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15 Respondent and Counterclaimant.
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I.

INTRODUCTION

Respondent and counterclaimant PatentRatings, LLC (“PatentRatings” or “PR”) developed and owns innovative patents and other intellectual property (the “Intellectual Property”) which it has licensed to claimant and counterclaimant Ocean Tomo, LLC (“Ocean Tomo” or “OT”) under various license agreements. The legal and contractual relationship between PR and OT is properly stated as “Licensor” and “Licensee” – that is PR owns certain rights and OT pays royalties to use those rights. As OT’s founder and Managing Director James Malackowski succinctly explained in 2009 “[PR] is a separate company that is an IP holding firm[...]. They own the rights and we pay them.” PR has no employees and no business operations whatsoever other than licensing its Intellectual Property and collecting royalties.

Through this arbitration action, OT seeks to turn this relationship on its head by contriving to interpret the parties’ various agreements to put PR in a new role as software/data provider and to put OT in a new role as software/data consumer. Pushing this contrived relationship through a tortured breach of warranty theory, OT asks this Panel to require PR to pay millions of dollars in costs (the “Disputed Costs”) incurred by OT for development and maintenance of essentially all software, data, systems and other overhead supporting the current operations of OT’s business unit known as Ocean Tomo Patent Ratings (“OTPR”). The Disputed Costs were incurred over a period of years from 2007 to the present at the exclusive direction, and for the primary benefit of, OT. (OT collects all revenues and pays PR a royalty.)

At no time prior to this dispute did OT ever dispute these costs; it never demanded repayment or even notified PR that the costs were being incurred purportedly on PR’s behalf. If successful, OT’s claim would vastly alter the economics of the parties’ relationship as laid out in their many agreements.

The precise legal focus of this dispute distills in large part to interpretation of two contractual provisions – one in the July 2007 “Amendment” to the parties’ initial 2004



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