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MPAA STUDIOS PREVAIL IN CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST XUNLEI FOR INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT

Court awards over USD200,000 in damages, plus costs

BEIJING / SINGAPORE: On August 21, the Shenzhen Nanshan District People’s Court found Shenzhen Xunlei Networking Technologies Co. (Xunlei), a large online content and service provider in China, liable for copyright infringement.

The decisions stemmed from civil actions launched January 19, 2015, by Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) member company studios, related to alleged infringement by Xunlei of 28 MPAA member company studio titles. The Court in its decisions enjoins Xunlei from further infringing the studios’ copyrights, awards damages totalling RMB1.4 million (approx. USD209,860) and awards litigation costs of RMB162,400 (approx. USD24,340) to the studios. In each decision, the Court holds that Xunlei infringed the MPAA member company studios’ copyrights by providing their titles to the public on its websites, f.xunlei.com and kuai.xunlei.com, without authorisation.

Mike Ellis, President and Managing Director Asia Pacific, Motion Picture Association, said, “We are heartened that the Court in Shenzhen has found in favour of strong copyright. The legitimate Chinese film and television industry has worked hard to provide audiences with a wide range of legal options for their audio-visual entertainment – a marketplace that has flourished because of the rights afforded to copyright owners under the law. We will continue to work with our local partners in China to help promote and protect the legitimate marketplace for films and television content.”

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Promoting & Protecting Screen Communities in Asia Pacific

The Motion Picture Association (MPA) and the Motion Picture Association International (MPA-I) represent the interests of the six international producers and distributors of filmed and television entertainment. To do so, they promote and protect the intellectual property rights of these companies and conduct public awareness programs to highlight to movie fans around the world the importance of content protection. These activities have helped to transform entire markets benefiting film and television industries in each country including foreign and local filmmakers alike.

The organizations act on behalf of the members of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) which include; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation; Universal City Studios LLC; Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. The MPA and the MPA-I have worldwide operations which are directed from their head offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. and overseen in the Asia Pacific by a team based in Singapore. For more information about the MPA and the MPA-I, please visit www.mpa-i.org.

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