

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, )  
)  
Plaintiff, )  
)  
v. )  
)  
JOHN DOES 1-2, CONTROLLING )  
A COMPUTER NETWORK )  
THEREBY INJURING PLAINTIFF )  
AND ITS CUSTOMERS, )  
)  
Defendants. )

Civil Case No. 1:21-cv-822 (RDA/IDD)

**ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation’s (“Plaintiff”) Motion and Supporting Memorandum for Limited Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants. Dkt. 23. Upon consideration of Plaintiff’s Motion and supporting documentation, and for good cause shown, Plaintiff’s Motion for Limited Authority to Conduct Discovery Necessary to Identify and Serve Doe Defendants (Dkt. 23) is GRANTED.

It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff shall be permitted a discovery period of 180 days, during which it will move forward diligently with subpoenas to email service providers, domain name registrars, hosting companies and payment providers in an attempt to further identify Defendants and/or to obtain additional contact information through which to effect service of process; and


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall have authority to send subpoenas to the third-party email service providers, domain registrars and hosting companies, NameSilo LLC, Google LLC, Oath Holdings Inc., Oath Inc., 1&1 Internet SE, Namecheap, Inc., Network

Solutions, LLC, and PDR Ltd. d/b/a/ PublicDomainRegistry.com., associated with Defendants generally and Defendants' known infrastructure identified in the Order granting Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (Dkt. 18) or the Court's Order granting Plaintiff's requested preliminary injunction; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during this limited discovery, upon providing notice to the Court of Plaintiff's need to send further subpoena requests to additional third-party service providers, Plaintiff may serve discovery to Internet service providers (ISPs), email service providers, hosting companies, and payment providers that are identified in such notices and are likely to have information that could aid in the identification of the Doe Defendants. Subpoena requests will be made solely to attempt to further identify Defendants and/or to obtain additional contact information through which to effect service of process.

It is SO ORDERED.

Alexandria, Virginia  
July 30, 2021

  
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Rossie D. Alston, Jr.  
United States District Judge