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I. INTRODUCTION

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2 Despite the Court's patience in allowing Oracle yet another attempt to put forth a viable
3 damages opinion, Dr. Iain Cockburn's third report is not the charm, as a simple reading of the
4 report itself and the concessions in Oracle's opposition brief confirm.

5 *First*, Oracle concedes that there is a hole in Dr. Cockburn's "independent significance"
6 analysis big enough to drive a truck through. Although Dr. Cockburn's report uses that approach
7 to calculate the value of the patents- and copyrights-in-suit at 25% and 12.5%, respectively, of
8 the intellectual property bundle at issue in the 2006 Sun-Google negotiations, Dr. Cockburn
9 admitted at deposition that he actually believes, and intends to tell the jury if asked, that the
10 patents and copyrights in suit actually might account for *the entire \$685 million value* of the
11 bundle. That alone renders this approach indeterminate and inadmissible. But the approach has
12 other fatal flaws. Dr. Cockburn admitted that he evaluated the totality of the evidence in the case
13 and then, without applying any identifiable analytical methodology, picked a number that fit his
14 view of those facts. No case Google has located, and certainly not the *Finjan* case Oracle
15 mistakenly relies on, has ever endorsed such a subjective, idiosyncratic analysis.

16 *Second*, Dr. Cockburn's alternative "group and value" approach purports to calculate the
17 value of the patents-in-suit as being somewhere in the broad range between 10.2% and 32.7% of
18 the total 2006 IP bundle. Such a wide range would give the jury little guidance. But that range
19 also depends entirely on Dr. Cockburn's assumption that the distribution of value within the Sun
20 patent portfolio is the same as the distribution identified in three patent-value studies.

21 Unfortunately, all of those studies are inapposite, looking at the broadest possible context—a
22 random sampling of all patents, owned by all patentees, related to all technology areas. None of
23 the studies looked at a single party's narrow patent portfolio covering only one technology area,
24 like the Sun portfolio at issue here. Essentially, Dr. Cockburn was given a fruit basket and asked
25 to estimate the percentage of the basket's value attributable to the apples in the basket. For some
26 reason, he attempted to answer that question by looking at the distribution of value among all
27 groceries in every department in the supermarket. Dr. Cockburn offers no basis for justifying his
28 failure to use a benchmark that fits the narrow category of intellectual property at issue here.

1 least” a 12.5% apportionment for the copyrights-in-suit. Cockburn Report ¶¶ 423, 671. The “at
2 least” turns out to be more important than the numbers. In his deposition, Dr. Cockburn said that
3 at trial he might testify that the patent figure could be “at least 25, possibly 50 percent, possibly
4 more,” Declaration of Reid Mullen In Support of Google’s Reply (“Mullen Decl.”), Ex. A
5 (Cockburn Dep.) at 141:3-4, and that the copyright figure could be as high as 100 percent, *id.* at
6 164:4-12. Oracle justifies Dr. Cockburn’s plan to inflate his report’s apportionment figures at
7 trial by arguing that Dr. Cockburn’s report stated only “the minimum apportionment percentages
8 that he derived based on his review of the evidence.” Oracle Opp. at 7. But Dr. Cockburn
9 should not be permitted to state only a “minimum apportionment percentage” in his report while
10 retaining the right to give any higher percentage he desires at trial, including a copyright
11 apportionment that is *eight times* higher than the number in his report.

12 The indeterminacy of Dr. Cockburn’s independent significance analysis is not a bug; it is
13 an intended feature, designed to give Oracle the flexibility to ask the jury for hundreds of
14 millions of dollars more than the figures in Dr. Cockburn’s report. Indeed, even the basis of the
15 independent-significance analysis is unclear, with Dr. Cockburn having offered wildly varying
16 descriptions of that analysis at different times. Oracle insists that Dr. Cockburn’s conclusions
17 are “based on objective *evidence*, not a ‘subjective judgment.’” Oracle Opp. at 6 (emphasis in
18 original). But Oracle and Dr. Cockburn have not even managed to be consistent about what
19 evidence Dr. Cockburn considered. In his report, Dr. Cockburn explicitly disclaimed any
20 reliance on the conjoint and econometric analyses, writing that “the independent significance
21 approach *excludes* consideration of” those studies, and that he conducted his independent
22 significance analysis “[w]ithout taking these analyses into account.” Cockburn Rep. ¶ 423
23 (emphasis in original). Yet in his deposition, Dr. Cockburn testified that he in fact did consider
24 Dr. Shugan’s conjoint analysis and his own econometric findings as part of his independent
25 significance approach. Mullen Decl. Ex. A (Cockburn Dep.) at 134:4-12. Oracle similarly
26 argued in its Opposition that Dr. Cockburn’s independent significance analysis relies on the
27 conjoint and econometric analyses. Oracle Opp. at 6 n.1. This inconsistency is symptomatic of
28 the approach’s inherent subjectivity and total lack of rigor. Dr. Cockburn cannot simply purport

1 to rely on everything that may have crossed his mind to date and offer whatever number between
2 12.5% and 100% that Oracle might want to present to the jury.

3 Oracle makes two unsuccessful attempts to justify Dr. Cockburn's stab in the dark. First,
4 Oracle relies on one paragraph in *Finjan, Inc. v. Secure Computing Corp.*, 626 F.3d 1197 (Fed.
5 Cir. 2010). This reliance is misplaced. In *Finjan*, the defendant challenged a royalty award by
6 arguing about the sufficiency of evidence under many of the *Georgia-Pacific* factors. The
7 language Oracle quotes is from the court's brief discussion of *Georgia-Pacific* factor 13, where it
8 ruled that the expert's opinion that the patented inventions were "fundamentally important to the
9 product" was probative under factor 13. *Id.* at 1211. Oracle argues that Dr. Parr, the expert in
10 *Finjan*, "offered no algorithm or formula for his apportionment of profits and no quantitative
11 evidence." Oracle Opp. at 5. But Dr. Parr's method did not involve apportioning profits. Dr.
12 Parr simply opined that the patented inventions were fundamentally important to the product for
13 purposes of *Georgia-Pacific* factor 13, one of 15 non-exclusive factors bearing on a royalty rate
14 calculation. The heart of Dr. Parr's analysis did not rely on "fundamental importance"; instead,
15 he offered a detailed calculation of the defendant's operating margin for its patented product
16 based on the defendant's financial data. *Id.* at 1209. Nothing in *Finjan* authorizes Dr. Cockburn
17 to apportion damages by waving his hand at "a variety of evidence" and conducting a "synthetic
18 assessment of all of that evidence." Mullen Decl. Ex. A (Cockburn Dep.) at 134:2-3, 138:9-10.

19 Second, Oracle appears to argue that the independent significance approach is not subject
20 to standards of scientific reliability at all, but should be judged solely based on Dr. Cockburn's
21 experience. Oracle Opp. at 7. This is legally incorrect, and none of the three cases Oracle cites
22 support it. In *Lucent Techs., Inc. v. Gateway, Inc.*, 580 F.3d 1301 (Fed. Cir. 2009), the Federal
23 Circuit reversed a damages award as not based on substantial evidence. *Id.* at 1324. In doing so
24 the court noted the uncontroversial proposition that the reasonable royalty calculation is subject
25 to "an element of approximation and uncertainty." *Id.* at 1325. But tolerating "an element" of
26 uncertainty is no justification for allowing an expert to testify to an almost infinite apportionment
27 range based on an ever-shifting list of evidence.

28 In *Kumho Tire Co., Ltd v. Carmichael*, 526 U.S. 137 (1999), the Supreme Court affirmed

1 the district court's decision to strike an expert's testimony because it was "connected to existing
2 data only by the *ipse dixit* of the expert." *Id.* at 157. The Court noted briefly that this rule might
3 not apply to cases where "the relevant reliability concerns may focus upon personal knowledge
4 and experience." *Id.* at 150. Contrary to Oracle's suggestion, Oracle Opp. at 7, nothing in
5 *Kumho Tire* even remotely suggests that the "valuation of property" is an example of expert
6 testimony depending solely on personal knowledge or experience, much less the valuation of the
7 highly technical intellectual property at issue here, which depends significantly on assumptions
8 provided by technical experts. In fact, courts have applied *Daubert's* scientific reliability
9 requirement to expert valuations of property. In *Cayuga Indian Nation of New York v. Pataki*, 83
10 F. Supp. 2d 318, 323-26 (N.D.N.Y. 2000), the court struck the testimony of an expert appraiser's
11 valuation of property because his methodology and data were suspect—even though the expert
12 was well-qualified on paper.

13 The third case Oracle cites, *American Gen. Life Ins. Co. v. Schoenthal Family, LLC*, 555
14 F.3d 1331 (11th Cir. 2009), considered the type of personal experience-based expert testimony
15 mentioned in *Kumho Tire* and is nothing like this case. In *Schoenthal*, the court allowed an
16 expert to testify about general standards in the insurance industry based on his experience
17 working in that industry. *Id.* at 1338. This type of expertise could *only* come from personal
18 knowledge and experience as there is no scientific methodology to capture insurance industry
19 standards. No case that Oracle cites, and none of which Google is aware, authorizes an expert to
20 value patents based solely on a resume, the totality of evidence in the case, and bare conclusions.

21 This case is too complex and the stakes too high for Oracle and Dr. Cockburn to fall back
22 on generic assertions of "experience." The independent significance approach is indeterminate
23 and gives the jury no meaningful guidance. The Court should strike it altogether. At the very
24 least, the Court should bar Dr. Cockburn from presenting apportionment percentages greater than
25 the 25% patent and 12.5% copyright percentages purportedly justified by his report.

26 **B. Dr. Cockburn's group and value approach is methodologically flawed and rests on
27 an assumption untethered to the facts of the case.**

28 Dr. Cockburn's "group and value" approach rests entirely upon his guess that the patent-

1 value distribution in Oracle's self-selected and self-ranked group of 569 "Java-related" patents is
2 the same as all patent-value distributions everywhere, regardless of patent owner, patent type, or
3 portfolio size. Dr. Cockburn's guess is not reliable science. The group and value approach
4 should be stricken because Dr. Cockburn offers no reliable way to apportion the value of the five
5 patents-in-suit amongst all of the other IP at issue in the hypothetical license negotiation.

6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] Cockburn Rep. ¶
8 408. The *sole* basis for these figures is three surveys showing similar patent-value distributions
9 among other groups of patents. *Id.* at ¶¶ 405, 408, 412, Ex. 34. But Dr. Cockburn offers no
10 analysis whatsoever explaining why those surveys are a good fit for the Sun patent portfolio
11 here, such that the distribution of value among Sun's patents could be assumed to be similar to
12 the distributions observed in the surveys. Contrary to Oracle's attempt in its opposition to shift
13 the burden to Google of *disproving* Dr. Cockburn's logic, it is Dr. Cockburn's obligation to
14 justify each aspect of his analysis. *Lust v. Merrell Dow Pharms., Inc.*, 89 F.3d 594, 598 (9th Cir.
15 1996) ("It is the proponent of the expert who has the burden of proving admissibility."). In any
16 event, Google explained in detail in its Motion to Strike why the Sun portfolio is nothing like the
17 patents analyzed in those surveys: namely, (1) Sun's portfolio was comprised of United States-
18 issued patents, (2) owned by a single company, (3) in a narrow technology area, and (4)
19 specifically selected as relevant to a smartphone like Android. Dkt. No. 718 at 9-10. Oracle
20 now says the differences between Sun's portfolio and the survey patents are immaterial. Dkt.
21 No. 737 at 11-12. Oracle is wrong for at least three reasons.

22 *First*, as a preliminary matter, Oracle mischaracterizes Google's challenges to the work
23 done by the five Oracle engineers. Google deposed each of the five engineers upon whom Dr.
24 Cockburn relied to categorize and rank the 569 patents.¹ Four of those five engineers had
25 "assisted lawyers in analyses to determine whether Android infringes Oracle's patents." Kessler
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27 ¹ After Google deposed the engineers, Oracle filed seven-page declarations from each engineer.
28 Dkt. Nos. 741-745. The declarations are nearly identical to one another in describing the work
each engineer did to assist Dr. Cockburn.

1 Decl. ¶ 25; Plummer Decl. ¶ 25; Rose Decl. ¶ 25; Wong Decl. ¶ 25. Google explained in its
2 Motion that the engineers' familiarity with the patents-in-suit naturally would have colored their
3 evaluation of those patents (and related patents) relative to the lesser known (or unknown)
4 patents in the review set. Dkt. 718 at 7-8.² Oracle responds that allegations of bias are points for
5 cross-examination and are "not cognizable" in a *Daubert* motion. Oracle Opp. at 10.

6 Google agrees that the engineers' prior work in preparing this lawsuit is excellent fodder
7 for cross-examination, but Oracle is wrong to suggest this evidence is irrelevant to Google's
8 *Daubert* motion. To the contrary, the process by which the engineers selected and ranked
9 patents for Dr. Cockburn goes to show how different the Sun patent portfolio analyzed by Dr.
10 Cockburn is from the random groups of patents analyzed in the three patent-value surveys, and
11 thus why those surveys are not a reliable baseline for the distribution of value within Sun's
12 portfolio. Whereas the patents in the surveys cited by Dr. Cockburn were randomly selected
13 from a pool of every patent under the sun (and thus certain to run the gamut from completely
14 worthless to highly valuable), the 569 patents here were specifically selected for their purported
15 relevance to a mobile smartphone platform. Oracle used a term search to narrow the patents at
16 issue from Sun's entire 2006 patent portfolio (presumably consisting of thousands of patents) to
17 1300 patents. Then Oracle pared that list down to 569 patents by having one of the engineers
18 look at each patent individually. Oracle Opp. at 8-9. Oracle's position on the patent-value
19 surveys would be somewhat more plausible if Oracle were arguing the surveys could predict the
20 distribution of value among all Oracle patents, but in creating its pool of 569 patents, Oracle put
21 its thumb on the scale by weeding out all patents supposedly having little or no value to Google.

22 **Second**, Dr. Cockburn makes no effort to tie his assumption on patent-value distribution
23 to the facts of this case. He merely cites to surveys showing a "skewed" value distribution and
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26 ² One engineer—Chris Plummer—candidly admitted that the engineers relied on their previous
27 familiarity with benchmarking tests of the '104 and '205 patents to assign ratings to those
28 patents. Mullen Decl. Ex. B (Plummer Dep.) at 107:2-16. The other engineers claim they were
able to quarantine their familiarity with Android, stating that their previous work on the litigation
analysis had "no effect" on their work analyzing those same patents for Dr. Cockburn. Kessler
Decl. ¶ 25; Plummer Decl. ¶ 25; Rose Decl. ¶ 25; Wong Decl. ¶ 25.

1 then maps the upper and lower bound of that distribution onto the Sun portfolio. That is not
2 expert analysis; it's tracing. It may be true that some patents in Sun's portfolio are much more
3 valuable than some others, but the existence of "skew" is not a proxy for a damages figure. Dr.
4 Cockburn's own sources show that the amount of skew can significantly vary from one group to
5 another. For example, between his revised report and the new declarations filed with Oracle's
6 Opposition, Dr. Cockburn notes the following possible skew distributions:

- 7 • 10% of the patents hold 48%-93% of the value. (Cockburn Decl. ¶ 6.)
- 8 • 10% of the patents hold 95% of the value. (Cockburn Decl. ¶ 6.)
- 9 • 10% of the patents hold 88% of the value. (Cockburn Decl. ¶ 6.)
- 10 • 5% of the patents account for 60% of the value. (Norton Decl. Ex. A.)
- 11 • 3.9% of the patents hold 67.9% of the value. (Cockburn Rep. Ex. 34.)
- 12 • 3.9% of the patents hold 77.1% of the value. (Cockburn Rep. Ex. 34.)
- 13 • 3.9% of the patents hold 91.9% of the value. (Cockburn Rep. Ex. 34.)
- 14 • 1%-2% of the patents hold "more than 50%" of the value. (Cockburn Decl. ¶ 9.)
- 15 • 1% of the patents hold 42%-78% of the value. (Cockburn Rep. ¶ 406.)

16 Dr. Cockburn made no attempt to analyze where the distribution in the Sun portfolio might fall
17 on this spectrum of options. He simply observed a high point, a low point, and concluded that
18 the actual distribution must be somewhere in between. Cockburn Rep. at ¶ 408 [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] *Daubert* requires more. See, e.g., *Kumho Tire*, 526 U.S. at 151-52
21 (noting that *Daubert*'s gatekeeping requirement is intended to "make certain an expert, whether
22 basing testimony upon professional studies or personal experience, employs in the courtroom the
23 same level of intellectual rigor that characterizes the practice of an expert in the relevant field").

24 **Third**, Oracle incorrectly argues that *LG Display Co. Ltd. v. AU Optronics Corp.*, 722 F.
25 Supp. 2d 466 (D. Del. 2010), supports the methodology underlying Dr. Cockburn's group and
26 value approach. Oracle Opp. at 11-12. The sole support Oracle provides for this position is a
27 declaration from LG's expert in that case—Jonathan D. Putnam—that summarizes a "Lorenz
28 graph" that purportedly shows that "5% of the patents must account for 60% of the portfolio's

1 value.” *Id.*; Norton Decl. [Dkt. No. 738], Ex. A. Oracle relies on a footnote to the Putnam
2 declaration, which states only: “As I explained in the Appendix to my supplemental report, the
3 distribution most closely related to the patents-in-suit is for ‘the electronics industry (excluding
4 Japan),’ reported in Table 5 of M. Shankerman, “How valuable is patent protection,” *RAND*
5 *Journal of Economics*, 29(1), pp. 77-107 (1998).” Norton Decl. [Dkt. No. 738], Ex. A at 7 n.4.
6 Oracle’s filings do not attach the “Lorenz graph,” the Putnam supplemental report, the Putnam
7 appendices, or the article upon which Putnam apparently relied. *Id.* Moreover, as is apparent
8 from that pithy footnote, Mr. Putnam, unlike Dr. Cockburn, looked at a patent-value distribution
9 model that marginally related to the same industry—“electronics”—as the infringing products.
10 *Id.* In any event, the district court opinion does not address Mr. Putnam’s opinions about patent
11 distribution in any meaningful way. *See LG*, 722 F. Supp. 2d at 472-73. At best, the *LG* case
12 shows that an expert in an unrelated case, assessing an unknown patent portfolio, concluded that
13 some patents in that portfolio were more valuable than other patents, and the court allowed the
14 expert to testify as to that conclusion. *LG* does not justify what Dr. Cockburn has done here.

15 For all of these reasons, Dr. Cockburn’s group and value approach should be stricken.

16 **C. Dr. Cockburn failed to apportion the value of the copyrights at issue.**

17 Oracle tries to minimize, but cannot ignore, the central flaw in Dr. Cockburn’s copyright
18 apportionment: his fundamental ignorance of the universe of copyrights at issue. Dr. Cockburn
19 stated in his report that [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] Cockburn Rep. ¶ 346. But the
21 proposed Sun-Google partnership would have given Google access to far more copyrighted
22 works, including the source code underlying the Java Virtual Machine and over 100 additional
23 core Java libraries which, after all, provide all of the functionality for which the APIs serve only
24 as an index. In his deposition, [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED] Mullen Decl. Ex. A (Cockburn
26 Dep.) at 151:22-152:4. Oracle attempts to justify Dr. Cockburn’s failure to understand the extent
27 of Sun’s Java-related copyrights by arguing that Dr. Cockburn “certainly *does* know, and
28 analyzes, what *is* relevant: what copyrighted material . . . would have been included in the 2006

1 Bundle and provided value to Google.” Oracle Opp. at 16 (emphasis in original). Even this is
 2 not true. In his deposition [REDACTED]
 3 [REDACTED] Mullen Decl. Ex. A
 4 (Cockburn Dep.) at 153:21-22. [REDACTED]
 5 [REDACTED]
 6 [REDACTED]
 7 [REDACTED] *Id.* at 154:7-16. He then admitted that [REDACTED]
 8 [REDACTED]
 9 [REDACTED] *Id.* at 155:21-156:2. Dr. Cockburn’s ignorance of the other 100+ APIs and
 10 millions of lines of code that would have been licensed to Google makes clear he made no
 11 serious effort to understand what copyrights were at issue. He certainly did not do a work-by-
 12 work or group-by-group analysis of the copyrights, as he purported to do on the patent side.

13 Not only did Dr. Cockburn fail to identify the universe of copyrights at issue, he purports
 14 to account for the value of the non-API copyrights in a way that makes no sense and fails to give
 15 Google credit for engineering costs it would have avoided had it partnered with Sun. Dr.
 16 Cockburn opines that the value to Google of all copyrights other than the API specifications
 17 (whatever those might be) would be subsumed in Sun’s *projected future engineering costs*. But
 18 Sun’s cost projections relate to the creation of new and different intellectual property, and were
 19 properly deducted separately from the value of the bundle because it would be economically
 20 wrong to give Sun the benefit of lost revenues without deducting the associated costs. Cockburn
 21 Rep. ¶¶ 48, 370. The offset for Sun’s future costs does not include the value to Google of the
 22 Sun code already in existence—*e.g.*, the API implementations, JVM, documentation, and other
 23 source code. The potential Sun-Google partnership would have involved a division of labor,
 24 with Sun’s existing code potentially giving Google a head start on Google’s share of the work.

25 [REDACTED]
 26 [REDACTED] Oracle Opp. at 15;
 27 Cockburn Rep. ¶¶ 366-67, 372-82 & Ex. 30. But [REDACTED]
 28 [REDACTED]

1 Instead, he took another shortcut that inflates his damages calculation, bundling the value of the
2 old code to Google into the projected future cost to Sun of writing new and different code.

3 **D. Dr. Cockburn failed to conduct a claim-by-claim valuation of the patents-in-suit.**

4 Oracle still stubbornly refuses to acknowledge what this Court has repeatedly held: Dr.
5 Cockburn must identify the value of the patents in suit attributable to each of the individual
6 asserted claims. Dr. Cockburn simply did not do this. As he admitted in his deposition, there is
7 nothing in his report that “attempts to break out the value of the unasserted claims of the patents
8 in suit versus the asserted claims.” Mullen Decl. Ex. A (Cockburn Dep.) at 90:5-10. Dr.
9 Cockburn cannot know whether the entire value of a patent rests in the asserted claims without
10 making any effort to value the unasserted claims.

11 Oracle justifies Dr. Cockburn’s failure by arguing that “[p]arties to an actual licensing
12 negotiation would not have evaluated every claim . . . and there is no reason to do so now.”
13 Oracle Opp. at 18. Once again, Oracle is fighting the hypothetical that the Court directed it to
14 use, this time in its January 9, 2012 Order. There, the Court made clear that “[a]n infringer of
15 one claim is compelled by law to pay for a license, via the hypothetical negotiation, for the
16 specific invention represented by that claim but it is not required to pay for a license for the other
17 specific inventions not infringed. Therefore, the hypothetical negotiation must be focused only
18 on negotiating a compulsory license for each claim infringed, not for the entire patent.” Jan. 9,
19 2012 Order [Dkt. No. 685] at 9. By failing to break out any value that might have been located
20 in the unasserted claims, Dr. Cockburn failed to value only the asserted claims.

21 Oracle also argues that Dr. Cockburn did value the unasserted claims because “it is Prof.
22 Cockburn’s opinion that the claims would have no *additional* value to Google, above and
23 beyond that of the asserted claims.” Oracle Opp. at 18 (emphasis in original). Tellingly, Oracle
24 provides no citation for this supposed opinion. It certainly appears nowhere in Dr. Cockburn’s
25 report. *See* Cockburn Rep. ¶¶ 493-533. In his report, Dr. Cockburn attributed the full value of
26 the patents to the asserted claims without even considering the unasserted claims. Now, to
27 justify his omission, Oracle attributes to Dr. Cockburn an opinion he never expressed, that the
28 unasserted claims add no additional value. This is not a true claim-by-claim analysis, and creates

1 a serious risk of forcing Google to pay a license fee for patent claims it did not infringe.

2 **E. Oracle's attempt to use Dr. Shugan's conjoint analysis to prove a damages amount**
3 **is unprecedented and methodologically flawed.**

4 **1. Oracle has failed to cite any case where any Court has permitted a conjoint**
5 **survey to be used to prove damages.**

6 Oracle fails to identify even a single case where a court in any jurisdiction allowed the
7 use of conjoint analysis to prove damages. Oracle says "it is settled law that survey-based
8 studies are admissible for just such a purpose." Oracle Opp. at 19. But the "settled law" Oracle
9 cites has nothing to do with *conjoint* surveys. Oracle Opp. at 19 (citing *Lucent Techs., Inc. v.*
10 *Gateway, Inc.*, 580 F.3d 1301, 1333-34 (Fed. Cir. 2009)). In *Lucent*, the Federal Circuit merely
11 noted that, "depending on the case," a plaintiff might use a survey to show that an infringing
12 invention is frequently used by consumers, since that tends to prove the invention is valuable.
13 *Id.* at 1333-34; accord *Georgia-Pacific Corp. v. U.S. Plywood Corp.*, 318 F. Supp. 1116, 1120
14 (S.D.N.Y. 1970) (Factor 11 is "The extent to which the infringer has made use of the invention;
15 and any evidence probative of the value of that use."). A simple survey designed to test the
16 frequency with which consumers use an invention may well be reliable and helpful to the jury.
17 But that would be very different from a conjoint survey that purports to isolate the relative
18 importance of a single feature (or set of features) in a multi-feature product and then predict the
19 market share attributable to that feature. Oracle cites no cases allowing the use of conjoint
20 surveys to prove damages because, at least as far as Google is aware, there is no such case.

21 Oracle attempts to compensate for this lack of authority by arguing that "[m]any experts
22 have concluded that conjoint analysis is a proper way to calculate intellectual property damages."
23 Oracle Opp. at 19. As support for this position, Oracle cites to a multiple-hearsay declaration
24 from Dr. Shugan, who in turn cites to other academics' vague descriptions of "litigation matters"
25 where conjoint surveys purportedly were "use[d]." Shugan Decl. [Dkt. No. 740] at ¶¶ 14-15.
26 Dr. Shugan offers no case citations for these "litigation matters," much less orders or transcripts
27 admitting conjoint surveys into evidence, or, if so, for what purpose. *Id.* None of this is
28 evidence, and Oracle's reliance on it only reveals the weakness of its argument. There is a good
reason why conjoint analysis is not used to prove damages: it is a marketing research tool, not a

1 damages methodology of sufficient rigor to be used in complex intellectual property litigation.

2 **2. Dr. Shugan's conjoint analysis is methodologically flawed and produced**
3 **illogical results.**

4 Contrary to Oracle's repeated insistence, Google has never argued that the many serious
5 methodological flaws in Dr. Shugan's conjoint analysis are for the jury. In its motion to strike
6 Dr. Leonard's report, Oracle unsuccessfully argued that Dr. Leonard lacked the knowledge and
7 expertise to critique Dr. Shugan's work. Dkt. No. 558 at 13-14. Because Google had not yet
8 filed a *Daubert* motion on Dr. Shugan, Google's response was limited to explaining Dr.
9 Leonard's critiques of Dr. Shugan and explaining why Dr. Leonard was qualified to dispute Dr.
10 Shugan's analysis before the jury. Dkt. No. 581 at 14-17. Google never conceded that any
11 aspect of Dr. Shugan's analysis was sufficiently methodologically sound to go to a jury in the
12 first place. The reason Google asked the Court permission to file this motion is because it is not.

13 The key methodological flaw with Dr. Shugan's conjoint analysis, which neither Oracle
14 nor Dr. Shugan (in his most recent declaration) disputes, is that survey participants obviously
15 failed to follow the survey's critical instruction to hold constant all non-specified features of the
16 smartphones being evaluated. Oracle and Dr. Shugan argue only that, even though respondents
17 obviously implied additional, non-specified features into the smartphones tested in the survey,
18 each respondent was probably internally consistent in making similar adjustments for similar
19 classes of smartphones. Oracle Opp. at 22 (quoting Shugan Decl. ¶ 33) (“[t]here is no reason to
20 believe that the respondents who do enrich the value of the price or brand with variables not
21 included in the conjoint study vary their evaluation of price or brand between the 16 choice sets
22 from which they choose their preferred smartphones.”). This is just after-the-fact guesswork.
23 There is nothing in Dr. Shugan's report addressing the issue whether individual respondents were
24 consistent in implying the same additional features and making similar price adjustments for
25 every tested class of smartphone. Indeed, there is no reason *not* to believe that respondents
26 varied those feature and price adjustments across the choice sets—for example, by assuming that
27 a higher-priced iPhone had additional features not found in a lower-priced iPhone, while not
28 making that assumption for an Android phone. No one, certainly not Dr. Shugan, knows for

1 sure. The only thing that *is* clear (and conceded by Oracle) is that respondents did not follow the
2 survey's key instruction to hold all non-specified features constant. With that concession, there
3 is no way to determine what value the respondents placed on the specified features. Since
4 answering that question was entire point of the conjoint study, it has no probative value at all.

5 The clearest evidence that Dr. Shugan's methodology is faulty is his nonsensical results,
6 which Oracle desperately but unsuccessfully seeks to disguise. Citing Dr. Shugan's reply report
7 and declaration, Oracle insists that a "proper reading [of Dr. Shugan's results] indicates that
8 8.8%, not 24%, of respondents were insensitive to the \$100 price increase." Oracle Opp. at 22.
9 This is a mischaracterization of what Dr. Shugan said. In both his reply report and declaration,
10 Dr. Shugan says that while 24% of people preferred a price of \$200 over a price of \$100, only
11 8.8 percent of them had a preference strong enough that a "diligent statistician" would conclude
12 that they would *prefer* a \$200 phone over a \$100 phone rather than be *indifferent* between the
13 two. Shugan Decl. ¶ 39; Shugan Reply Rep. at 19. Thus even if Dr. Shugan is correct, his
14 analysis still predicts that 24% of the population would be *indifferent* between paying \$100 and
15 \$200 for an identical phone. That result is no less absurd and no more a justification for use of
16 the conjoint study in this case. Oracle cryptically tries to justify this failure of common sense by
17 arguing that "the ability of a Bayesian model to predict aggregate consumer behavior is not
18 tested by focusing on individual outlier cases." Oracle Opp. at 22. But we are not talking about
19 a handful of easily dismissed "individual outlier cases" here; we are talking about *a full quarter*
20 of the survey population giving responses no real-world consumer ever would give.³

21 **F. Dr. Cockburn's econometric analysis uses unrepresentative market data and rests**
22 **on implausible assumptions.**

23 Oracle defends Dr. Cockburn's use of the eBay data solely on the basis that extrapolating

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25 ³ Oracle insists that *Daubert* itself requires the Court to turn a blind eye to the survey's irrational
26 results. Oracle Opp. at 23. Oracle is wrong. In applying *Daubert*, the Supreme Court has
27 clarified that "conclusions and methodology are not entirely distinct from one another." *Gen.*
28 *Elec. Co. v. Joiner*, 522 U.S. 136, 146 (1997). Indeed, courts regularly test experts' methods by
the reasonableness of their conclusions. *See, e.g., Allison v. McGhan Med. Corp.*, 184 F.3d
1300, 1315 (11th Cir. 1999) ("*Joiner* made it clear that although principles and methodology
were the focus [of *Daubert*], the court was not precluded from looking at conclusions."); *Ruiz-*
Troche v. Pepsi Cola of Puerto Rico Bottling Co., 161 F.3d 77, 81 (1st Cir. 1998).

1 from sales of used phones to new phones is acceptable. But neither Oracle nor Dr. Cockburn
2 have justified using eBay data specifically in the cell phone market, where most phone purchases
3 take place as part of a package that includes phone service and a data plan. There is no reason to
4 think that consumers' decisions in purchasing cell phones as part of such a package mirror
5 consumers' decision in purchasing unlocked cell phones on eBay independent of any carrier.

6 Oracle also argues that the unrealistic assumptions underlying Dr. Cockburn's conversion
7 of his econometric analysis to market share should go to the jury. But contrary to Oracle's
8 argument, courts often strike expert testimony that is based on unreasonable assumptions, *see*,
9 *e.g.*, *Macaluso v. Herman Miller, Inc.*, 01 CIV. 11496 (JGK), 2005 WL 563169 (S.D.N.Y. Mar.
10 10, 2005), including in the damages context, *see, e.g.*, *Hein v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, 868 F. Supp.
11 230, 233-35 (M.D. Tenn. 1994).

12 Oracle fails to justify Dr. Cockburn's assumption that every bidder's bid on eBay for a
13 phone would decrease while the winning bids for the same phone, which would remain the same.
14 Oracle attempts to defend this assumption by arguing that Google would have no control over
15 the prices set by OEMs and carriers. This just emphasizes the disconnect between the prices at
16 which phones sell on eBay versus through carriers and shows why eBay is a different market
17 from carriers. Further, contrary to Oracle's assertion, Google is not assuming that the price of
18 Android phones would go down. It is Dr. Cockburn that makes that assumption, but only when
19 helpful to inflating damages. Dr. Cockburn's model adjusts eBay bids based on his econometric
20 results. But within the context of eBay auctions it is incoherent to assume that every bid will go
21 down but that the winning bid, which is determined by the second-highest bid, remains constant.

22 **III. CONCLUSION**

23 For all of these reasons, Google respectfully requests that the Court strike the specified
24 portions of Dr. Cockburn's Third Expert Report and Dr. Shugan's Expert Report.

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