EXHIBIT A

1 2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF UTAH 3 THE SCO GROUP, INC.,) 4) Plaintiff,) 5) VS.) No. 2:03CV0294 6) INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS) 7 MACHINES CORP.,)) 8 Defendant.) -----) 9 10 11 12 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL DeFAZIO 13 New York, New York Thursday, January 13, 2005 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 Reported by: 22 Jennifer A. Ocampo, CSR 23 JOB NO. 169142 24 25

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- 2 (A brief recess was taken.)
- 3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is 4:55
- 4 p.m. and we're back on the video record.
- 5 BY MR. MARRIOTT:
- 6 Q. Did there come a point, Mr. DeFazio,
- 7 when Novell sold certain UNIX system related
- 8 assets to Santa Cruz?
- 9 A. Yes.

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- 10 Q. And do you recall when that was?
- 11 A. That was in the end of 1995.

2 Q. I believe you testified earlier that

you understood Novell to have retained significant

assets in that sale; is that right?

A. That is correct.

Q. And did the retained asset include, as

you understand it, important intellectual property

and significant substantive rights under the UNIX

System V source code license agreement such as the

IBM related agreements and the Sequent related

agreements?

MR. ESKOVITZ: Objection to form.

A. Yes, that's correct.

24 Q. And who was responsible for negotiating

25 the sale of Novell's UNIX business to Santa Cruz?

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- 2 copyrights to the UNIX source code to Santa Cruz
- 3 under the asset purchase agreement?
- 4 MR. MARRIOTT: I just object to form as
- 5 to that one and to the one that preceded it.
- 6 A. Yes. Novell did not -- did not
- 7 transfer the copyright to the UNIX software as
- 8 part of the APA.

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- 9 Q. Did Novell ever transfer the copyrights
- 10 to the UNIX software to Santa Cruz?
- 11 MR. MARRIOTT: Objection as to form.
- 12 A. Some people have said that Amendment 2
- 13 did that. I can't say for sure that it did or it
- 14 didn't, but the APA did not transfer.

Q. Was it your understanding that the APA

at the time was intended to transfer the

copyrights for UNIX to Santa Cruz?

MR. MARRIOTT: Objection to form, asked and answered.

A. No. The APA as it was written retained it and my understanding was that the retention was as the way the team crafted the words to implement the goal of bulletproofing this financial asset stream. I was not involved in any discussions within Novell or certainly with Santa Cruz that

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talked about transferring the copyright or not transferring it. It just appeared this way in the APA and that's what was executed.

Q. So your testimony concerning the copyright issue is based on your reading of the APA; is that fair to say?

A. Well, it's based on two things. It's my reading of the APA, but also my recalling that I was not involved in any discussions one way or the other keeping the copyright or transferring it. It just wasn't discussed with me and wasn't discussed -- wasn't an issue that was escalated and certainly wasn't discussed in my meetings with Santa Cruz. That would be, you know, kind of a specific of the deal, not part of the broad discussions on the whole concept of what we were

18 trying to do with the APA.

- 19 Q. But that would have been something
- 20 within Ed Chatlos' realm of responsibility if
- 21 there were discussions about that?
- 22 MR. MARRIOTT: Objection as to form.
- A. If there was a discussion and an
- 24 impasse on that question that certainly would have
- 25 been escalated to me.