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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
15 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – EASTERN DIVISION

16 JOANNE SIEGEL and LAURA
SIEGEL LARSON,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 vs.

19 TIME WARNER INC., WARNER
20 COMMUNICATIONS INC., WARNER
BROS. ENTERTAINMENT INC.,
21 WARNER BROS. TELEVISION
PRODUCTION INC., DC COMICS,
22 and DOES 1-10,

23 Defendants.

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27 AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS.
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) Case Nos. [Consolidated for
Discovery]
) CV 04-8400 SGL (RZx)
) CV 04-8776 SGL (RZx)
) Hon. Stephen G. Larson, U.S.D.J.
) Hon. Ralph Zarefsky, U.S.M.J.

) **JOINT REPORT RE
MEDIATION EFFORTS**

1 Plaintiffs/counterclaim-defendants Joanne Siegel and Laura Siegel Larson
2 (collectively "Plaintiffs"), and defendants Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., Time
3 Warner Inc., Warner Communications Inc. and Warner Bros. Television
4 Production Inc. and defendant/counterclaimant DC Comics (collectively
5 "Defendants"), by and through their respective counsel of record, submit this joint
6 mediation report:

7 On March 31, 2008, the Court issued an Order providing, in relevant part, as
8 follows:

9 "[T]he Court hereby **ORDERS** the parties to devote the next
10 sixty (60) days to engaging in a good faith effort to settle their
11 dispute in the Superman and Superboy litigation before the
12 JAMS mediator [Hon. Daniel Weinstein (Ret.)]. At the
13 conclusion of this period, on June 1, 2008, the parties are to file
14 a joint report, outlining the efforts that they have taken in
15 furtherance of settlement and the results of those efforts."

16 On May 29, 2008 the Court issued an Order extending the date to submit a
17 joint report regarding the parties' mediation efforts to June 27, 2008.

18 The parties conducted four mediation sessions in front of Hon. Daniel
19 Weinstein (Ret.) as follows:

20 On May 8, 2008, the parties conducted an initial four hour mediation session
21 for counsel to brief the mediator. The following parties attended on Plaintiffs'
22 behalf: counsel Marc Toberoff, Nicholas C. Williamson and Keith Adams. The
23 following parties attended on Defendants' behalf: outside counsel Michael
24 Bergman, Roger Zissu, and Anjani Mandavia; Paul Levitz, President & Publisher
25 of DC Comics, John Schulman, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of
26 Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., and Wayne Smith, Warner Bros. Entertainment
27 Inc. Vice President, Senior Litigation and Chief Patent Counsel.
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1 On May 28, 2008, the parties conducted an eight hour mediation session.
2 The following parties attended on Plaintiffs' behalf: counsel Marc Toberoff,
3 Nicholas Williamson and Keith Adams, and plaintiffs Joanne Siegel and Laura
4 Siegel Larson. The following parties attended on Defendants' behalf: outside
5 counsel Michael Bergman, Roger Zissu, and Anjani Mandavia; Paul Levitz,
6 President & Publisher of DC Comics, John Schulman, Executive Vice President
7 and General Counsel of Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., and Wayne Smith,
8 Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Vice President, Senior Litigation and Chief Patent
9 Counsel.

10 On June 18, 2008, the parties conducted a seven hour mediation session.
11 The following parties attended on Plaintiffs' behalf: counsel Marc Toberoff and
12 Keith Adams, and plaintiffs Joanne Siegel and Laura Siegel Larson. The following
13 parties attended on Defendants' behalf: outside counsel Michael Bergman, Roger
14 Zissu, and Patrick Perkins; Paul Levitz, President Publisher of DC Comics, John
15 Schulman, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Warner Bros.
16 Entertainment Inc., and Wayne Smith, Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Vice
17 President, Senior Litigation and Chief Patent Counsel.

18 On June 19, 2008, the parties conducted a three hour mediation session. The
19 following parties attended on Plaintiffs' behalf: counsel Marc Toberoff and Keith
20 Adams, and plaintiffs Joanne Siegel and Laura Siegel Larson. The following
21 parties attended on Defendants' behalf: outside counsel Michael Bergman, Roger
22 Zissu, and Patrick Perkins; Paul Levitz, President & Publisher of DC Comics, John
23 Schulman, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Warner Bros.
24 Entertainment Inc., and Wayne Smith, Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Vice
25 President, Senior Litigation and Chief Patent Counsel..

26 Despite the parties' efforts, they were unable to settle their dispute by the
27 conclusion of these mediation sessions. At the end of the last session, mediator
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1 Hon. Daniel Weinstein (Ret.) indicated that he would be contacting the parties
2 after returning from a vacation to potentially continue settlement discussions.


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4 Respectfully submitted,

5 DATED: June 27, 2008

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