



Lindows.com Files Motion to Dismiss Microsoft Lawsuit

Lindows.com has announced that it filed a motion to dismiss the pending trademark lawsuit filed by Microsoft Corporation against Lindows.com. In the lawsuit, Microsoft seeks to prevent Lindows.com from using the term "LindowsOS" and "Lindows.com." Because Lindows.com has no presence and conducts no business in the state of Washington, Lindows.com has filed a motion to dismiss the claim, citing a lack of personal jurisdiction over the San Diego-based company. Both Lindows.com's motion to dismiss and Microsoft's motion for preliminary injunctions were scheduled for a hearing on February 1, 2002.

"We're looking forward to showing the court the widespread use of the term 'windows' or variations thereof by literally hundreds of companies that are not endorsed or sponsored by Microsoft. The fact that Microsoft has chosen not to sue these companies demonstrates that its true motivation in this case is to crush competition from a promising new technology that threatens its illegally obtained monopoly," said Lindows.com CEO, Michael Robertson.

As part of the legal process, Microsoft Corpor-

ation demanded that Lindows.com turn over its entire database of names, e-mail addresses and physical addresses for parties interested in the yet-to-be-sold operating system, which will run both popular Microsoft Windows software and Linux software.

"We're not happy that a company known for illegal business practices took the unnecessary step of gaining access to our database. In spite of Microsoft's assurances that it will not be used for any purpose outside this case, we've alerted our users of Microsoft's actions, and believe this is another way Microsoft is attempting to intimidate a potential competitor," commented Robertson.

In spite of the delays encountered while producing nearly 15,000 pages of documents demanded by Microsoft, development of LindowsOS is continuing. A sneak preview is expected shortly, which will showcase many unique features of LindowsOS, such as a friendly install alongside an existing Microsoft Windows operating system, a streamlined installation process that requires no computer knowledge, and the ability to run popular Windows-based programs. This will be followed by version 1.0, which will go on sale later this year for \$99.

Lindows.com is a con-

sumer company that brings choice to computer users. It uses the latest technology to create affordable, intuitive, user-friendly products. Lindows.com Inc. was started by Michael Robertson, founder and former CEO of MP3.com. At the core of Lindows.com is a new operating system called LindowsOS, a modern, affordable, easy-to-use operating system with the ability to run both Microsoft Windows and Linux software.

For more information, visit www.lindows.com.

CCAT Awards Anti-Terrorism Technologies

The Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT) recently announced winners from the solicitation for crisis and consequence management technologies that closed on October 31, 2001. The winners, which were chosen by a distinguished panel of San Diego technology, academic and business luminaries, will be awarded various support services to facilitate the commercialization of their technologies. The winners represent a wide range of innovative technologies in the fields of biomedicine, biochemistry, electronics, computer software and hardware. They are:

- Quantum Magnetics Inc.
- GeoPerception Inc.
- Personal Pilot
- Bio-Quant
- EyeTraking Inc.
- DigiVision Inc.
- University of California, San Diego, Dept. of Chem/Biochem
- Clarity BioSciences Inc.
- Intecon Systems Inc.

- Plexus Vaccine Inc.
- Pixon LLC
- SCS Corporation

The caliber and diversity of the submitted technologies proved to be a challenge to the CCAT in terms of final selections. The submissions validated that San Diego is poised to be a dynamic source of technology in the area of crisis and consequence management.

The winners will be recognized at a CCAT event in mid-February.

The Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT), supported by a \$5.2 million two-year appropriation by Congress and funded by the Department of Defense, is a public/private collaborative partnership between academia, industry, and government uniting San Diego State University (SDSU) Foundation and Entrepreneurial Management Center, the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Jacobs School of Engineering and UCSD CONNECT, ORINCON Corporation International, and the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego. The consortium-style CCAT intends to bridge the gap that exists between the generators of technology, the Department of Defense, and the commercial marketplace. □

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