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Will --

Per my email below, attached please find a draft joint stipulation of dismissal and proposed order. Please let us know if we have your permission to file.

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Will - -

We do not agree it is appropriate or necessary to stipulate to judgment on the defenses Reynolds has indicated it does not intend to pursue. The cases you cite present a different procedural posture from our case where Reynolds, in an effort to streamline the case, has confirmed it will not pursue the defenses identified in my email yesterday. Further, your proposed stipulated judgment regarding Reynolds's counterclaim for inequitable conduct contains inaccuracies. Accordingly, you do not have our consent to file your proposed stipulation. We will prepare an appropriate stipulation of dismissal of that claim.

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Counsel,

PMP/Altria is entitled to judgment on the defenses and related counterclaim for two reasons. First, you have admitted they are meritless and unsupported by any facts. Second, Courts (including Judge O'Grady) enter judgment in favor of plaintiffs where a defendant fails to prove their affirmative defenses. See, e.g., *TecSec, Inc. v. Adobe Sys.*, 326 F. Supp. 3d 105, 111 (E.D. Va. 2018) (J. O'Grady); see also *David's Bridal, Inc. v. House of Brides, Inc.*, No. 06-5660 (SRC), 2010 WL 323306, at \*12 (D.N.J. Jan. 20, 2010) ("Plaintiff's cross-motion for partial summary judgment is granted and, **as to this affirmative defense [of nominative fair use], Judgment is entered** in Plaintiff's favor."). Accordingly, PMP and Altria are entitled to judgment. Please confirm by 6:30 PM ET whether we have your consent to file the stipulated judgment.

Now is not the appropriate time for Counterclaim-plaintiffs to evaluate further narrowing the case for trial based on dropping existing asserted claims and that assessment is confirmed by the basis you disclosed last night for Reynolds' anticipated dispositive motion. PMP/Altria will be prepared to try a focused case, as confirmed by our estimate of necessary days to conduct the trial, which is less than that of Reynolds.

Regards,  
Will Orlady

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Will - -

Please provide support or authority for your position that Altria/PM are entitled to “judgment” on the defenses Reynolds no longer plans to pursue.

In addition, we received no response to our inquiry last night (or from May 18) asking if Counterclaim-Plaintiffs intend to drop any of their asserted claims. Please confirm Counterclaim-Plaintiffs still intend to try all 45 asserted patent claims in the April 2022 jury trial.

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Counsel,

Please find attached a stipulated judgment memorializing the suggestion in your 6:46pm email last night that Reynolds will not pursue certain affirmative defenses and a related counterclaim at trial. Please let us know by 2 PM ET whether we have your consent to file. To be clear, we’re happy to consider non-substantive edits, but PMP/Altria are entitled to “judgment” and the stipulation will reflect that, so no need for edits on the form of the relief.

Best,  
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Jennifer - -

Reynolds confirms it will not pursue a claim of inequitable conduct on the '545 patent. Reynolds does not withdraw the Liao reference as prior art to the '374 patent.

With respect to the issues raised in your prior email, Reynolds will not pursue estoppel, acquiescence, waiver, or unclean hands with respect to the '911 patent; Reynolds will not pursue estoppel, acquiescence, waiver, or unclean hands with respect to the '556 patent; Reynolds will not pursue unclean hands with respect to the '545 patent; Reynolds will not pursue estoppel, waiver, or acquiescence with respect to the '374 patent; and Reynolds will not pursue estoppel, waiver, or acquiescence with respect to the '265 patent. Reynolds will not pursue its limitation on damages defense for the PMP patents. Reynolds will not pursue its extraterritorial claims defense.

For its part, Reynolds intends to move for summary judgment of no willful infringement of any asserted patent and summary judgment of invalidity of the '374 patent. In addition, please confirm tonight if Counterclaim-Plaintiffs are dropping any claims or infringement theories from its infringement allegations for the '911 patent. Otherwise, Reynolds intends to move for summary judgment of noninfringement (literal or under the doctrine of equivalents) of the '911 patent. We assume Counterclaim-Plaintiffs oppose Reynolds's motion. Otherwise, we are available to meet and confer at 9 am PT as you propose.

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Counsel,

Please confirm whether Reynolds will withdraw its claim of inequitable conduct on the

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