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UNILOC USA V MICROSOFT – JUDGMENT FURTHER UPDATE

- 1. In this matter Uniloc USA won a jury verdict in April 2009 to the effect that:
 - a) It held a valid patent;
 - b) the patent had been infringed by Microsoft;
 - c) the infringement was willful; and
 - d) damages of US\$388M should be paid by Microsoft to Uniloc USA.
- 2. In September 2009 the trial judge overturned the jury's verdict and effectively dismissed the Uniloc USA claim.
- 3. Uniloc USA thereupon appealed to the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and various cross appeals were lodged and argued by Microsoft.
- 4. On 5 March 2010 IMF announced its agreement to provide US\$5M to Uniloc USA to enable it to pursue the appeal and to pursue other patent enforcement litigation and licensing programs against other software companies.
- 5. The basis of the agreement between IMF and Uniloc USA is that IMF will receive a percentage of all income from the Microsoft case, other patent enforcement cases and the licensing program until IMF has received US\$30M.
- 6. The Uniloc USA appeal was heard and judgment delivered on 5 January 2011.
- 7. The Appeal Court found that:
 - a) the patent was valid;
 - b) Microsoft had infringed the patent as alleged;
 - c) there was no wilful infringement; and
 - d) there must be a re-trial on the question of damages.
- 8. Short of an agreement between Uniloc USA and Microsoft in relation to damages a trial as to damages before a jury will occur within the next six months or so.

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- 9. Without agreement between the parties it is more likely than not that any payment from Microsoft will occur in the 2012 financial year or later.
- 10. It is possible that Microsoft may appeal to the USA Supreme Court.
- 11. The outcome of a retrial on damages will be appealable to the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- 12. In the meantime Uniloc USA has issued infringement action against some 120 other defendants including Sony, McAfee, Adobe, Symantec, Intuit, AutoDesk and Electronic Arts.
- 13. Uniloc USA has commenced, and, in some cases, finalized settlement talks with these other software providers.
- 14. In each of these matters the same patent is relied upon and it is alleged that each software company infringed the patent.
- 15. IMF (Australia) Ltd is unable to estimate what income will be generated from Uniloc USA this financial year.

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