows:

1. At least 21 days before the Final Pretrial Conference:

- Memorandum of Contentions of Fact and Law
- Witness Lists
- Joint Exhibit List
- Motions *in limine*

2. At least 14 days before the Final Pretrial Conference:

- Proposed Final Pretrial Conference Order
- Proposed Jury Instructions
- Proposed Verdict Forms

- Statement of the Case
- Proposed additional voir dire questions, if desired
- Oppositions to motions *in limine*

3. At least 7 days before trial:

- Trial briefs, if desired

In addition to the requirements of Local Rule 16, the witness lists must include a brief description (one or two paragraphs) of the testimony, **what makes the testimony unique** from any other witness testimony, and a time estimate for both direct and cross-examination (separately stated). The Joint Exhibit List shall contain any objections to authenticity and/or admissibility to the exhibit(s) and the reasons for the objections.

The parties shall provide electronic copies of the Memoranda of Contentions of Fact and Law, Witness List, and Exhibit List in Microsoft Word format to the chambers' e-mail at AB_Chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov.

B. Motions *In Limine*

All motions and oppositions are limited to ten (10) pages in length. All motions *in limine* must be filed at least three weeks before the final pretrial conference; oppositions must be filed at least two weeks before the final pretrial conference; reply briefs will not be accepted. Counsel are to meet and confer with opposing counsel to determine whether opposing counsel intend to introduce the disputed evidence and to attempt to reach an agreement that would obviate the motion. The Court will rule on motions *in limine* at the final pretrial conference. Motions *in limine* should address specific issues (e.g., *not* "to exclude all hearsay"). Motions *in limine* should not be disguised motions for summary adjudication of issues.

C. Jury Instructions, Statement of the Case, and Voir Dire

Pursuant to Local Rule 16-2, lead trial counsel for each party are required to meet and confer in person. The Court expects strict compliance with Local Rule

1 16–2. Fourteen days before the Local Rule 16–2 meeting, the parties shall
2 exchange their respective proposed jury instructions and special verdict forms.
3 Ten days prior to the Local Rule 16–2 meeting, each shall serve objections to the
4 other’s instructions and verdict forms. Before or at the Rule 16–2 meeting, counsel
5 are ordered to meet and confer and attempt to come to agreement on the proposed
6 jury instructions and verdict forms.

7 Counsel shall file with the Court a JOINT set of jury instructions on which
8 there is agreement. All blanks in standard forms should be filled in. The Court
9 expects counsel to agree on the substantial majority of jury instructions,
10 particularly when pattern or model instructions provide a statement of applicable
11 law. If one party fails to comply with the provisions of this section, the other party
12 must file a unilateral set of jury instructions.

13 Each party shall also file its proposed jury instructions that are objected to
14 by any other party. Each disputed instruction must have attached a short statement
15 (one or two paragraphs), including points and authorities, in support of the
16 instruction and a brief statement, including points and authorities, in support of any
17 objections. If applicable, a proposed alternative instruction must be provided.

18 When the *Manual of Model Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit* provides
19 an applicable jury instruction, the parties should submit the most recent version,
20 modified and supplemented to fit the circumstances of this case. Where California
21 law applies, counsel should use the current edition of the *Judicial Council of*
22 *California Civil Jury Instructions* (“CACI”). If neither is applicable, counsel
23 should consult the current edition of O’Malley, et al., *Federal Jury Practice and*
24 *Instructions*. Each requested instruction shall (a) cite the authority or source of the
25 instruction, (b) be set forth in full, (c) be on a separate page, (d) be numbered, (e)
26 cover only one subject or principle of law, and (f) not repeat principles of law
27 contained in any other requested instruction. Counsel may submit alternatives to
28 these instructions only if counsel has a reasoned argument that they do not properly

1 state the law or they are incomplete.

2 Counsel must provide an index of all instructions submitted, which must
3 include the following:

- 4 a. the number of the instruction;
- 5 b. the title of the instruction;
- 6 c. the source of the instruction and any relevant case citations; and
- 7 d. the page number of the instruction.

8 For example:

9 <u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Page Number</u>
10 1	Trademark–Defined 11 (15.U.S.C. § 1127)	9th Cir. 8.5.1	1

12 During the trial and before argument, the Court will meet with counsel and
13 settle the instructions, and counsel will have an opportunity to make a further
14 record concerning their objections.

15 *At the time of filing the proposed final pretrial conference order*, counsel
16 should file a jointly prepared one– or two–page statement of the case to be read by
17 the Court to the prospective panel of jurors before commencement of voir dire.

18 The Court will conduct the voir dire. The Court provides a list of basic
19 questions, and may provide a list of additional questions to jurors before voir dire.
20 (This is not a questionnaire to be completed by jurors.) Counsel may, but are not
21 required to, file and submit (electronically to the chambers’ e–mail and in paper
22 form) a list of proposed case–specific voir dire questions at the time they file the
23 proposed final pretrial conference order.

24 In most cases the Court will conduct its initial voir dire of 14 prospective
25 jurors who will be seated in the jury box. Generally the Court will select eight
26 jurors. Each side will have three peremptory challenges. If fourteen jurors are
27 seated in the box and all six peremptory challenges are exercised, the remaining
28 eight jurors will constitute the jury panel. If fewer than six peremptory challenges

1 are exercised, the eight jurors in the lowest numbered seats will be the jury. The
2 Court will not necessarily accept a stipulation to a challenge for cause. If one or
3 more challenges for cause are accepted, and all six peremptory challenges are
4 exercised, the Court may decide to proceed with six or seven jurors.

5 **Counsel must provide the proposed jury instructions and voir dire to**
6 **the chambers' e-mail at AB_Chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov in Word format.**

7 **D. Trial Exhibits**

8 Exhibits must be placed in three-ring binders indexed by exhibit number
9 with tabs or dividers on the right side. Counsel shall submit to the Court an
10 original and one copy of the binders. The spine portion of the binder shall indicate
11 the volume number *and* contain an index of each exhibit included in the volume.

12 The Court requires that the following be submitted to the Courtroom Deputy
13 Clerk ("CRD") on the *first day of trial*:

14 a. The party's witness list in the order in which the witnesses may
15 be called to testify.

16 b. The joint exhibit list in the form specified in Local Rule 16-5
17 (Civil), which shall be sent in Word format to the chambers' e-mail no later than
18 noon on the Monday before trial.

19 c. All of the exhibits (except those to be used for impeachment
20 only), with official exhibit tags attached and bearing the same number shown on
21 the exhibit list. Exhibits shall be numbered 1, 2, 3, etc., NOT 1.1, 1.2, etc. The
22 defense exhibit numbers shall not duplicate plaintiff's numbers. If a "blow-up" is
23 an enlargement of an existing exhibit, it shall be designated with the number of the
24 original exhibit followed by an "A." These items (and the items listed in d and e
25 below) shall be provided on the first day of trial.

26 d. The binder of *original exhibits* with the Court's exhibit tags,
27 yellow tags for plaintiff and blue tags for defendant, stapled to the front of the
28 exhibit at the upper right-hand corner with the case number, case name, and exhibit

1 number placed on each tag.

2 e. A three–ring binder containing a copy of all exhibits that can be
3 reproduced, and a copy of the witness list. Each exhibit shall be tabbed with the
4 exhibit number for easy referral.

5 f. A three–ring binder containing a copy of all exhibits for use by
6 witnesses.

7 A copy of the exhibit list with all *admitted exhibits* will be given to the jury
8 during deliberations. Counsel shall review and approve the exhibit list with the
9 CRD before the list is given to the jury.

10 Where a significant number of exhibits will be admitted, the Court
11 encourages counsel, preferably by agreement, to consider ways in which testimony
12 about exhibits may be made intelligible to the jury while it is being presented.
13 Counsel should consider such devices as overhead projectors, jury notebooks for
14 admitted exhibits or enlargements of important exhibits. [The Court has an Elmo
15 and other equipment available for use during trial.] Information concerning
16 training on the use of electronic equipment is available. Details are posted on the
17 Court’s website. To make reservations for training, call 213–894–3061. The Court
18 does not permit exhibits to be “published” by passing them up and down the jury
19 box. Exhibits may be displayed briefly using the screens in the courtroom, unless
20 the process becomes too time–consuming.

21 All counsel are to meet not later than ten days before trial and to stipulate, so
22 far as is possible, to foundation, to waiver of the best evidence rule and to those
23 exhibits that may be received into evidence at the start of the trial. The exhibits to
24 be so received will be noted on the Court’s copy of the exhibit list.

25 **E. Court Reporter**

26 Any party requesting special court reporter services for any hearing (i.e., real
27 time transmission, daily transcripts) shall notify the reporter at least 2 weeks before
28 the hearing date.

F. Jury Trial

On the first day of trial, court will commence at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. On the first day of trial, *counsel must appear at 8:30 a.m.* to discuss preliminary matters with the Court.

After the first day of trial, trial days are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m. with two fifteen-minute breaks and a one-hour lunch break.

On the first day of trial, the jury panel will be called when the Court is satisfied that the matter is ready for trial. Jury selection usually takes only a few hours. Counsel should be prepared to proceed with opening statements and witness examination immediately after jury selection.

III. CONDUCT OF ATTORNEYS AND PARTIES

A. Opening Statements, Examining Witnesses, and Summation

Counsel must use the lectern. Counsel must not consume time by writing out words, drawing charts or diagrams, etc. Counsel may prepare such materials in advance. The Court will honor (and may establish) reasonable time estimates for opening statements and closing arguments, examination of witnesses, etc.

B. Objections to Questions

Counsel must not use objections for the purpose of making a speech, recapitulating testimony, or attempting to guide the witness.

When objecting, counsel must rise to state the objection and state only that counsel objects and the legal ground of objection. If counsel wishes to argue an objection further, counsel must ask for permission to do so.

C. General Decorum

1. Counsel should not approach the CRD or the witness box without specific permission and must return to the lectern when the purpose for approaching has been accomplished.

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1 2. Counsel should rise when addressing the Court, and when the
2 Court or the jury enters or leaves the courtroom, unless directed otherwise.

3 3. Counsel should address all remarks to the Court. Counsel are
4 not to address the CRD, the court reporter, persons in the audience, or opposing
5 counsel. If counsel wish to speak with opposing counsel, counsel must ask
6 permission to do so. Any request for the re-reading of questions or answers shall
7 be addressed to the Court. Requests may not be granted.

8 4. Counsel should not address or refer to witnesses or parties by
9 first names alone, with the exception of witnesses under 14 years old.

10 5. Counsel must not offer a stipulation unless counsel have
11 conferred with opposing counsel and have verified that the stipulation will be
12 acceptable.

13 6. While Court is in session, counsel must not leave counsel table
14 to confer with any person in the back of the courtroom unless permission has been
15 granted in advance.

16 7. Counsel shall not make facial expressions, nod, or shake their
17 heads, comment, or otherwise exhibit in any way any agreement, disagreement,
18 or other opinion or belief concerning the testimony of a witness. Counsel shall
19 admonish their clients and witnesses not to engage in such conduct.

20 8. Counsel should not talk to jurors at all, and should not talk to
21 co-counsel, opposing counsel, witnesses, or clients where the conversation can be
22 overheard by jurors. Each counsel should admonish counsel's own clients and
23 witnesses to avoid such conduct.

24 9. Where a party has more than one lawyer, only one may conduct
25 the direct or cross-examination of a particular witness, or make objections as to
26 that witness.

27 **D. Promptness of Counsel and Witnesses**

28 1. Promptness is expected from counsel and witnesses. Once

1 counsel are engaged in trial, this trial is counsel's first priority. The Court will not
2 delay the trial or inconvenience jurors.

3 2. If a witness was on the stand at a recess or adjournment,
4 counsel who called the witness shall ensure the witness is back on the stand and
5 ready to proceed when trial resumes.

6 3. Counsel must notify the CRD in advance if any witness should
7 be accommodated based on a disability or for other reasons.

8 4. No presenting party may be without witnesses. If a party's
9 remaining witnesses are not immediately available and there is more than a brief
10 delay, the Court may deem that party to have rested.

11 5. The Court attempts to cooperate with professional witnesses
12 and will, except in extraordinary circumstances, accommodate them by permitting
13 them to be called out of sequence. Counsel must anticipate any such possibility
14 and discuss it with opposing counsel. If there is an objection, counsel must confer
15 with the Court in advance.

16 **E. Exhibits**

17 1. Each counsel should keep counsel's own list of exhibits and
18 should note when each has been admitted into evidence.

19 2. Each counsel is responsible for any exhibits that counsel
20 secures from the CRD and must return them before leaving the courtroom at the
21 end of the session.

22 3. An exhibit not previously marked should, at the time of its first
23 mention, be accompanied by a request that it be marked for identification. Counsel
24 must show a new exhibit to opposing counsel before the court session in which it is
25 mentioned.

26 4. Counsel are to advise the CRD of any agreements with respect
27 to the proposed exhibits and as to those exhibits that may be received without
28 further motion to admit.

1 5. When referring to an exhibit, counsel should refer to its exhibit
2 number. Witnesses should be asked to do the same.

3 6. Counsel must not ask witnesses to draw charts or diagrams nor
4 ask the Court's permission for a witness to do so. Any graphic aids must be fully
5 prepared before the court session starts.

6 **F. Depositions**

7 1. All depositions to be used at trial, either as evidence or for
8 impeachment, must be lodged with the CRD on the first day of trial or such earlier
9 date as the Court may order. Counsel should verify with the CRD that the relevant
10 deposition is in the CRD's possession.

11 2. In using depositions of an adverse party for impeachment,
12 either one of the following procedures may be adopted:

13 a. If counsel wishes to read the questions and answers as
14 alleged impeachment and ask the witness no further questions on that subject,
15 counsel shall first state the page and line where the reading begins and the page
16 and line where the reading ends, and allow time for any objection. Counsel may
17 then read the portions of the deposition into the record.

18 b. If counsel wishes to ask the witness further questions on
19 the subject matter, the deposition shall be placed in front of the witness and the
20 witness told to read the relevant pages and lines silently. Then counsel may either
21 ask the witness further questions on the matter and thereafter read the quotations,
22 or read the quotations and thereafter ask further questions. Counsel should have an
23 extra copy of the deposition for this purpose.

24 3. Where a witness is absent and the witness's testimony is
25 offered by deposition, counsel may (a) have a reader occupy the witness chair and
26 read the testimony of the witness while the examining lawyer asks the questions, or
27 (b) have counsel read both the questions and answers.

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G. Using Numerous Answers to Interrogatories and Requests for Admission

Whenever counsel expects to offer a group of answers to interrogatories or requests for admissions extracted from one or more lengthy documents, counsel should prepare a new document listing each question and answer and identifying the document from which it has been extracted. Copies of this new document should be given to the Court and opposing counsel.


H. Advance Notice of Unusual or Difficult Issues

If any counsel have reason to anticipate that a difficult question of law or evidence will necessitate legal argument requiring research or briefing, counsel must give the Court advance notice. Counsel are directed to notify the CRD at the day's adjournment if an unexpected legal issue arises that could not have been foreseen and addressed by a motion in limine. See Fed. R. Evid. 103. Counsel must also advise the CRD at the end of each trial day of any issues that must be addressed outside the presence of the jury, so that there is no interruption of the trial. THE COURT WILL NOT KEEP JURORS WAITING.

This Court does not exempt parties appearing *pro se* from compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Local Rules. (Local Rule 83–2.2.3.)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 16, 2017



HONORABLE ANDRÉ BIROTTE JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER
REGARDING CASE
SCHEDULE**

Having reviewed the Parties' Joint Report Re: Case Schedule, IT IS
HEREBY ORDERED THAT the case management schedule is amended as
follows:

	Original Date (D.I. 56)	Nomadix's Proposed Date	Guest- Tek's Proposed Date	Court-ordered Date
Exchange of terms for claim construction	None	None	5/31/2019	[consistent with substantive requirements of N.D. Cal. P.L.R.s] 4/26/2019
Exchange proposed claim constructions and any extrinsic evidence	None	None	6/21/2019	[N.D. Cal. P.L.R.s apply] 5/24/2019
Joint Claim Construction and Prehearing Statement	None	None	7/17/2019	[N.D. Cal. P.L.R.s apply] 6/7/2019
Opening Claim Construction Brief	None	None. Any claim construction briefing shall be part of any motion for summary judgment.	8/26/2019	[simultaneous – 30 pages max] 7/12/2019
Responsive Claim Construction Brief	None	None. Any claim construction briefing shall be part of any motion for summary judgment.	9/9/2019	[simultaneous – 20 pages max] 7/26/2019 [filing of claim construction demonstrative materials due]

	Original Date (D.I. 56)	Nomadix's Proposed Date	Guest-Tek's Proposed Date	Court-ordered Date
Reply Claim Construction Brief	None	None. Any claim construction briefing shall be part of any motion for summary judgment.	9/16/2019	None.
Claim Construction Hearing	None	None. Any claim construction shall be heard at the same time as the hearing on motions for summary judgment.	Approx. 9/30/2019	8/16/2019 at 11:00 a.m.
Non-expert Discovery Cut-Off	5/31/2018	6/28/2019	9/30/2019	8/30/2019
Expert Disclosure (Initial)	6/29/2018	7/12/2019	11/8/2019	9/27/2019
Expert Disclosure (Rebuttal)	7/27/2018	8/9/2019	12/6/2019	10/25/2019
Expert Discovery Cut-off	8/27/2018	9/13/2019	1/10/2020	11/22/2019
Last Day to Hear Motions	8/27/2018	10/18/2019	1/10/2020	1/10/2020
Last Day to Conduct ADR Proceeding	9/10/2018	10/11/2019	1/31/2020	1/3/2020

	Original Date (D.I. 56)	Nomadix's Proposed Date	Guest- Tek's Proposed Date	Court-ordered Date
File Memorandum of Contentions of Fact and Law, Exhibit and Witness Lists, Status Report regarding settlement, and all Motions in <i>Limine</i>	10/15/2018	2/14/2020		2/14/2020
Lodge Pretrial Conference Order, file agreed set of Jury Instructions and Verdict Forms, file statement regarding Disputed Instructions and Verdict Forms, and File Oppositions to Motions in <i>Limine</i>	10/22/2018	2/28/2020		2/28/2020
Final Pretrial Conference and Hearing on Motions in <i>Limine</i>	11/5/2018	3/13/2020		3/13/2020 at 11:00 am
Trial Date	12/4/2018	4/14/2020		4/14/2020 at 8:30 am
Trial Duration	4 Days	4-6 Days	6-8 Days	4-6 Days

Dated: March 18, 2019

Hon. André Birotte Jr.
United States District Judge