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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

EMI ENTERTAINMENT WORLD INC.,

against —

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Plaintiff,

SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates New York County as the place of trial.

ESCAPE MEDIA GROUP, INC.,

The basis of venue is CPLR §503(a)

Defendant.

The Plaintiff's place of business is 75 Ninth Avenue, New York, NY 10011

To the Above-Named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after completion of service made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: New York, New York January 4, 2012

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

EMI ENTERTAINMENT WORLD INC.,

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Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

- against -

ESCAPE MEDIA GROUP, INC.,

Defendant.

Plaintiff EMI Entertainment World Inc. ("Plaintiff" or "EMI"), by its attorneys, Pryor Cashman LLP, for its Complaint against defendant Escape Media Group, Inc. ("Defendant"), alleges as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is an action for, inter alia, breach of contract and an accounting. Plaintiff and Defendant entered into an "On-Demand Audio Streaming Agreement" made as of April 24, 2009 (the "License Agreement") pursuant to which Plaintiff licensed Defendant the right to stream music files embodying musical compositions owned or controlled by Plaintiff in exchange for the payment of royalties to Plaintiff. Those royalties were to be paid by Defendant on a quarterly basis, and were to be accompanied by detailed accounting statements containing the information necessary for Plaintiff to verify the accuracy of the royalty calculation and to pay the writers of the compositions. Despite admittedly exploiting Plaintiff's works for over two and one-half years, and despite acknowledging that it owes hundreds of thousands of dollars in royalty payments to EMI pursuant to the License Agreement, Defendant has, to date, made not a single royalty payment to EMI, nor provided a single accounting statement. As a result, Plaintiff has given Defendant multiple notices that the License Agreement has been terminated, and has repeatedly demanded that Defendant cease exploiting Plaintiff's musical works and provide an

accounting and payment of the amounts owed. Defendant has ignored those repeated demands, and has continued to exploit Plaintiff's works without compensation.

THE PARTIES

- Plaintiff is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York County in the State of New York.
- 3. Plaintiff is in the business of music publishing. Plaintiff is one of the affiliated music publishing companies that collectively operate under the trade name "EMI Music Publishing," one of the leading music publishers in the United States and in the world. Plaintiff controls and has the right to license -- including for digital distribution on and via online music services such as the one operated by Defendant -- one of the largest, most valuable, and most popular catalogues of copyrighted musical compositions in the world.
- 4. Defendant is a Delaware corporation with offices in both Gainesville, Florida and New York City.
- 5. Defendant owns and operates the on-demand music streaming website and service branded as "Grooveshark," located at www.grooveshark.com (hereinafter, the "Grooveshark Service"). Defendant bills the Grooveshark Service as "the world's largest on-demand and music discovery service." Defendant advertises that the Grooveshark Service provides access to "over 15 million songs," and claims that "Grooveshark is an ecosystem that brings together music fans, bands, music labels, and brands."

JURISDICTION

6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant pursuant to New York Civil Practice Law and Rules ("CPLR").

7. Defendant transacts business in New York, and contracts to supply goods and services in New York in connection with the matters giving rise to this suit. CPLR § 302(a)(1). Specifically, Defendant entered into the License Agreement in New York. The License Agreement expressly provides:

THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND THE VALIDITY, INTERPRETATION AND LEGAL EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO AND TO BE 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 OVER 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.

- 8. Defendant has also entered into contracts and other arrangements with residents of New York which enable New York residents to access music files -- including music files embodying copyrighted works licensed by Plaintiff to Defendant -- technical support, and other services through the Grooveshark Service. In fact, the Grooveshark Service's terms of use state that the relationship between Defendant and its users "shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York without regard to its conflict of law provisions. You and [Defendant] agree to submit to the personal and exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located within the State and County of New York."
- 9. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant pursuant to CPLR § 301 in that Defendant, acting alone and in concert, does systematic and continuous business in this judicial district, and Plaintiff does business and is suffering harm in this judicial district.

Defendant is registered to do business in New York and maintains an office at 254 West 31st Street, New York, New York 10001.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- Plaintiff entered into the License Agreement with Defendant as of April 24, 2009.
 A copy of the Agreement is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- 11. By the License Agreement, Plaintiff granted to Defendant the "non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-bearing limited right and license" to reproduce Plaintiff's musical compositions in digital files and to distribute such files as so-called "On-Demand Audio Streams" via the Grooveshark Service. Exhibit A ¶ 2. "On-Demand Audio Streams" are defined in the License Agreement, essentially, as encrypted digital transmissions of music files from Defendant's server made at the request of and at a time chosen by the end user. <u>Id.</u> ¶ 1(h).
- 12. The License Agreement provides that, in exchange for such license, Defendant is to pay Plaintiff royalties "[d]uring each calendar quarter beginning on the [April 24, 2009] Effective Date, and for every calendar quarter during the [three-year] Term thereafter (each, a 'Quarterly Accounting Period')." <u>Id.</u> ¶ 7(a). The License Agreement further provides that it is "of the essence of this Agreement (and a material obligation hereunder that all royalties payable to [Plaintiff] hereunder be paid to [Plaintiff], and in a timely manner." <u>Id.</u> ¶ 8(a).
- 13. The royalties were and are to be payable "at the final, non-appealable rate established for such exploitations by the United States Copyright Royalty Board [the "CRB"] or that results from an industry-wide settlement or agreement, or a separate agreement by the parties hereto (the 'CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate')." <u>Id.</u> ¶ 7(a)(i). Defendant was to pay royalties at the CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate commencing with the first Quarterly

Accounting Period after such rate was first established, both prospectively and retroactively to the first exploitation made during the Term. <u>Id.</u>

- 14. The CRB established a rate for such On-Demand Audio Streams on or about January 26, 2009. See Federal Register Vol. 74, No. 15 (January 26, 2009); 37 CFR Part 385. That rate became effective, final and non-appealable no later than March 26, 2009. Thus, Defendant was obligated to pay royalties and provide accounting Statements to Plaintiff commencing with the Quarterly Accounting Period ending June 30, 2009.
- 15. Defendant has transmitted and continues to transmit via the Grooveshark Service On-Demand Audio Streams of music files embodying Plaintiff's musical compositions during the Term of and purportedly under the authority of the License Agreement.
- Defendant has admitted that it owes Plaintiff royalties for these transmissions pursuant to the Agreement. By one of Defendant's estimates, as of October 2011, the royalties owed are "in the 150,000 [dollar] range." (See e-mail from Marshall Custer, Defendant's VP of Legal Affairs to Michael Abitbol, Plaintiff's VP of Legal and Business Affairs, annexed hereto as Exhibit B.) By another of Defendant's estimates, made verbally by a representative of Defendant to a representative of Plaintiff in or around November 2011, the royalties owed are in excess of \$200,000. On information and belief, the amount of the royalties owed by Defendant to Plaintiff greatly exceeds Defendant's estimates.
- 17. Despite the unambiguous language of the License Agreement, despite Defendant's acknowledgement that it owes Plaintiff royalties, and despite Plaintiff's repeated demands that Defendant account and pay royalties to Plaintiff for its transmission of On-Demand Streams of Plaintiff's musical works via the Grooveshark Service pursuant to the terms of the License Agreement, Defendant has, to date, paid <u>no</u> royalties to Plaintiff.

- 18. Defendant's failure to pay royalties constitutes a breach of the License Agreement.
- 19. Plaintiff provided written notice to Defendant of such breach by e-mail dated October 28 (see Exhibit B), by letter dated December 2, 2011 (annexed hereto as Exhibit C) and again by letter dated December 16, 2011 (annexed hereto as Exhibit D). Defendant failed to cure such breach within the ten (10) day cure period provided for in the Agreement. See Exhibit A ¶ 22(b).
- 20. As a result of Defendant's breach, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount no less than the royalties due to Plaintiff under the Agreement, the precise amount to be determined at trial, but which is not less than \$150,000, plus interest.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of Contract)

- 21. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 20 above as if more fully set forth herein.
- 22. The License Agreement requires Defendant to "account to [Plaintiff] in a manner such that [Plaintiff] may pay its writers, including but not limited to providing electronic statements ('Statements') that (i) provide all information necessary for [Plaintiff] to determine how the royalties paid to [Plaintiff] were calculated . . . and (ii) an itemization of the particular [licensed digital music files] distributed to Users as On-Demand Audio Streams, and the number of times each [such file] was transmitted as an On-Demand Audio Stream."
- 23. Despite repeated demands (see Exhibits C & D), Defendant has, to date, not provided any accounting Statements to Plaintiff.

24. Defendant's failure to provide such Statements constitutes a breach of the License Agreement. As a result of Defendant's breach, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Accounting)

- 25. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 24 above as if more fully set forth herein.
- 26. Defendant has failed and continues to fail to account and pay royalties to Plaintiff arising out of Defendant's exploitation of the rights licensed by Plaintiff to Defendant pursuant to the License Agreement.
- 27. Plaintiff has no access to the books, records and computer server data of Defendant and therefore has no means of ascertaining the precise amount of the royalties due and owing to Plaintiff.
- 28. Upon a fair and accurate accounting by Defendant to Plaintiff, substantial sums of money will be found due and owing to Plaintiff, the precise amount of which is not known to Plaintiff at this time, but which is not less than \$150,000.
 - 29. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

- 30. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 29 above as if more fully set forth herein.
- 31. Under New York law, the covenant of good faith and fair dealing is implied in every contract.
- 32. As set forth above, by transmitting On Demand Audio Streams embodying Plaintiff's copyrighted works under the authority of the License Agreement without

compensating Plaintiff for such exploitations, despite due demand for such compensation, Defendant has breached the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. Defendants have unfairly frustrated the agreed common purpose of the License Agreement, disappointed Plaintiff's reasonable expectations of Defendant, and thereby deprived Plaintiff of the benefits of its agreement with Defendant.

33. As a result of Defendant's breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount no less than the royalties due to Plaintiff under the Agreement, the precise amount to be determined at trial, but which is not less than \$150,000, plus interest.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Unjust Enrichment)

- 34. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 33 above as if more fully set forth herein.
- 35. Defendant has transmitted and continues to transmit On Demand Audio Streams embodying Plaintiff's copyrighted works, even though Plaintiff has properly terminated the License Agreement pursuant to paragraph 22(b) thereof.
- 36. The agreed upon value for those transmissions is the royalty set forth in the License Agreement.
- 37. Defendant has not paid Plaintiff for the benefit of Plaintiff's musical composition rights, but have retained the revenues and other benefits received from exploiting those rights.
- 38. Defendants have been enriched unjustly in an amount no less than the royalties due under the License Agreement, which value is equal to the amount of Plaintiff's loss. Accordingly, Defendants are indebted to Plaintiff, the precise amount to be determined at trial, plus interest.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff EMI Entertainment World Inc. respectfully prays for judgment

as follows:

1. On its First Claim for Relief against Defendant, damages in an amount to be

determined at trial, but which is not less than \$150,000, plus interest;

2. On its Second Claim for Relief against Defendant, damages in an amount to be

determined at trial, plus interest;

3. On its Third Claim for Relief against Defendant, an order requiring Defendant to

account to Plaintiff for all royalties and other monies arising from Defendant's exploitation of

the rights licensed by Plaintiff to Defendant pursuant to the License Agreement, including

providing all information required for Plaintiff to calculate royalties at the CRB On-Demand

Audio Stream Rate;

4. On its Fourth Claim for Relief against Defendants, damages in an amount to be

determined at trial, but which is not less than \$150,000, plus interest;

5. On its Fifth Claim for Relief against Defendants, damages in an amount to be

determined at trial, plus interest; and

6. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York January 4, 2012 PRYOR CASHMAN LLP

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EXHIBIT A

ON-DEMAND AUDIO STREAMING AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of the 24th day of April, 2009 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Escape Media Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation with an office at 201 SE 2nd Ave., Suite 209, Gainesville, FL 32601 ("Licensee"), and EMI Entertainment World Inc., a Delaware corporation with an office at 75 Ninth Avenue, New York, New York 10011 ("EMI").

WHEREAS, Licensee desires to exploit, solely via the Service, On-Demand Audio Streams of Master Recordings, including Master Recordings embodying EMI Compositions (each as defined herein); and

WHEREAS, EMI wishes to grant to Licensee solely during the Term and within the Territory, solely via the Service (as defined herein), and solely in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the nonexclusive, non-transferable, royalty-bearing limited right and license to reproduce and distribute On-Demand Audio Streams embodying EMI Compositions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions.

- (a) A "Composition" shall mean a copyrighted, non-dramatic musical composition. For the avoidance of doubt, Compositions shall not include sound recordings of musical compositions.
- (c) A "Digital File" shall mean any single DRM-protected digital copy of a Master Recording, including, without limitation, a Licensed File.

(d) Intentionally Deleted.

An "EMI Composition" shall mean any United States or United Kingdom Composition (that is, a Composition written by a writer that is a member of a United States or United Kingdom performing rights society) in which the rights which are the subject of this Agreement are owned or controlled by EMI, in whole or in part, solely to the extent of EMI's ownership or control thereof, and subject to any restrictions or limitations thereon imposed pursuant to (i) songwriter agreements; (ii) any applicable license, administration or similar agreements with rightsholders; (iii) agreements with rights societies or any similar collective, agency, affiliation, organization or group that administers rights in Compositions (each, a "Rights Society"); or (iv) applicable law. With respect to any such Composition in which the rights that are the subject of this Agreement are owned or controlled by EMI only in part, the term "EMI Composition" shall refer only to that portion of the Composition in which such rights are owned or Licensee acknowledges that any Composition listed on the controlled by EMI. "Restricted Compositions List" annexed hereto as Schedule A, as such Schedule may be updated by EMI throughout the Term (each, a "Restricted Composition"), shall not be considered an "EMI Composition" and is not licensed for exploitation via the Service. EMI shall not use the Restricted Compositions List to frustrate the purposes of this

Agreement. Licensee further acknowledges that EMI may, in the normal course of business, or otherwise, lose rights with respect to Compositions, in which event such Compositions may cease to be EMI Compositions hereunder, or incur additional restrictions on Compositions, in which event such Compositions may cease to be EMI Compositions hereunder to the extent of the restriction, and EMI shall have no liability to Licensee or to any other party due to the fact that any particular musical composition(s) are no longer licensed under this Agreement because they are no longer owned by EMI, controlled by EMI, or permitted to be exploited in the manner set forth herein.

- (f) A "Licensed File" shall mean a Digital File embodying a Relevant Master Recording.
- (g) A "Master Recording" shall mean an authorized audio-only sound recording that has previously been distributed by a record label or other owner and/or administrator of such sound recording.
- (h) An "On-Demand Audio Stream" shall mean an encrypted digital transmission of a Digital File of a Master Recording from a server owned or operated by Licensee that allows a User to receive and listen to the particular Master Recording upon request at a time chosen by the User using streaming technology (including, without limitation, via Real Networks' RealAudio or Microsoft's Windows Media Audio formats), through the User's computer, mobile phone, personal digital assistant (PDA) or other consumer electronics device, which transmission is (i) configured such that the transmission will not result in a substantially complete reproduction of such Master Recording other than a copy used solely for caching or buffering and (ii) either contemporaneous or substantially contemporaneous with the play of the Master Recording embodied therein. For clarity, the play of an On-Demand Audio Stream shall require an active connection to the Internet or to the Internet via a wireless telecommunications network simultaneously with the play of such On-Demand Audio Stream.
- (i) The "Service" shall mean the online On-Demand Audio Streaming service located at www.grooveshark.com (and its subdomains), that is owned, controlled and operated by Licensee in accordance with and subject to the terms herein. The Service shall not, during the Term, be changed or altered in a manner that affects EMI's rights hereunder, including EMI's rights to be paid the royalties described herein.
- (j) A "Relevant Master Recording" shall mean a Master Recording that embodies an EMI Composition.
- (k) A "User" shall mean any individual who resides within the Territory and/or accesses the Service in the Territory and who is authorized by Licensee to access On-Demand Audio Streams via the Service solely for personal, non-commercial use. For clarity, all Users must be bound by the terms of service and/or terms of use of Licensee, which terms are displayed on the Service.
- 2. <u>Grant of Rights.</u> Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, EMI hereby grants to Licensee the nonexclusive, non-transferable, royalty-bearing limited right and license, solely during the Term and solely within the Territory, and solely in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement:

- (a) to reproduce EMI Compositions solely for the purpose of accomplishing the distribution of Licensed Files in the manner described in section 2(b) below; and
- (b) to distribute Licensed Files as On-Demand Audio Streams via the Service.
- 3. <u>Term.</u> The term of this Agreement shall be three (3) years, commencing on the Effective Date (the "Term").
- 4. <u>Territory</u>. With respect to the rights granted herein, the territory is the United States, its territories and possessions (the "Territory").

5. Scope of License/Additional Licensee Covenants.

- (a) The rights granted hereunder shall apply only to EMI Compositions (as defined in section 1(e) above).
- (b) EMI may, at any time, send Licensee written notice that one or more Compositions are no longer "EMI Compositions" and/or are otherwise restricted from being exploited via the Service (each, a "Restricted Composition"), and are not licensed hereunder, and (i) EMI shall add such Restricted Composition(s) to the Restricted Compositions List (annexed hereto as Schedule A); and (ii) Licensee shall (x) promptly remove from the Service all Master Recordings embodying such Restricted Composition(s), and (y) on a going-forward basis, use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent or discontinue Master Recordings embodying such Restricted Composition(s) from being distributed or otherwise exploited via the Service.
- (c) EMI shall also have an immediate right to issue a Take Down Notification (the "Take Down Right") with respect to any master recording embodying a Composition owned or controlled in whole or in part by EMI or any of EMI's parent companies, subsidiaries or affiliates that is being distributed on the Service in the following circumstances: (i) violation or breach of the terms of use and/or the end-user license agreement of Licensee and/or this Agreement, (ii) legal risk to EMI, as determined in EMI's reasonable discretion, or (iii) a complaint from a writer, a writer's management, a writer's agent and/or any other party that has relevant contractual or legal rights with respect to the master recording or Composition embodied therein. Promptly following receipt (but no later than three (3) business day) of any Take Down Notification (which may be sent to Licensee via email), the identified material shall be removed from the Service.
- (d) Licensee warrants and represents that its terms of use prohibit Users from using EMI Compositions and Relevant Master Recordings in any manner that (i) violates the privacy rights, publicity rights, copyrights, contract rights or any other rights of any person or entity; (ii) involves commercial activities and/or sales without prior written consent from Licensee, such as contests, sweepstakes, barter, advertising, or pyramid schemes; (iii) exploits people in a sexual or violent manner; or (iv) contains nudity, excessive violence, or offensive subject matter or contains a link to an adult website.

6. Guaranteed Advances. On a one-time and non-precedential basis, EMI hereby agrees to waive its customary advances for the Term.

7. Royalties.

- (a) During each calendar quarter beginning on the Effective Date, and for every calendar quarter during the Term thereafter (each, a "Quarterly Accounting Period"), Licensee shall pay to EMI the following royalties:
 - For On-Demand Audio Streams of Relevant Master Recordings made by Licensee in the Territory and during the Term, Licensee shall pay EMI royalties at the final, non-appealable rate established for such exploitations by the United States Copyright Royalty Board or that results from an industry-wide settlement or agreement, or a separate agreement by the parties hereto (the "CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate"). During the first Quarterly Accounting Period after the CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate is first established. Licensee shall pay royalties at the CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate for all exploitations of On-Demand Audio Streams of Relevant Master Recordings made by Licensee in the United States from the Effective Date through the conclusion of the preceding Quarterly Accounting Period (and shall continue to pay royalties at the CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate for all subsequent Quarterly Accounting Periods during the remainder of the Term). In the event that there is no CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate determination made during the Term, Licensee shall pay royalties at the CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate for all exploitations of On-Demand Audio Streams of Relevant Master Recordings made by Licensee in the United States during the Term once the CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate is established (i.e., even if it is made after the conclusion of the Term). In the event no CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate determination is made for a period of three (3) years after the conclusion of the Term, the parties will negotiate in good faith to determine an appropriate rate for exploitations of On-Demand Audio Streams of Relevant Master Recordings made by Licensee in the United States during the Term and, if the parties are unable to reach agreement on such rate, shall submit the issue of the appropriate rate to arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association in New York, New York.
- (b) Licensee acknowledges and agrees that it shall not enter into any agreement or arrangement with any third-party (including, without limitation, any advertiser), or enter any agreement or arrangement with or make any sale or offer to any User(s), the intent of which is to artificially or fraudulently minimize or reduce the amounts that would otherwise constitute any other amount paid or payable to EMI hereunder, in return for increasing other amounts that might be paid or payable to Licensee, or other such consideration, or in exchange for any other financial or promotional benefit to Licensee.
- (c) It is of the essence of this Agreement that all royalties payable to EMI hereunder be paid to EMI, and in a timely manner.

Accounting/Audit.

- (a) Within thirty (30) days after the end of each applicable Quarterly Accounting Period, Licensee shall pay to EMI all royalties applicable for that period, and shall account to EMI in a manner such that EMI may pay its writers, including but not limited to by providing electronic statements ("Statements") that (i) provide all information necessary for EMI to determine how the royalties paid to EMI were calculated (e.g., if the CRB On-Demand Audio Stream Rate is based on a percentage of gross revenues, the applicable gross revenues shall be provided); and (ii) an itemization of the particular Licensed Files distributed to Users as On-Demand Audio Streams, and the number of times each Licensed File was transmitted as an On-Demand Audio Stream. It is of the essence of this Agreement (and a material obligation hereunder) that all royalties payable to EMI hereunder be paid to EMI, and in a timely manner.
- In order to enable EMI to be satisfied that it is being accounted to on an accurate and timely basis (including by verifying that the calculations of royalties paid to EMI for On-Demand Audio Streams embodying Relevant Master Recordings are correct), EMI and/or a Certified Public Accountant designated by EMI who is not then engaged in another audit of Licensee's books and records, shall have the right to audit and examine the books, records and computer servers of Licensee with respect to all exploitations covered by this Agreement, and to make copies and extracts thereof. EMI shall provide written notice reasonably in advance of any audit and may conduct no more than one audit of Licensee in any given calendar year. Licensee shall cooperate with EMI and/or EMI's designated representative to assist EMI and/or such representative in conducting such audit and in understanding and making copies of all such material. EMI acknowledges the confidential nature of the Licensee's books, records and computer servers and systems and agrees neither it, nor its accountant or auditor, shall disclose Confidential Information to any other person, or use any Confidential Information for any purpose other than as contemplated hereby, without the prior written consent of Licensee.

9. Limitations and Reservation of Rights.

- (a) This Agreement relates only to EMI Compositions and only to their use as embodied in On-Demand Audio Streams. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary expressly or impliedly contained herein, this Agreement grants Licensee no right to itself create any work or content of any kind (including, without limitation, any audiovisual or derivative work) embodying any Relevant Master Recording and/or EMI Composition in whole or in part, but only to reproduce and distribute the EMI Compositions embodied in On-Demand Audio Streams. For the avoidance of doubt, this Agreement does not grant Licensee any right to "synchronize" Relevant Master Recordings and/or EMI Compositions with any audiovisual material, or create any derivative work based in whole or in part on a Relevant Master Recording and/or EMI Composition.
- (b) This Agreement does not authorize or permit any use of any EMI Composition not expressly set forth herein, and no implied licenses are granted herein. EMI reserves all rights not expressly granted to Licensee hereunder. All rights granted hereunder are granted on a non-exclusive basis.
- (c) Except as may be specifically provided for herein, this Agreement does not license or in any other way affect any musical composition other than an EMI Composition (and, for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to any Composition that is an EMI Composition only in part, does not license or in any other way affect that portion of

such Composition that is not an EMI Composition), and EMI does not by this Agreement license or agree to license any exploitation of any EMI Composition outside of the Term or Territory.

- (d) No right of public performance is granted under this Agreement. For clarity, notwithstanding anything herein, where a performance license is required in order for Licensee to exploit any On-Demand Audio Stream, Licensee shall obtain such license under a separate agreement.
- (e) This Agreement grants no right to permit downloads of Relevant Master Recordings or EMI Compositions embodied therein on a permanent basis (including any right to make any permanent digital phonorecord delivery), except to the extent that encrypted caching of Digital Files may be necessary solely for the transmission of On-Demand Audio Streams as authorized hereunder (collectively, "Cached Files").
- (f) Without limiting the force and effect of the foregoing, this Agreement does not include the rights to reproduce, distribute, synchronize, use or exploit an EMI Composition in any digital media format not specifically provided herein, in any broadcast or cablecast service, or in any on-line service (whether viewable in real time or downloadable), interactive program, platform, media or storage device other than in On-Demand Audio Steams distributed via the Service.
- (g) No right whatsoever is being granted hereunder to use or authorize other persons to use the titles of EMI Compositions, or the names (including any professional names, previously, now or hereafter used), signatures, voices, likenesses, biographical materials and/or any other information concerning, or regarding any of the composers of an EMI Composition, for any purpose whatsoever.
- (h) This agreement grants no right to use any EMI Composition in a video game, or to exploit any EMI Composition as a ringtone, ringback tone, or other so-called "telecommunication personalization product."
- (i) This Agreement grants no rights or licenses in sound recordings, including any sound recordings embodied in any Relevant Master Recording, and Licensee warrants and represents that it shall obtain any and all rights required from any owners of any Master Recordings.
 - (j) This Agreement grants no print, display or karaoke rights.
- (k) This Agreement grants no right to alter the fundamental character of any EMI Composition.
- (i) This Agreement grants no merchandising rights, or rights to use any EMI Composition for a marketing campaign, product tie-in, game or contest, or otherwise to advertise, promote or cross-promote any product or service, including the Service.
- (m) No EMI Composition shall be exploited in, on or via the Service along with or in connection with any content the rights to which have not been cleared and/or that infringes upon the rights of EMI or any third-party and/or is libelous, derogatory,

defamatory, scandalous and/or does not comply with the posted guidelines for Users of the Service.

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To EMI:

EMI Entertainment World Inc. 75 Ninth Avenue, 4th Floor New York, New York 10011

Attention: General Counsel Worldwide

With a courtesy copy to:

Pryor Cashman LLP 410 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022-4441 Attention: Frank Scibilia, Esq.

To Licensee:

Escape Media Group, Inc. 201 SE 2rd Ave., Suite 209 Gainesville, FL 32601 Attention: CEO

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LLP

235 Park Ave. South, 3rd Floor

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Any notice shall be deemed complete three (3) business days after the same (containing whatever information may be required hereunder) is deposited in any mail box properly addressed and sent as aforesaid, except that (a) all materials personally delivered shall be deemed served when actually received by the party to whom addressed, (b) air express materials shall be deemed served on the day of delivery to the air express company, (c) notices of change of address shall be effective only from the date of receipt, and (d) royalty statements may be sent by regular mail without courtesy copy and shall be deemed rendered when actually received by EMI.

11. <u>Confidentiality</u>.

- (a) For the purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" shall mean the terms of this Agreement and any non-public information, data, usage reports, revenue reports, or other materials provided by one party to the other under or in connection with this Agreement (other than EMI Compositions, metadata, and other information intended for storage and display to Users under this Agreement) and any other information the receiving party ("Reclpient") should reasonably have understood under the circumstances should be treated as confidential, whether or not the specific designation "confidential" or any similar designation is used, such as usage data, royalty reports, and similar information.
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to the record labels; and (vi) to employees of EMI, or any entities that own EMI, provided that any such disclosures are for internal purposes only. In addition, nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit or limit either party's use or disclosure of information (i) previously known to it by lawful means without obligation of confidence, (ii) independently developed by or for it without use of or access to the other party's Confidential Information, (iii) acquired by it from a third-party which, to the reasonable knowledge of the receiving party, is not under an obligation of confidence with respect to such information, (iv) which is or becomes publicly available through no breach of this Agreement, or (v) that is required to be disclosed by operation of law, court order or other governmental demand (subject to the notice requirement in subsection (iii) in the first sentence of this section). Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither party shall be in breach of this Agreement for disclosing to any Rights Society that EMI has licensed to Licensee the rights granted in Section 2.

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AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

ESCAPE MEDIA GROUP, INC.

Name: 🗫 Date: 以

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By: Name:

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SCHEDULE A

RESTRICTED COMPOSITIONS LIST (This Schedule may be amended by EMI from time-to-time during the Term)

[TO BE ATTACHED]

EXHIBIT B

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VIA EMAIL & OVERNIGHT COURIER

December 2, 2011

Escape Media Group, Inc. 201 SE 2nd Avenue, Suite 209 Gainesville, Florida 32601 ATTN: Sam Tarrantino, CEO

> EMI Music Publishing - Grooveshark Agreement Re:

Dear Mr. Tarrantino:

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Pursuant to Section 7 of the Agreement, Licensee is required to pay royalties to EMI for each Quarterly Accounting Period during the Term. Licensee breached the Agreement by failing to make any royalty payments whatsoever to EMI. EMI provided Licensee with notice of such breach on several occasions, most recently in writing on October 28, 2011. Pursuant to Section 22(b) of the Agreement, Licensee's failure to cure such breach within ten (10) days of such notice (i.e., by no later than November 7. 2011) constitutes a material breach of and default under the Agreement, resulting in automatic and immediate termination of the Agreement without the requirement of any further action by EMI, and without limiting any other remedy that may be available to EMI at law or in equity. Note also that Licensee has further breached the Agreement by not providing any Statements for any Quarterly Accounting Period, as required by Section 8 of the Agreement.

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This letter is written without prejudice to EMI's rights and remedies at law or in equity, all of which are hereby expressly reserved.

Michael S. Abitbol

CC:

Marshall Custer, Esq., VP of Legal Affairs (by email) Sina Simantob (by email)

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December 16, 2011

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDEX

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Very truly yours,

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VIA EMAIL & OVERNIGHT COURIER

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Escape Media Group, Inc. 201 SE 2nd Avenue, Suite 209 Gainesville, Florida 32601 ATTN: Sam Tarrantino, CEO

Re: EMI Music Publishing - Grooveshark Agreement

Dear Mr. Tarrantino:

Reference is hereby made to the agreement dated April 24, 2009 between EMI Entertainment World, Inc. ("EMI") on the one hand, and Escape Media Group, Inc. ("Licensee"), on the other hand (the "Agreement"). All capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Agreement, Licensee is required to pay royalties to EMI for each Quarterly Accounting Period during the Term. Licensee breached the Agreement by failing to make <u>any</u> royalty payments whatsoever to EMI. EMI provided Licensee with notice of such breach on several occasions, most recently in writing on October 28, 2011. Pursuant to Section 22(b) of the Agreement, Licensee's failure to cure such breach within ten (10) days of such notice (i.e., by no later than November 7. 2011) constitutes a material breach of and default under the Agreement, resulting in automatic and immediate termination of the Agreement without the requirement of any further action by EMI, and without limiting any other remedy that may be available to EMI at law or in equity. Note also that Licensee has further breached the Agreement by not providing <u>any</u> Statements for any Quarterly Accounting Period, as required by Section 8 of the Agreement.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 22(b) of the Agreement, the Agreement is now terminated. Please remove all EMI compositions from the Grooveshark service no later than the close of business on December 15, 2011 and please verify such removal to EMI in writing immediately thereafter.

This letter is written without prejudice to EMI's rights and remedies at law or in equity, all of which are hereby expressly reserved.

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