UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DOW JONES & COMPANY, INC. 200 Liberty St. New York, New York 10281 Plaintiff, v. ABLAISE LTD 40 Queen Anne Street London W1G 9EL, United Kingdom and GENERAL INVENTIONS INSTITUTE A, INC., Craigmuir Chambers, P.O. Box 71 Town Road Tortola, British Virgin Islands Defendants.	Civil Action No. 1:06CV01014 Judge James Robertson

JOINT REPORT OF THE PARTIES PURSUANT TO FED.R.CIV.P 26(f) AND LCvR 16.3 AND PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 16.3 of the Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, counsel for the above-captioned parties conferred by telephone on October 23, 2006. The parties respectfully submit the following report outlining their positions on the issues set forth in the above-cited rules and Proposed Scheduling Order.

1. Dispositive Motions

Dow Jones & Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Dow Jones" or "Plaintiff") believes the case is likely to be disposed of by dispositive motions. Ablaise Ltd. ("Ablaise") and General Inventions Institute A, Inc. ("GIIA") (collectively referred to as "Defendants") disagree. The parties jointly state that no dispositive motion has been filed in this case.

2. Deadline for Joining Parties or Amending Pleadings

Dow Jones proposes that the deadline for seeking leave to join parties or amend pleadings shall be December 28, 2006. Defendants propose that the deadline shall be January 31, 2007.

3. Assignment to Magistrate

At this time, the parties decline to have this case referred to a magistrate judge for all purposes, including trial.

4. Possibility of Settlement

The parties have engaged in settlement discussion. The parties believe that the likelihood of settlement may improve as discovery progresses.

5. Alternative Dispute Resolution

The parties agree that this case would not benefit from the Court's alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures (or some other form of ADR) at this time.

6. Summary Judgement and Schedule for Dispositive Motions

Dow Jones believes the case can be resolved by summary judgment and proposes the following schedule for filing dispositive motions:

a.	Dispositive motions:	January 4, 2008
b.	Opposition to the motion:	February 4, 2008.
c.	Replies in support of motions:	February 29, 2008
d.	Date for Resolution of motions:	At such time as the court may choose.

Defendants propose the following schedule for filing dispositive motions:

a.	Dispositive motions:	July 30, 2007

b. Opposition to the motion: August 29, 2007

c. Replies in support of motions: September 24, 2007

d. Date for Resolution of motions: At such time as the court may choose.

7. Initial Disclosures

The parties agree to dispense with the initial disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1), F.R.Civ.P.

8. Discovery

a. Extent of Discovery

The parties agree that the case should involve the normal exchange of Interrogatories, Requests for the Production of Documents, Requests for Admissions and depositions.

b. How Long Discovery Should Take

Dow Jones proposes the following Discovery schedule:

i. Close of Fact Discovery: September 1, 2007
ii. Expert Report on Party bearing burden of proof: October 1, 2007
iii. Rebuttal Expert Reports: November 1, 2007
iv. Close of Expert Discovery December 1, 2007

The Defendants propose the following Discovery schedule:

i. Close of Fact Discovery: March 30, 2007
ii. Expert Report on Party bearing burden of proof: April 30, 2007
iii. Rebuttal Expert Reports: May 30, 2007
iv. Close of Expert Discovery June 29, 2007

c. Limits on Discovery

The parties do not currently see the need for any limits on discovery other than the

limitations set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of this Court.

d. Protective Order

The parties agree that a protective order should be entered to protect trade secret and other confidential business information. The parties shall negotiate the terms of such an order and will submit it to the court as soon as practicable for the Court's review and entry.

9. Expert Witness Reports and Depositions

The parties do not propose to alter the requirements for exchange of expert reports or other information pursuant to Rule 26(a)(2), F.R.Civ.P. The parties agree that the depositions of experts should occur prior to the close of expert discovery.

10. Class Action

Not applicable to this case.

11. Bifurcation of Trial and/or Discovery

The parties do not propose to bifurcate discovery or trial.

12. Pretrial Conference

The parties propose that a pretrial conference be held within 90 days following the close of all discovery or 30 days after rulings on dispositive motions, whichever is later.

13. Trial Date

The parties propose that a trial date be set at the pretrial conference, with the understanding that the trial date will likely be 30-60 days after that conference.

14. Other Matters - Claim Construction

Dow Jones proposes the following claim construction schedule:

i. Markman Briefs due: December 22, 2006
ii. Replies to Markman Briefs due: January 22, 2007

iii. Markman Hearing: At such time as the court may choose

The Defendants propose the following claim construction schedule:

Defendants propose that claim construction be handled in the context of dispositive motions, or at least at some point after discovery is well under way.

A proposed Scheduling Order is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of October, 2006, by:

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