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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

BANK JULIUS BAER & CO., LTD, a Swiss entity; and JULIUS BAER BANK & TRUST CO. LTD., a Cayman Island entity,

No. CV-08-0824 JSW

Plaintiffs,

v.

WIKILEAKS, an entity of unknown form; WIKILEAKS.ORG, an entity of unknown form; DYNADOT. LLC, a California limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

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**DECLARATION OF PETER LURIE**

I, Peter Lurie, declare as follows:

1. I am the Deputy Director of the Health Research Group, the health policy and research arm of Public Citizen. Public Citizen, established in 1971, is a national nonprofit organization that advocates for openness and democratic accountability in government; for the right of consumers to seek redress in the courts; for clean, safe and sustainable energy sources; for social and economic justice in trade policies; for strong health, safety and environmental protections; and for safe, effective and affordable prescription drugs and health care. Public Citizen has members nationwide, including approximately 15,000 members in California.

2. I have served in my current position as Deputy Director since August 1999. I have personally authored or co-authored dozens of reports for Public Citizen's Health Research Group, including reports on dangerous drugs, medical devices, occupational health and

1 health care delivery. Before joining Public Citizen, I was on the faculty of the University of  
2 California, San Francisco and the University of Michigan. I hold a bachelor's degree in  
3 chemistry from Cornell University, an M.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
4 and a Masters in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley.  
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6 3. Much of Public Citizen's advocacy is conducted through original research and  
7 reporting on matters of public concern. Public Citizen's Health Research Group has become  
8 known for authoritative, investigative reports on health policy whose findings are widely  
9 reported in the press and used by members of Congress, the regulatory agencies and other  
10 advocates in shaping legislation, regulation, and policies. These reports may rely on a  
11 combination of public databases, leaked government documents, various internet resources,  
12 Freedom of Information Act requests, searches of news reports, and information from  
13 whistleblowers and consumers.  
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16 4. The best example of the usefulness of leaked government documents involved Food  
17 and Drug Administration (FDA) consideration of a drug company plan to conduct research  
18 on its new drug in Latin America using a design that the agency acknowledged would be  
19 unacceptable in the United States. The FDA convened an internal meeting to discuss the  
20 ethics of the proposed research. The public had no idea that the meeting was taking place, as  
21 the FDA customarily will not confirm the existence of a New Drug Application while the  
22 drug is still under review, much less of any internal meeting convened to discuss it. An  
23 FDA employee who had been present at the meeting provided us with the slides that had  
24 been presented. On February 22, 2001, we released a letter to the Department of Health and  
25 Human Services criticizing the proposed research and attaching the leaked documents. On  
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1 April 4, 2001, the company redesigned the study to address our criticisms.

2 5. We also, at times, use leaked corporate documents. We obtained internal corporate  
3 inspection data and memoranda relating to devices for the disposal of sharp, potentially  
4 infected injection equipment. The documents established that the walls of the devices were  
5 not reliably thick enough to prevent needles from piercing them. On July 6, 1995, we wrote  
6 a letter to the FDA commissioner exposing these unsafe devices and the very next day the  
7 company ordered a recall of thousands of them.  
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10 6. Information concerning corporate and governmental misconduct is essential to our  
11 research reports. The most useful information of this kind comes in the form of actual  
12 corporate and government documents revealing the misconduct or abuses at issue. Such  
13 information, however, is naturally hard to come by because it is frequently suppressed or  
14 withheld from disclosure. Our work depends on our ability to gain access to such  
15 information.  
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17 7. I believe that Wikileaks is a valuable tool for the unique type of research that we  
18 conduct at Public Citizen's Health Research Group. Both the subject matter of the website  
19 (government and corporate misconduct) and the type of information posted on the site  
20 (original government and corporate documents) are directly relevant to our work.  
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22 8. Public Citizen's Health Research Group, therefore, has a strong interest in access to the  
23 documents posted on Wikileaks. Public Citizen's ability to perform its research work is  
24 significant enhanced by the willingness of those with information on governmental and  
25 corporate misconduct to disclose that information without threat of retaliation. If Wikileaks  
26 is shut down, the ability of Public Citizen and its members to access that information will be  
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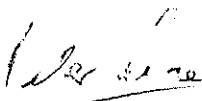
1 significantly impaired.

2 9. Indeed, this Court's permanent injunction of February 15, 2008, which ordered the  
3 Wikileaks.org site shut down, not only impairs, but completely forecloses, the ability of  
4 Public Citizen to access the information that would otherwise be available on Wikileaks.  
5 Thus, the disposition of this case has already had, and may continue to have, the effect of  
6 impeding the ability of Public Citizen to protect its significant First Amendment interests in  
7 the material posted on Wikileaks.  
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10 10. Public Citizen's Health Research Group is concerned that its First Amendment  
11 interests will not be adequately represented in this Court absent Public Citizen's intervention  
12 because Wikileaks has not appeared in this action to defend itself. Moreover, even if  
13 Wikileaks does appear, there is no reason to believe that Wikileaks would be able to  
14 adequately represent the interests of Public Citizen.  
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16 Executed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of February, 2008.

17 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is  
18 true and correct.  
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Peter Lurie