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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

THE SCO GROUP, INC.

Plaintiff/Counterclaim-Defendant,

v.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION.

Defendant/Counterclaim-Plaintiff.

DECLARATION OF MARK F. JAMES IN SUPPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL

FILED IN REDACTED FORM

Case No. 2:03CV0294DAK Honorable Dale A. Kimball Magistrate Judge Brooke C. Wells

#### I. Mark F. James, declare:

- 1. I am a citizen of the United States, am over the age of 21, and am competent to testify to the matters set forth herein.
- 2. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice before all the Courts of the State of Utah, and an attorney with the firm of HATCH, JAMES & DODGE PC, counsel for the plaintiff, The SCO Group, Inc., in the pending action.
- 3. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of a document entitled "Plaintift's Fifth Request for the Production of Documents", dated December 20, 2004.
- 4. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated February 3, 2005 enclosing a document entitled "IBM's Responses and Objections to SCO's Fifth Request for the Production of Documents."
  - 5. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of:

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6. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of

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- 20. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 18 is a true and correct copy of a document entitled "Plaintiff"s Seventh Request for Production of Documents", dated August 12, 2005.
- Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 19 is a true and correct copy of a 21. document entitled "IBM's Responses and Objections to SCO's Seventh Request for the Production of Documents", dated September 19, 2005.
  - 22. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 20 is a true and correct copy of:

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23. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 21 is a true and correct copy of a

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- 24. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 22 is a true and correct copy of a document entitled "SCO's Amended Notice of 30(b)(6) Deposition", dated August 15, 2005.
- 25. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 23 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated September 20, 2005 from Edward Normand to Amy Sorenson.
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- 32. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 30 is a true and correct copy of a document entitled "SCO's Amended Notice of 30(b)(6) Deposition", dated November 11, 2005.
- 33. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 31 is a true and correct copy of letter dated December 16, 2005 from Todd Shaughnessy to Edward Normand.
  - 34. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 32 is a true and correct copy of:

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35. Attached hereto and filed herewith as Exhibit 33 is a true and correct copy of

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36. Attached hereto and tiled herewith as Exhibit 34 is a true and correct copy of a letter dated November 22, 2005 from Christopher Popov to Edward Normand.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2005.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Plaintiff, The SCO Group, Inc., hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Declaration of Mark F. James in Support of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel was served on Defendant International Business Machines Corporation on the 9th day of February, 2006:

# By U.S. Mail and Facsimile:

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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November 26, 1985 HAROLD E. KOHN, PHILADELPHIA, PA., for plaintiffs.

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#### MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

EDWIN E. NAYTHONS, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE.

\*1 This case involves a controversy between plaintiff, Johnson Machinery Co., Inc. ('Johnson') and defendants Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. and Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Sales Inc. ('Kaiser') with respect to the sale of industrial property located in Plymouth Township, Pennsylvania ('the property'). Johnson has brought suit demanding specific performance of an alleged agreement by Kaiser to sell it 'the property' for a consideration of \$2.8 million dollars. 'Kaiser', in its answer, avers that no such agreement exists and raises the statute of frauds as an affirmative defense.

Presently before the Court is a motion filed by Johnson to compel Kaiser to produce certain documents, essentially relating to the possible sale of 'the property' to third parties, and Kaiser's answer objecting to the production request on the grounds that it is both irrelevant to the issue and beyond the scope of discovery.

For convenience, both objections to Johnson's request for production may be joined under the general rubric of relevance. It is clear that discovery is designed to permit parties to explore, in depth, a broad range of issues raised by the pleadings. Indeed the precise characterization inherent in pleadings may not, in themselves, limit or define the relevancy of a

request; rather it is the subject matter and legal issues

of the controversy that define its boundaries. North Fleet Corp. v. Consolidated Rail Corp., C.A. No. 83-2992 (E.D. Pa. April 27, 1984) (Pollak, J.); Roeberg v. Johns-Manville Corp., 85 F.R.D. 292 (E.D. Pa. 1980).

Kaiser urges upon the Court the view that materials requested by Johnson fall outside the relevancy standards required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure concerning discovery in that dealings with third parties do not impact upon the pending action and are therefore overbroad. Mid-American are inapposite to the instant case and cut against Kaiser's position. Plaintiff in Mid-American, in contrast to plaintiff Johnson, conceded that the documents requested were in no way relevant to the action and therefore fell outside the limits of the relevancy requirement of F.R.C.P. 26(b). No such admission is present in the instant controversy; indeed, Johnson argues that the very character of the delineated nature of its requests support its contention that it believes in the relevant nature of the documents requested.

Kaiser additionally argues that the documents sought by Johnson are impermissible under the federal rules because confidential material may not be disclosed. Everco Industries, Inc. v. O.P.M. Products Company, 362 F.Supp. 204 (N.D. III. 1973).

Although there is provision for the protection of such material, the Court need not reach the issue since Everco is easily distinguishable from the instant case. In Everco, an action based upon theories of copyright infringement and unfair practices, the parties were direct business competitors and a very real possibility of divulging confidential information was present, compelling the court to narrow the scope in that action. No such issues are present in this situation where both parties limit the dispute to the alleged contract for sale of the property and confine their disagreement to the failure of that single business transaction.

\*2 Any material relating to the subject matter of the lawsuit may be discoverable as long as relevancy is demonstrable. No restrictions, per se, exist to limit the discovery of documents relating to third parties where such material is not privileged. Distributors Inc. v. General Glass International Corp., 101 F.R.D. 547, 548 (W.D. Pa. 1984); Goldinger v. 1985 WL 4007

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Of primary significance to both parties are the reasons underlying the dispute concerning the proposed sale of the subject property. It is not for either side in this dispute to arbitrarily draw the lines of what is or is not discoverable; to unilaterally decide what may be fair or foul. Any factor that relates to the failure of any party to consummate the disputed transaction, whether by plaintiff or defendant, is and must be discoverable to permit adequate development of all issues in the interests of fairness and justice.

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NOW, this 25th day of NOVEMBER, 1985, upon consideration of the motion of Plaintiff Johnson Machinery Co., Inc., to compel production of documents together with the answer of Defendants, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. and Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Sales Inc., it is hereby ORDERED that:

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