IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY

JOE COMES et al., Plaintiffs,

vs.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,
Defendant.

POLK COUNTY CASE NO. CL 82311

RULING AND ORDER ON PUBLICATION OF EXHIBITS

The Court has previously ruled on the record that exhibits and testimony may be displayed by the parties on a web site as they are public records. The Court was asked by the Defendant to review this order based upon a question concerning documents or exhibits that are admitted into evidence that may contain confidential or trade secret information whether concerning the Defendant or third parties as defined in the protective order issued by the Court on January 23, 2003. The Court upon review of this issue and in light of the protective order and Chapter 22 of the Code of Iowa finds as follows:

That exhibits admitted into evidence may be displayed to the public. However, prior to such display either party may request that the Court, pursuant to the protective order or Section 22.7, the Code of Iowa, make any further orders necessary to protect trade secrets or financial information as set out in Section 22.7(3) and (25) the Code of Iowa. Such a request shall be done outside the presence of the jury and as soon as possible after the exhibit has been admitted into evidence but in no case more than three days after the exhibit is admitted.

It is further ordered that any notice to a third party or parties concerning the public dissemination of confidential exhibits shall be the responsibility of the party that entered into a confidentiality agreement with such third party or parties.

Dated this 8th day of January 2007.

SCOTT D. ROSENBERG, JUDG: Fifth Judicial District of Iowa

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