AFFADAVIT

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF RANKIN

Having been duly sworn, and upon my oath, I hereby state that my name is John Doe Smith. I was born October 31, 1971 and currently reside at 111 Eaglewood Lane, Florence, Mississippi 39073.

I am a member of the settlement class in the case styled *In Re Sony BMG CD Technologies Litigation*, Cause Number 1:05-cv-09575-NRB currently pending in the District Court for the Southern District of New York. I have not been excluded from the class.

I purchased Our Lady Peace "Healthy in Paranoid Times" and Neil Diamond "12 Songs", which were infected with XCP on or before the effective date of the settlement. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a photocopy of the front and back of the packaging of Our Lady Peace "Healthy in Paranoid Times" and Neil Diamond "12 Songs".

I purchased Our Lady Peace "Healthy in Paranoid Times" for my personal listening. I attempted to play it on my laptop computer while I was studying for an exam. When I inserted the CD, it displayed an "End User License Agreement" (EULA) for a player application included on the CD. A true and correct copy of the EULA is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Since my computer already had the capability to play CDs, and because I didn't want to install additional software on my computer, I rejected the agreement and attempted to launch my regular CD player software. The CD then ejected from my computer.

I reinserted the CD and tried to open my regular CD player software before the EULA appeared. The EULA came up on top of my CD player software. Once I refused the EULA, the CD ejected again.

I then reinserted the CD and read the EULA. The EULA appeared to explain that a player application was going to be installed, and that the player would not interfere with my fair use of the CD. I agreed to the installation of the player software. Additionally, and without my knowledge, the CD installed a "rootkit" onto my computer that monitored my actions and use of my computer even when the CD was not inserted in my computer and when the player application was not running.

This additional software caused my computer to become unstable, causing crashes, lock-ups, and blue-screens. Eventually these problems made the computer unusable.

I attempted to contact Sony BMG, using the contact information provided on the CD, to get removal instructions. At first my requests were refused, but I eventually was told to complete a form online to "request" removal. I did that and was instructed to install an update. I was not provided with instructions on how to remove the software.

At the same time, I began to learn of the serious security risks from XCP and the uninstaller. Because of these risks, I wanted XCP off of my computer, but did not want to use the software provided by Sony BMG, who I no longer trust, to remove it. I asked for instructions on removing the software without using their "uninstaller/update", but have not yet been given those instructions.

I purchased Neil Diamond "12 Songs" from Amazon.com as a gift for a family member. Because I did not wish to risk them becoming with XCP, I was forced to purchase a different gift for them. I could not have returned the CD and received a replacement in time to give it as a gift.

I do not think that the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to Settlement Class members. I do not want downloaded music from Sony BMG artists. In fact, I don't want any more music from Sony BMG artists. Instead, I want a full and unconditional refund, along with compensation for my time and the damage to my computer. The cash payment is inadequate for this purpose.

Further, this Court's Hearing Order of January 6, 2006, through its injunction against actions in other courts, unfairly prevented me from pursuing my own claim against Sony BMG in a timely manner.

The music download vendors mentioned in the court papers include Apple's iTunes service. iTunes adds Digital Rights Management (DRM) to the downloaded files that prevent me from using the product in all of the manners in which I am legally allowed. I see no indication that the other vendors will offer downloads without DRM.

I am unable to determine if the amount of attorney's fees and/or reimbursement of expense that will be applied for should or should not be granted. Because these fees are not disclosed, it is impossible to know if the fees being paid to class counsel unfairly impact the settlement class.

The proposed settlement should not be approved by the Court because its hasty creation of the settlement lacked the input of an acceptable number of settlement class members, it does not adequately compensate class members for the damage caused, it does not provide for those whose computers were damaged, and because making an informed decision about accepting the settlement without knowing the amount of fees and/or expenses that will be paid to the class counsel is impossible.

Accordingly, I encourage this Court to reject the proposed settlement.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

John Doe Smith

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF RANKIN

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, John Doe Smith, who after having been first sworn by me on his oath says that the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing AFFIDAVIT, are true and correct as therein stated.

John Doe Smith

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, on this <u>31</u> day of March, 2006.

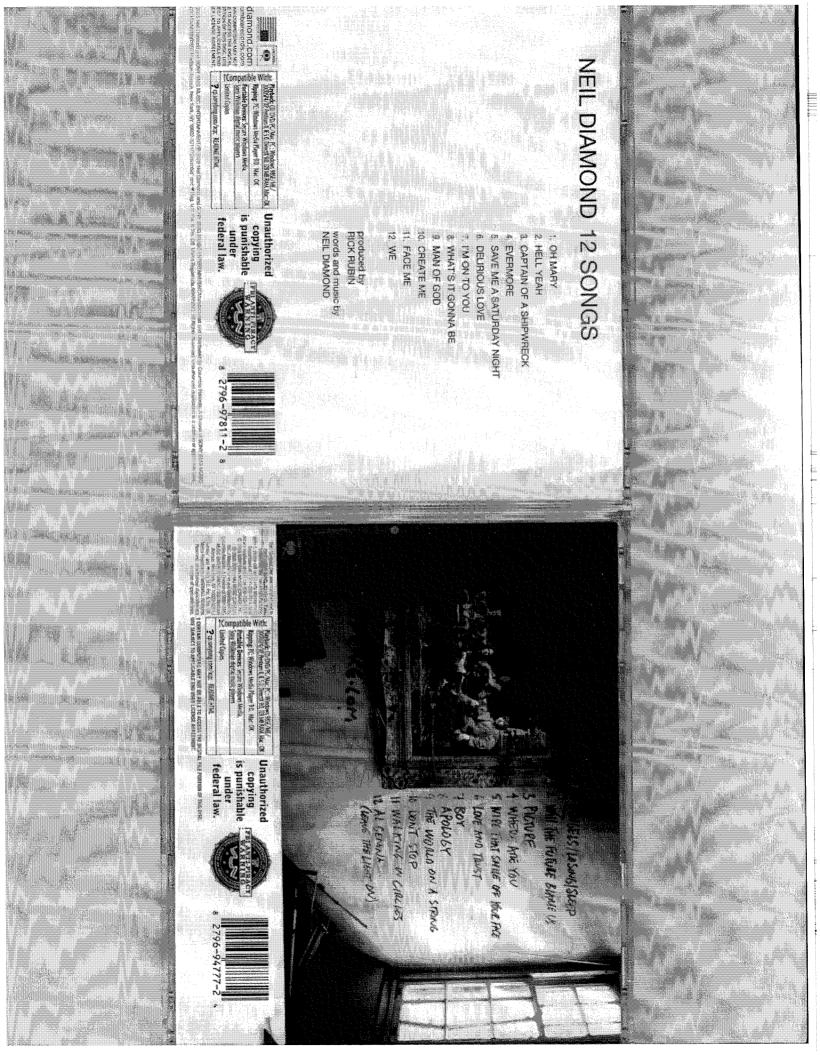
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Exhibit "A"



IMPORTANT-READ CAREFULLY: This compact disc ("CD") product contains standard so-called "Red Book"-compliant audio files that can be played on any standard CD player, including those contained in many personal home computer systems. As an added feature, this compact disc ("CD") product also enables you to convert these audio files into digital music files and/or may also contain other already existing digital content (such files and content, collectively, the "DIGITAL CONTENT"), any of which may be stored on the hard drive of a personal home computer system owned by you ("YOUR COMPUTER") and accessed via YOUR COMPUTER or certain approved, compatible portable devices owned by you (each, an "APPROVED PORTABLE DEVICE").

Before you can play the audio files on YOUR COMPUTER or create and/or transfer the DIGITAL CONTENT to YOUR COMPUTER, you will need to review and agree to be bound by an end user license agreement or "EULA", the terms and conditions of which are set forth below. Once you have read these terms and conditions, you will be asked whether or not you agree to be bound by them. Click "AGREE" if you agree to be bound. Click "DISAGREE" if you do not agree to be bound. Please keep in mind, however, that if you do not agree to be bound by these terms and conditions, you will not be able to utilize the audio files or the DIGITAL CONTENT on YOUR COMPUTER.

As soon as you have agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of the EULA, this CD will automatically install a small proprietary software program (the "SOFTWARE") onto YOUR COMPUTER. The SOFTWARE is intended to protect the audio files embodied on the CD, and it may also facilitate your use of the DIGITAL CONTENT. Once installed, the SOFTWARE will reside on YOUR COMPUTER until removed or deleted. However, the SOFTWARE will not be used at any time to collect any personal information from you, whether stored on YOUR COMPUTER or otherwise.

Once the SOFTWARE has been installed on YOUR COMPUTER, a menu will then appear on the screen of YOUR COMPUTER, giving you the option of playing the audio files on YOUR COMPUTER, creating a copy of the DIGITAL CONTENT directly onto the hard drive of YOUR COMPUTER, or making a limited number of back-up copies of the CD onto other, recordable CDs. If you choose to create a copy of the DIGITAL CONTENT, the menu will then prompt you to select a file format for the DIGITAL CONTENT. Once you have selected a file format, a copy of the DIGITAL CONTENT will automatically be created in that file format and transferred onto the hard drive of YOUR COMPUTER, where you will be able to access it using an APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER (see below) or, at you election, transfer it from YOUR COMPUTER onto an APPROVED PORTABLE DEVICE.

In order to access the DIGITAL CONTENT on YOUR COMPUTER, you will need to have a copy of an approved media player software program that is capable of playing the DIGITAL CONTENT in the file format you selected (each such approved media player, an "APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER") on YOUR COMPUTER. You may already have a copy of an APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER on YOUR COMPUTER. If you do, you will be able to play the DIGITAL CONTENT on YOUR COMPUTER without doing anything further. This CD may also contain an APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER for the file format you selected. If it does, the menu that appears on the screen of YOUR COMPUTER will prompt you on how to transfer a copy of that APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER onto YOUR COMPUTER. To the extent you utilize an APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER contained on this CD, your use of such APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER may be subject, in each instance, to separate terms and conditions provided by the owner of the APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER concerned. If you do not already have a copy of an APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER, then you will then need to secure a compatible APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER, then you will then need to secure a compatible APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER elsewhere (e.g., on an Internet website, where you can download one).

END-USER LICENSE AGREEMENT

This End-User License Agreement ("EULA") is a legal agreement between you and SONY BMG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT ("SONY BMG"), a general partnership established under Delaware law. By clicking on the "AGREE" button below, you will indicate your acceptance of these terms and conditions, at which point this EULA will become a legally binding agreement between you and SONY BMG.

Article 1. GRANT OF LICENSE

- 1. Subject to your agreement to the terms and conditions set forth in this EULA, SONY BMG grants to you a personal, non-exclusive and non-transferable license, with no right to grant sublicenses, to:
 - (a) install one (1) copy of SOFTWARE onto the hard drive of YOUR COMPUTER, solely in machine-executable form;
 - (b) install one (1) copy of any APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER(S) contained on this CD onto the hard drive of YOUR COMPUTER, solely in machine-executable form;
 - use the SOFTWARE and any APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER(S) contained on this CD to access the DIGITAL CONTENT on YOUR COMPUTER or on an APPROVED PORTABLE DEVICE;

in each instance, solely for your own personal and private use and not for any other purpose (including, without limitation, any act of electronic or physical distribution, making available, performance or broadcast, or any act for profit or other commercial purpose) and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this EULA.

The DIGITAL CONTENT and the SOFTWARE contained on this CD are sometimes referred to herein, collectively, as the "LICENSED MATERIALS".

Article 2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- 1. This CD contains technology that is designed to prevent users from making certain, unauthorized uses of the DIGITAL CONTENT, including, without limitation, the following:
 - (1) making and storing more than one (1) copy of the DIGITAL CONTENT in each available file format on the hard drive of YOUR COMPUTER;
 - (2) accessing the DIGITAL CONTENT on YOUR COMPUTER (once you have installed a copy of it on the hard drive of YOUR COMPUTER) using a media player that is not an APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER;
 - transferring copies of the DIGITAL CONTENT that reside on the hard drive of YOUR COMPUTER on to portable devices that are not APPROVED PORTABLE DEVICES;
 - burning more than three (3) copies of the DIGITAL CONTENT stored on YOUR COMPUTER (ATRAC OpenMG file format only) onto AtracCDs;
 - (5) burning more than three (3) copies of the DIGITAL CONTENT onto recordable compact discs in the so-called "Red Book"-compliant audio file format; and
 - (6) burning more than three (3) backup copies of this CD (using the burning application provided on the CD) onto recordable CDs and burning or otherwise making additional copies from the resulting backup copies.
- 2. PLEASE NOTE: Your use of the DIGITAL CONTENT and the other LICENSED MATERIALS may be subject to additional restrictions, under applicable copyright and other laws, that are not enforced or prescribed by any technology contained on this CD. The absence of any such technology designed to enforce these additional restrictions should in no way be viewed or interpreted as a waiver, on the part of SONY BMG or any other person or entity owning any rights in any of the LICENSED MATERIALS, of their respective rights to enforce any such additional restrictions regarding your use of the LICENSED MATERIALS. Your use of the DIGITAL CONTENT and the other LICENSED MATERIALS shall, at all times, remain subject to any and all applicable laws governing the use of such materials, including, without limitation, any restrictions on your use prescribed therein.
- All of your rights to enjoy the DIGITAL CONTENT, as described herein, shall be subject to your continued ownership of all rights in and to the physical CD on which such DIGITAL CONTENT is embodied; should you transfer your ownership rights in the physical CD on which such DIGITAL CONTENT is embodied (in whole or in part) to any other person (whether by sale, gift or otherwise), your rights in both the physical CD and such DIGITAL CONTENT shall terminate.

Article 3. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF LICENSED MATERIALS

- Except to the extent otherwise expressly permitted hereunder or otherwise by the owner of the relevant rights in or to the LICENSED MATERIALS concerned, and without limitation, the following restrictions shall apply to your use of the LICENSED MATERIALS:
 - (a) You may not copy or reproduce any portion of the LICENSED MATERIALS.
 - (b) You may not distribute, share through any information network, transfer, sell, lease or rent any of the LICENSED MATERIALS to any other person, in whole or in part.
 - (c) You may not change, alter, modify or create derivative works, enhancements, extensions or add-ons to any of the LICENSED MATERIALS.
 - (d) You may not decompile, reverse engineer or disassemble any of the LICENSED MATERIALS, in whole or in part.
 - (e) You may not export the LICENSED MATERIALS outside of the country where you reside. (This clause 1(e) of Article 3 shall not be applicable within the European Economic Area (EEA).)
 - (f) You will at all times comply with, and will not circumvent or attempt to circumvent, any of the restrictions on use set forth in this Article 3 or elsewhere in this EULA.
- 2. In the event that the owner of the LICENSED MATERIALS is a party other than SONY BMG (each, a "LICENSOR"), you agree that such LICENSOR shall be a third party beneficiary under this EULA and, as such, shall have the right to enforce the terms and conditions of this EULA that pertain directly to such LICENSOR'S rights in and to the LICENSED MATERIALS concerned as if such LICENSOR was a party to this EULA. The rights granted to a Licensor under this Article shall not be revoked.
- 3. SONY BMG and each LICENSOR reserve the right to use the SOFTWARE and/or any APPROVED MEDIA PLAYER to enforce their respective rights in and to the DIGITAL CONTENT, including any and all of the restrictions on use set forth in this Article 3, at any time, without notice to you.

Article 4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

All title to, and intellectual property rights in, the LICENSED MATERIALS and any related documents are and shall remain owned and/or controlled solely and exclusively by SONY BMG and/or its LICENSORS. SONY BMG and/or all respective LICENSORS reserve all rights in the LICENSED MATERIALS not specifically granted to you under this EULA.

Article 5. EXCLUSION OF WARRANTIES

YOU EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT YOU ARE INSTALLING AND USING THE LICENSED MATERIALS AT YOUR OWN SOLE RISK. THE LICENSED MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" AND WITHOUT WARRANTY, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY KIND, AND SONY BMG, ITS LICENSORS AND EACH OF THEIR LICENSEES, AFFILIATES AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES (EACH, A "SONY BMG PARTY") EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES, TERMS OR CONDITIONS. EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, SATISFACTORY QUALITY, NON-INFRINGEMENT AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR PURPOSE. NO ORAL, WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC INFORMATION OR ADVICE GIVEN BY ANY SONY BMG PARTY SHALL CREATE ANY WARRANTY, TERM OR CONDITION WITH RESPECT TO THE LICENSED MATERIALS OR OTHERWISE. SHOULD THE LICENSED MATERIALS PROVE TO BE DEFECTIVE, YOU (AND NOT THE SONY BMG PARTY CONCERNED) AGREE TO ASSUME THE ENTIRE COST OF ALL NECESSARY SERVICING, REPAIRS OR CORRECTIONS. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES, TERMS OR CONDITIONS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, SO THE ABOVE EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS ARTICLE WILL NOT APPLY ONLY WHEN AND TO THE EXTENT THAT APPLICABLE LAW SPECIFICALLY MANDATES LIABILITY, DESPITE THE FOREGOING DISCLAIMER, EXCLUSION AND LIMITATION.

Article 6. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

NO SONY BMG PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE, EITHER DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHERWISE, ARISING OUT OF THE BREACH OF ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY, TERM OR CONDITION, BREACH OF CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY MISREPRESENTATION, FAILURE OF ANY REMEDY TO ACHIEVE ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY ARISING OUT OF, OR RELATED TO, THIS EULA OR YOUR USE OF ANY OF THE LICENSED MATERIALS (SUCH DAMAGES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF REVENUE, LOSS OF DATA. LOSS OF USE OF THE PRODUCT OR ANY ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, DOWN TIME AND USER'S TIME), EVEN IF THE SONY BMG PARTY CONCERNED HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. IN ANY CASE, THE ENTIRE LIABILITY OF THE SONY BMG PARTIES, COLLECTIVELY, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS EULA SHALL BE LIMITED TO FIVE US DOLLARS (US \$5.00). SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, SO THE ABOVE EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS ARTICLE WILL NOT APPLY ONLY WHEN AND TO THE EXTENT THAT APPLICABLE LAW SPECIFICALLY REOUIRES LIABILITY DESPITE THE FOREGOING DISCLAIMER, EXCLUSION AND LIMITATION.

Article 7. DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF YOUR ACTIONS

You shall defend and hold the SONY BMG PARTIES harmless from and against any and all liabilities, damages, costs, expenses or losses arising out of your use of the LICENSED MATERIALS, your negligent or wrongful acts, your violation of any applicable laws or regulations, and/or your breach of any provision of this EULA.

Article 8. UPDATES TO THE LICENSED MATERIALS

The SONY BMG PARTIES may from time to time provide you with updates of the SOFTWARE in a manner that the SONY BMG PARTIES deem to be appropriate. All such updates shall be deemed to be part of the SOFTWARE for all purposes hereunder. In the event that you fail to install an update, the SONY BMG PARTIES reserve the right to terminate the term of this EULA, along with your rights to use the LICENSED MATERIALS, immediately, without additional notice to you. The SONY BMG PARTIES shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused by reason of your failure to install any such update or your failure to do so in the manner instructed.

Article 9. EXPIRATION AND TERMINATION

- The rights granted to you hereunder to use the DIGITAL CONTENT are conditioned upon your continued possession of, and your continued right under a license from SONY BMG to use, the original CD product that you purchased. In the event that you no longer possess or have the right under such license to use the original CD product, your rights hereunder to use the DIGITAL CONTENT shall expire immediately, without notice from SONY BMG.
- Without prejudice to any other rights SONY BMG or any SONY BMG PARTY may have hereunder, the term of this EULA shall terminate immediately, without notice from SONY BMG, and all rights you may have hereunder to use the LICENSED MATERIALS shall be immediately revoked, in the event that you: (i) fail to comply with any provision of this EULA, (ii) fail to install an update of the SOFTWARE that was previously provided to you by the SONY BMG PARTIES within the time specified, or (iii) file a voluntary petition or are subject to an involuntary petition under applicable bankruptcy laws, are declared insolvent, make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or are served with a writ of attachment, writ of execution, garnishment or other legal process pertaining to any of your assets or property.
- 3. Upon the expiration or termination of this EULA, you shall immediately remove all of the LICENSED MATERIALS from your personal computer system and delete or destroy them, along with any related documentation (and any copies thereof) that you may have received or otherwise may possess.
- 4. Articles 4 (Intellectual Property Rights), 6 (Limitation of Liability), 7 (Damages Arising Out Of Your Actions), 9 (Expiration and Termination), 10 (Governing Law and Waiver of Trial By Jury), and 11 (General) shall survive and remain in full force and effect following the expiration or termination of this EULA
- To the extent relevant under applicable law, you and SONY BMG each agree, for the effectiveness of the termination clauses under this EULA, to waive any provisions, procedures and operation of any applicable law that might otherwise require judicial approval or a court order in order to effect the termination of this EULA.

Article 10. GOVERNING LAW AND WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY

- 1. THE VALIDITY, INTERPRETATION AND LEGAL EFFECT OF THIS EULA SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO AND PERFORMED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK (WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CONFLICT OF LAW PRINCIPLES UNDER NEW YORK LAW). THE NEW YORK COURTS (STATE AND FEDERAL), SHALL HAVE SOLE JURISDICTION OF ANY CONTROVERSIES REGARDING THIS AGREEMENT; ANY ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING WHICH INVOLVES SUCH A CONTROVERSY SHALL BE BROUGHT IN THOSE COURTS IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND NOT ELSEWHERE. THE PARTIES WAIVE ANY AND ALL OBJECTIONS TO VENUE IN THOSE COURTS AND HEREBY SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THOSE COURTS.
- 2. YOU HEREBY WAIVE ALL RIGHTS AND/OR ENTITLEMENT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DISPUTE THAT ARISES OUT OF OR RELATES IN ANY WAY TO THIS EULA OR THE SOFTWARE.

Article 11. GENERAL

If any provision of this EULA is subsequently held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court or other authority, such invalidity or unenforceability shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this EULA. This EULA shall be binding upon the parties' authorized successors and assignees. Neither party's waiver of any breach or failure to enforce any of the provision of this EULA at any time shall in any way affect, limit or waive such party's right thereafter to enforce and compel strict compliance with every other provision. No modification of this EULA shall be effective unless it is set forth in a writing signed by SONY BMG.

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