

# EXHIBIT A

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Re: Notice of Disclosure of Research In Motion ("RIM") Documents

Dear Mr. Rivers:

As we previously notified RIM on November 28, 2011, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. ("SEC"), SEC's wholly-owned subsidiary, Samsung Electronics America, Inc. ("SEA"), and SEA's wholly-owned subsidiary, Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC ("STA") (collectively, "Samsung"), have asserted a number of claims of patent infringement against Apple Inc. ("Apple"). Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP is outside counsel for Samsung. The following actions, among others, have been filed by Samsung against Apple, and particularly allege infringement by Apples mobile electronic devices:

1. On June 16, 2011, Apple filed an Amended Complaint against SEC, SEA and STA in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. 5:11-cv-01846-LHK. Apple's Complaint alleged federal false designations of origin and unfair competition, federal trademark infringement, federal trade dress dilution, state unfair business practices, common law trademark infringement, unjust enrichment, and infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,493,002; 7,469,381; 7,844,915; 7,853,891; 7,663,607; 7,864,163; and 7,920,129; D627,790; D617,334; D604,305; D593,087; D618,677; D622,270; and D504,889. On June 30, 2011, SEC, SEA and STA filed their Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims to Apple's Amended Complaint (with Apple's Amended Complaint, "the Northern District of California action"). SEC, SEA

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and STA alleged that Apple infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 6,928,604; 7,050,410; 7,069,055; 7,079,871; 7,200,792; 7,362,867; 7,386,001; 7,447,516; 7,456,893; 7,577,460; 7,675,941; and 7,698,711. The Counterclaims allege that Apple's iPhone, iPod and iPad products infringe these patents. Discovery is ongoing. Trial is scheduled to begin on July 30, 2012.

2. On June 28, 2011, SEC and STA filed a Complaint with the United States International Trade Commission ("ITC") alleging that Apple infringes United States Patent Nos. 7,706,348; 7,486,644; 6,771,980; 6,879,843; and 7,450,114 ("the Samsung ITC action"). The Complaint alleges that Apple's electronic devices allowing for communications and data transfer over networks, including its wireless communication devices, portable music and data processing devices, and tablet computers, infringe the '348, '644, '980, '843 and '114 patents. The ITC instituted an investigation on July 27, 2011. The investigation is captioned ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-794. Discovery is ongoing. A hearing is set for June 4, 2012 – June 15, 2012. A target date for completion of the investigation is set for December 3, 2012.

As we discussed with your counsel, Steve Borgman, on November 30, 2011 and December 7, 2011, as part of the ITC action, SEC, SEA, and STA was compelled to produce certain license agreements between RIM and SEC.

Currently, in the parallel Northern District of California action, SEC, SEA, and STA has been requested to produce RIM's confidential information, including license agreements between RIM and SEC and related royalty information. We are writing to you pursuant to paragraphs 7.4 and 7.6 of the July 2006 Patent License Agreement to request written consent to disclose one copy of each relevant document in connection with each of the above-mentioned actions, pursuant to appropriate protective orders that have been or will be entered in the respective actions. If RIM gives consent to disclose these documents, SEC, SEA and STA will produce these documents, and any related royalty documents, if any, as "Highly Confidential – Outside Counsel's Eyes Only" pursuant to the Northern District of California interim protective order, and any protective order entered hereinafter. Under the protective orders, such designations limit documents to outside counsel eyes only, and their use will be strictly limited by the protective order. For your reference, enclosed with this letter please find a copy of the protective order currently entered in the Northern District of California action.

Please contact me as soon as possible regarding this disclosure.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures: Northern District of California interim protective order

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