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12 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
13 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

14 YoHolla International, LLC, an Arizona  
15 limited liability company,

16 Plaintiff,

17 vs.

18 Burton Design Group, Inc., a California  
19 corporation; Pinwheel Designs Corp., a  
20 Nevada corporation,

21 Defendants.

NO.

**COMPLAINT FOR  
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT,  
BREACH OF CONTRACT,  
TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE  
WITH A BUSINESS  
RELATIONSHIP, DEFAMATION,  
AND INDEMNIFICATION**

**[JURY TRIAL REQUESTED]**

22 Plaintiff YoHolla International, LLC ("YoHolla") by and through its attorneys,  
23 Quarles & Brady LLP, for its complaint against Defendants Burton Design Group, Inc.,  
24 ("BDG") and Pinwheel Designs Corp. ("Pinwheel") (collectively, the "Defendants"),  
25 alleges and states as follows:

26 **PARTIES**

- 27 1. Plaintiff YoHolla is an Arizona limited liability company with its principal  
28 place of business in Tucson, Arizona.
2. Upon information and belief, Defendant BDG is a California corporation  
with its principal place of business in Mission Viejo, California.
3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Pinwheel is a Nevada corporation  
with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California.

1 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

2 4. This is an action for declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 in  
3 which YoHolla seeks a determination that it does not infringe any purported copyrights  
4 held by BDG and/or Pinwheel in certain software applications under 17 U.S.C. § 501, and  
5 that YoHolla is the exclusive copyright owner of such software applications as a matter of  
6 contract.

7 5. This is further an action for breach of contract, tortious interference with  
8 business, defamation, and indemnification.

9 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

10 6. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter on two grounds:

11 (i) 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1338(a), because this matter arises under the  
12 copyright laws of the United States, 17 U.S.C. §§ 501 et seq.;

13 (ii) 28 U.S.C. § 1332, because there is complete diversity of citizenship  
14 in that Plaintiff YoHolla is a citizen of Arizona with its principal place of business in  
15 Arizona, whereas Defendants BDG and Pinwheel are citizens of California and Nevada,  
16 respectively, with their principal places of business in California, and the amount in  
17 controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs, and in addition to  
18 other and further relief, declaratory relief is sought.

19 7. Supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims is also proper in this  
20 Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 and the principles of pendent jurisdiction.

21 8. Personal jurisdiction over Defendants exists, at least, as a matter of contract  
22 and because some or all of the acts or events giving rise to this action occurred in this  
23 judicial district. *See* Software/Design Development and Services Agreement (hereinafter,  
24 "Software Contract"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, Section 13 (Jurisdiction/Disputes)  
25 ("All disputes under this Agreement shall be resolved by litigation in the courts of the  
26 State of Arizona, United States of America, including the federal courts situated therein  
27 and the parties all consent to the jurisdiction of such courts, agree to accept service of  
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1 process by mail, and hereby waive any jurisdictional or venue defenses otherwise  
2 available....").

3 9. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c)  
4 because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims asserted herein arose in  
5 this district and/or because a substantial part of property that is the subject of this action is  
6 situated in this judicial district, and as a matter of contract. (*See* Exhibit A, Software  
7 Contract at Section 13.)

### 8 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

9 10. YoHolla is an advertising-free, subscription-based online social network  
10 designed to give users maximum control over connecting and sharing information online  
11 with friends and family in a safe and private forum.

12 11. On December 8, 2010, YoHolla entered into a Software Contract with  
13 Defendant Pinwheel for the design and development of an iPhone-compatible mobile  
14 application (the "iPhone Application") and an Android-compatible mobile application (the  
15 "Android Application").

16 12. Under the Software Contract, Defendant Pinwheel agreed to complete and  
17 deliver to YoHolla both the iPhone and the Android Applications by January 1, 2011.  
18 Defendant Pinwheel was fully aware of the fact that "time was of the essence." (*See*  
19 Exhibit A, Software Contract at Section 19 ("**TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE**") ("Time is  
20 of the essence with respect to this Agreement and with respect to any and all obligations  
21 and covenants herein.")). Indeed, total time to complete the project was just over three  
22 weeks due to the expedited nature of the project and YoHolla's planned market launch of  
23 its social network on January 1, 2011.

24 13. Under Section 5 of the Software Contract, all software and/or deliverables,  
25 including the iPhone and Android Applications and source code thereof, was the sole  
26 property of YoHolla. YoHolla owned all rights, including all intellectual property rights.  
27 (*See* Exhibit A, Software Contract at Section 5(a) ("All Software and/or Deliverables,  
28 including all work product thereof, thereto, or therefrom, shall automatically, without

1 further action by either party, be the sole property of [YoHolla] upon their creation or (in  
2 the case of copyrightable works) fixation in a tangible medium of expression, and  
3 [YoHolla] shall own all rights, including all intellectual property rights, title and interest  
4 therein.")).

5 14. Under Section 5 of the Software Contract, Defendant Pinwheel agreed that  
6 all original works of authorship, including the iPhone and Android Applications and the  
7 source code thereof, protected by copyright are "works made for hire" as defined by  
8 17 U.S.C. § 101. (*See* Exhibit A, Software Contract at Section 5).

9 15. Defendant Pinwheel also assigned "to [YoHolla] all of its right, title and  
10 interest in and to all of the Software or Deliverables, including all work product thereof,  
11 thereto, or therefrom, and all copies of any of the foregoing, including, without limitation,  
12 all intellectual property rights therein (and all renewals and extensions thereof),  
13 throughout the world, without any requirement of further consideration." (*See* Exhibit A,  
14 Software Contract, Section 5(a)).

15 16. Under Section 8 of the Software Contract, Defendant Pinwheel agreed to  
16 defend, indemnify, and hold harmless YoHolla against all costs, expenses, and losses,  
17 including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, incurred through claims of third parties  
18 against YoHolla that were based on Defendant Pinwheel's breach of the Software  
19 Contract. (*See* Exhibit A, Software Contract at Section 8).

20 17. Thereafter Defendant Pinwheel subcontracted with BDG to write the  
21 software programming for both the iPhone and Android Applications.

22 18. Despite knowing that timely delivery of both the iPhone and Android  
23 Applications was critical for a January 1, 2011, planned market launch of YoHolla's social  
24 network, Defendants Pinwheel and BDG missed the January 1, 2011, delivery date.

25 19. Moreover, builds of both the iPhone and Android Applications received by  
26 YoHolla were so riddled with bugs as to be virtually nonfunctional.

27 20. YoHolla paid a total of \$60,000 for the iPhone and Android Applications  
28 despite not receiving functional Applications.

1           21. As a result of Defendants Pinwheel's and BDG's failure to deliver functional  
2 iPhone and Android Applications by the January 1, 2011, deadline, YoHolla was forced to  
3 delay the planned market launch of its social network, resulting in significant and material  
4 losses.

5           22. On January 28, 2011, an addendum to the Software Contract was executed  
6 between YoHolla and Defendant BDG in the form of a revised Statement of Work in  
7 connection with the Software Contract ("SOW"), which is attached as Exhibit B to this  
8 Complaint.

9           23. Under the SOW, Defendant BDG committed to a revised delivery date of  
10 February 8, 2011, for the iPhone Application and February 15, 2011, for the Android  
11 Application. Further, YoHolla agreed to pay an additional \$15,000 on top of the original  
12 \$70,000 estimate, for completion and delivery of the fully functional iPhone and Android  
13 Applications by the extended deadlines established in the SOW. Thus, the total of  
14 \$25,000 represented \$10,000 remaining due on the original Software Contract, and an  
15 additional \$15,000 to deliver fully functional applications.

16           24. Defendant BDG again missed both the February 8, 2011, delivery date for  
17 the iPhone Application and the February 15, 2011, delivery date for the Android  
18 Application, even though Defendant BDG was fully informed that time was of the  
19 essence.

20           25. Furthermore, each build of the iPhone and Android Applications provided to  
21 YoHolla continued to be riddled with bugs.

22           26. As a result of Defendant BDG's failure to make the promised delivery dates  
23 for the iPhone and Android Applications, YoHolla was again forced to delay the planned  
24 market launch of its social network at significant and material loss.

25           27. YoHolla finally received what it was told were "completed" builds for both  
26 the iPhone Application and the Android Application on or about February 19, 2011.

27           28. As with all previous builds, both Applications were riddled with bugs.  
28 Further, the Android Application was so deficient as to be essentially non-functional.

1           29. As a result of Defendants Pinwheel's and BDG's failure to provide bug-free  
2 builds of the iPhone and Android Applications which met the specifications set forth in  
3 the Software Contract and the SOW, YoHolla lost all confidence in Defendants Pinwheel  
4 and BDG and was forced to contract with a third-party software developer to finish both  
5 the iPhone and Android Applications.

6           30. As a matter of contract, YoHolla was fully within its rights to "complete  
7 Software either by itself or through the services of a third-party and to charge back to  
8 Developer any costs incurred." (See Exhibit A, Software Contract at Section 10(c)).

9           31. In regards to the Android Application, it was so deficient that not only did it  
10 lack functionality, when installed on a cellular telephone, it created problems with the  
11 phone's normal operation, which would resolve when the application was removed. As a  
12 result of these interference failures, YoHolla's new software developer has been forced to  
13 completely rewrite the Android Application source code.

14           32. Given that the source code for the Android Application has to be completely  
15 rewritten, YoHolla effectively paid \$60,000 for a defective iPhone Application, instead of  
16 paying \$85,000 for a fully functional iPhone and Android Application.

17           33. Due to the numerous bugs in the iPhone Application and because of the  
18 amount of work that will be needed to completely rewrite the Android Application,  
19 YoHolla's new software developer anticipates it will cost another \$50,000 to complete the  
20 iPhone and Android applications.

21           34. Under the Software Contract, the cost to complete the iPhone and Android  
22 Applications is chargeable to Defendant Pinwheel. (See Exhibit A, Section 10(c) of the  
23 Software Contract).

24           35. Defendants Pinwheel's and BDG's failure to provide builds of the iPhone  
25 and Android Applications in conformity with the specifications constituted a material  
26 breach of the Software Contract.

27           36. Defendant BDG's failure to provide builds of the iPhone and Android  
28 Applications in conformity with the SOW constituted a material breach of the SOW.

1           37. The inability of YoHolla to be able to launch the iPhone and Android  
2 Applications on January 1, 2011, has resulted in over \$550,000.00 in delay damages  
3 alone, not including subscription sales that would have been generated after launch.

4           38. Given that Defendant BDG failed to provide builds of the iPhone and  
5 Android Applications in conformance with the SOW, YoHolla stopped payment on a  
6 \$25,000 check it had provided to Defendant BDG as final payment pursuant to the SOW.

7           39. Because of all the repeated delays that were caused by BDG and Pinwheel,  
8 which had initially promised YoHolla a completion date of January 1, 2011, YoHolla was  
9 forced to launch the iPhone Application in late February, 2011, notwithstanding that the  
10 functionality that was contracted for was still missing and the iPhone Application still  
11 required significant debugging.

12           40. The new software developer is currently working to fully debug and  
13 complete the iPhone Application for YoHolla. Only after that work is completed will  
14 YoHolla finally be able to launch a fully functional and fully debugged iPhone  
15 Application.

16           41. On February 25, 2011, YoHolla received a letter from James Hornbuckle,  
17 counsel for Defendant BDG, demanding payment of \$25,000 for development of the  
18 iPhone and Android Applications. The February 25, 2011, letter further included a  
19 demand that YoHolla cease and desist using any of the source code developed by BDG  
20 for the iPhone Application and that further use would constitute willful copyright  
21 infringement. This false claim was made despite the fact that Section 5 of the Software  
22 Contract makes explicit that all rights, title, and interest, including the copyrights, in the  
23 iPhone Application and source code developed there under, were assigned to and are  
24 owned by YoHolla. (*See* Exhibit C (Letter by BDG dated February 25, 2011)).

25           42. On March 3, 2011, YoHolla received a first notice from Apple that Apple  
26 had also received a communication from Defendant BDG on February 25, 2011, in which  
27 Defendant BDG had stated, falsely, that YoHolla's iPhone Application infringes  
28 Defendant BDG's intellectual property rights, despite the fact that Section 5 of the



1 Software Contract makes explicit that all rights, title, and interest, including the  
2 copyrights, in the iPhone Application and source code developed thereunder, were  
3 assigned to and are owned by YoHolla. (*See* Exhibit D (First Notice from Apple dated  
4 March 3, 2011)).

5 43. Apple notified YoHolla that in Defendant BDG's February 25, 2011,  
6 communication with Apple, Defendant BDG stated that YoHolla, ". . . is using code that  
7 doesn't [sic] belong to them." BDG made these statements despite the fact that Section 5 of  
8 the Software Contract makes explicit that all rights, title, and interest, including the  
9 copyrights, in the iPhone Application and source code developed thereunder, were  
10 assigned to and are owned by YoHolla. (*See* Exhibit D).

11 44. As a direct result of Defendant BDG's false claims, Apple notified YoHolla  
12 that it required that YoHolla either provide written assurance to Apple that YoHolla's  
13 iPhone Application does not infringe Defendant BDG's rights or that YoHolla was taking  
14 steps to promptly resolve the matter.

15 45. On March 4, 2011, YoHolla sent a letter to Defendants Pinwheel and BDG  
16 in response to Defendant BDG's demand letter of February 25, 1011. In the March 4,  
17 2011, letter, YoHolla informed Defendants Pinwheel and BDG that the March 4, 2011,  
18 letter constituted written notice of termination of all contracts between YoHolla and  
19 Defendants Pinwheel and BDG pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Software Contract,  
20 written Notice of Rejection pursuant to Section 3(d) of the Software Contract of both the  
21 iPhone and Android Applications, and notice to Defendant Pinwheel of YoHolla's demand  
22 that Defendant Pinwheel defend, indemnify, and hold YoHolla harmless against  
23 Defendant BDG's claims pursuant to Section 8 of the Software Contract. Further, in the  
24 March 4, 2011, letter, YoHolla notified Defendant BDG that YoHolla would seek full  
25 recourse for its damages from Defendant BDG should Apple remove YoHolla's iPhone  
26 Application from the iTunes store.



1           46.     On March 7, 2011, YoHolla notified Apple that YoHolla is the sole and  
2 rightful owner of YoHolla's iPhone Application and made the required averments under  
3 the Digital Millennium Copyright Act pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 512(g)(3).

4           47.     On March 10, 2011, YoHolla received a second notification from Apple in  
5 which Apple confirmed receipt of YoHolla's March 7, 2011, correspondence. Apple also  
6 warned that: "If this issue is not resolved shortly, Apple may be forced to pull your  
7 application(s) from the App Store." (*See* Exhibit E, attached hereto (Second Notice from  
8 Apple dated March 10, 2011)).

9           48.     On March 18, 2011, YoHolla received yet a third notification from Apple  
10 that Defendant BDG had again advised Apple that the matter concerning YoHolla's  
11 iPhone Application was still unresolved. Upon information and belief, Defendant BDG  
12 again reasserted that Defendant BDG owned the intellectual property, including  
13 copyrights, to YoHolla's iPhone Application. (*See* Exhibit F (Third Notice from Apple  
14 dated March 18, 2011)).

15           49.     In its March 18, 2011, communication, Apple notified YoHolla that the  
16 iPhone Application could be removed from the iTunes store if the matter was not resolved  
17 shortly. Apple stated that: "Burton Design Group has advised that this matter is still not  
18 resolved. Please contact Burton Design Group immediately regarding this issue.... As  
19 you know, it is your responsibility to resolve this issue directly with Burton Design  
20 Group, and further, that you are responsible for any liability to Apple in connection with  
21 this matter. We look forward to confirmation from you and Burton Design Group that this  
22 issue has been resolved. If the matter is not resolved shortly, Apple may pull your app  
23 from the App Store." (*See* Exhibit F).

24           50.     As a direct result of Defendant BDG's false assertion that BDG owns the  
25 intellectual property rights to YoHolla's iPhone Application, Apple has sent YoHolla three  
26 separate notices threatening to remove the YoHolla iPhone Application from its iTune's  
27 store.  
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1 owner of the iPhone and Android Applications, and all intellectual property rights relating  
2 thereto.

3 56. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201, YoHolla respectfully requests a declaration  
4 from this Court establishing (i) YoHolla as the copyright owner of the iPhone and  
5 Android Applications, (ii) declaring that YoHolla has not infringed, and is not now  
6 infringing, willfully or otherwise, any copyright held by Defendant BDG and/or Pinwheel  
7 in the iPhone Application or the Android Application, and (iii) all copyright and all  
8 intellectual property rights relating to the iPhone and Android Applications have been  
9 assigned to YoHolla.

10 57. Count I of this Complaint arises out of contract, express or implied, and  
11 therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-341.01, YoHolla is entitled to recover its costs and  
12 reasonable attorneys' fees. Further, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-1840, YoHolla is entitled to  
13 recover its costs incurred herein.

14 **COUNT II**  
15 **BREACH OF CONTRACT**

16 58. The allegations of paragraphs 1-57 are incorporated by reference as if fully  
17 set forth herein.

18 59. YoHolla and Defendant Pinwheel entered into the Software Contract  
19 whereby Defendant Pinwheel agreed to design, develop, and deliver iPhone and Android  
20 Applications for YoHolla's social network by January 1, 2011.

21 60. Thereafter Defendant Pinwheel subcontracted software development work  
22 to Defendant BDG.

23 61. Pursuant to the Software Contract, YoHolla made the first three payments of  
24 \$20,000 for a total of \$60,000.

25 62. Defendants Pinwheel and BDG have breached the Software Contract by  
26 failing to design, develop, and deliver iPhone and Android Applications in the time  
27 deadlines specified and by failing to deliver at any time Applications which conformed to  
28 the specifications of the Software Contract.



1 70. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant BDG contacting Apple and  
2 falsely stating that YoHolla's iPhone Application infringes Defendant BDG's intellectual  
3 property rights, Apple has threatened to remove YoHolla's iPhone Application from its  
4 iTunes store.

5 71. But for Defendant BDG's actions, Apple would not be threatening to remove  
6 YoHolla's iPhone Application from its iTunes store.

7 72. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant BDG's intentional  
8 wrongdoing, YoHolla has been harmed. Specifically YoHolla's business reputation with  
9 Apple has been harmed.

10 73. As a result of the foregoing, YoHolla has suffered substantial damages in an  
11 amount to be established at trial.

12 74. The foregoing conduct constitutes deliberate and tortious conduct which  
13 warrants an award of punitive damages against Defendant BDG in an amount sufficient to  
14 punish Defendant BDG and to deter future similar conduct. Defendant BDG has showed  
15 a reckless disregard for the highly probable damaging effect that Defendant BDG's  
16 interference would have.

17 **COUNT IV**  
18 **DEFAMATION (DEFENDANT BDG)**

19 75. The allegations of paragraphs 1-74 are incorporated by reference as if fully  
20 set forth herein.

21 76. Defendant BDG, by notifying Apple on February 25, 2011, that YoHolla's  
22 iPhone Application infringes Defendant BDG's intellectual property rights and that  
23 YoHolla "is using code that doesn't [sic] belong to them," has published false statements  
24 and broadcast the same to Apple, with knowledge of the falsity of the statements, in an  
25 effort to damage the reputation of YoHolla within its business, trade, and/or professional  
26 community. On or before March 18, 2011, Defendant BDG contacted Apple again,  
27 further reiterating these false statements.  
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1 77. Defendant BDG's actions constitute defamation under Arizona common  
2 law. YoHolla has suffered damages as the proximate result of Defendant BDG's conduct.

3 **COUNT V**

4 **INDEMNIFICATION (DEFENDANT PINWHEEL)**

5 78. The allegations of paragraphs 1-77 are incorporated by reference as if fully  
6 set forth herein.

7 79. Because of Defendant Pinwheel's actions and/or inactions, YoHolla has  
8 been threatened with a cease and desist demand and liability claim for willful copyright  
9 infringement from Defendant BDG. Apple has also asserted that it will hold YoHolla  
10 liable for any claims by BDG. YoHolla has also sustained damages in incurring attorneys'  
11 fees to respond to legal threats asserted by Defendant BDG.

12 80. YoHolla is entitled to contribution and/or indemnification for all such  
13 damages and future damages, if any, from Defendant Pinwheel pursuant to Section 8 of  
14 the Software Contract. (*See* Exhibit A, Software Contract at Section 8).

15 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff YoHolla demands judgment and relief against  
16 Defendants as follows:

17 A. That the Court issue a judgment declaring that YoHolla does not infringe  
18 any copyrights in the iPhone and Android Applications;

19 B. That the Court issue a judgment declaring that Defendant BDG and  
20 Pinwheel have assigned all right, title, and interest in the iPhone and Android  
21 Applications, including the source code thereof, to YoHolla and that YoHolla is the  
22 exclusive owner of the copyrights relating to the iPhone and Android Applications and all  
23 intellectual property rights therein;

24 C. An award of damages for breach of contract as proven at trial against  
25 Defendants Pinwheel and BDG;

26 D. An award of damages incurred as proven at trial against Defendant BDG for  
27 tortious interference with a business relationship;

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1 E. A judgment against Defendant Pinwheel for contribution and/or indemnity  
2 against all claims, costs, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in defending  
3 against any claims that may be asserted by Defendant BDG or any related third party  
4 against YoHolla;

5 F. An award of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish Defendant  
6 BDG and to deter others from engaging in such conduct in the future;

7 G. An award of YoHolla's reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-  
8 341.01, taxable costs pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-341, and costs pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-  
9 1840;

10 H. Interest on the foregoing costs and expenses at the highest rate provided by  
11 law from the date of entry of judgment until paid; and

12 I. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

13 **JURY DEMAND**

14 Plaintiff YoHolla demands a Jury Trial on all issues and claims so triable.

15 DATED this 24th day of March, 2011.

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