

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

C.A. No. 2:04CV00139

THE SCO GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation

Plaintiff and
Counterclaim Defendant

V.

NOVELL, INC., a Delaware corporation

Defendant and

Counterclaim Plaintiff

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30(b)(6) Notice to Novell, Inc.

Deposition of Joseph A. LaSala, Jr.

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

9:41 a.m.

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11:09:14 1	_	11:11:42 1	
11:09:14 1	2003 press release, did Novell have a view at	11:11:42 1	Q what do you mean?
	the time as to whether it helped it or hurt it		A. As we discussed, there was a lot of
11:09:20 3	in the market?	11:11:46 3	concern in the marketplace among certain
11:09:21 4	A. I don't think we had a view as to	11:11:50 4	members of the press, even among the analyst
11:09:22 5	whether or not that helped or hurt.	11:11:53 5	communities, that there was uncertainty about
11:09:24 6	Q. In terms of the various public	11:11:59 6	the ownership of the UNIX copyrights, and
11:09:31 7	statements and positions that have been made	11:12:02 7	that's the that's what those concerns,
11:09:35 8	public, that have come to be made public, as	11:12:06 8	in my view, were calmed down eventually, and I
11:09:39 9	you sit here, does Novell have a view as to	11:12:13 9	think part of that I wouldn't say all of
11:09:4210	whether those public statements have helped it	11:12:1810	it, in my opinion but part of that was due
11:09:4311	or hurt it in the market or have had no	11:12:2111	to these public statements, these statements
11:09:4612	effect?	11:12:2312	that we made that eventually became public.
11:09:4613	MR. BRAKEBILL: Form.	11:12:2613	Q. Do you have a view as to whether the
11:09:4714	A. It's our view that these statements	11:12:4314	June 6th, 2003 press release calmed down the
11:09:5115	collectively, once they were made public	11:12:5015	marketplace with respect to the copyright
11:09:5416	and some we didn't talk about the January	11:12:5516	transfer at all?
11:09:5717	13th one but I think it is our view that	11:13:0017	MR. BRAKEBILL: Form.
11:09:5918	they helped us in the marketplace for a	11:13:0018	A. I don't think it did.
11:10:0419	variety of reasons.	11:13:0719	Q. Do you think it had the opposite effect
11:10:0620	Q. And what are the reasons that you can	11:13:0920	in the marketplace?
11:10:1021	articulate, as you sit here?	11:13:1021	MR. BRAKEBILL: Form.
11:10:1222	A. Well, one reason is that, as we	11:13:1022	A. I am not sure, but I think it may have
11:10:1623	discussed earlier, we think that they	11:13:1623	given, in part, SCO's reaction to it.
11:10:1924	contributed to having the effect of calming	11:13:2724	Q. When you refer to "SCO's reaction to
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11:10:24 1	down the marketplace with respect to concerns	11:13:32 1	it," what do you mean?
11:10:28 2	that were being expressed to us about the	11:13:33 2	A. Well, I recall that subsequent to that
11:10:30 3	ownership of the UNIX copyrights.	11:13:39 3	press release being issued, SCO made public
11:10:32 4	We think once all these	11:13:44 4	references to it and attempted to use it as a
11:10:34 5	communications were made public, and I believe	11:13:51 5	confirmation of its point of view with respect
11:10:36 6	this was either in late 2003 or early 2004,	11:13:54 6	to the issue of ownership.
11:10:30 0	that it resulted in some, I will call it,	11:14:03 7	Q. I wanted to move to Topic 7, which was
11:10:45 8	credibility with the OpenSource community for	11:14:03 /	"Novell internal communication and
11:10:50 9	taking on the SCO allegations about LINUX, and	11:14:24 9	communications involving Novell concerning the
11:10:5510	those are two that come to mind, two benefits	11:14:24 9	
11:10:5510	to us, to the company, that come to mind.	11:14:2610	statements referenced in Topic No. 6?
11:11:0011	Q. Did Novell make any of the public	11:14:2811	A. Okay. (Document tendered.)
11:11:0312	statements that we have reviewed today public	11:14:4312	MR. NORMAND: Thank you.
11:11:1113	in order to, in part, gain credibility with		EXHIBIT NO. 1101 MARKED
11:11:1514		11:14:4514	
	the OpenSource community?		Q. We have marked as Exhibit 1101 a
11:11:2216	MR. BRAKEBILL: Form.	11:15:0916	three-page document titled "SCO 30(b)(6) Topic
11:11:2417	A. Yeah, that was probably a consideration	11:15:1517	No. 7 (see also Topic S1)," and, Mr. LaSala,
11:11:2818	of ours at the time that these statements were	11:15:2318	could you or your counsel briefly explain what
11:11:3119	made public, but it wasn't the only	11:15:2519	this document is.
11:11:3420	consideration.	11:15:2620	MR. BRAKEBILL: This is a chart
11:11:3821	Q. When you say "calm down the	11:15:2821	listing various filings in evidence that
11:11:4022	marketplace," I think is the phrase you	11:15:3222	Novell has prepared in connection with
11:11:4123	used	11:15:3523	Mr. LaSala in preparation for his testimony
11:11:4224	A. Yeah.	11:15:3824	today, and Novell's understanding concerning