COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff Meta Platforms, Inc. ("Meta"), formerly known as Facebook, Inc., brings this Complaint against Defendant Dipinder Singh Khurana (professionally known as T.S. Khurana or "Khurana") to remedy numerous, serious contractual, common law, and statutory wrongs committed by Khurana against Meta, both during and after his Meta employment.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. This case concerns the brazenly disloyal and dishonest conduct by former Meta employee T.S. Khurana. Khurana was employed at Meta for twelve years. During that time, he rose to assume one of the most senior positions at Meta: Vice President.
- 2. As a Vice President, Meta entrusted Khurana to handle some of its most important business relationships and tasked him with delivering the best sourcing, supply chain, and engineering solutions for Meta's business-critical Infrastructure organization. In order to enable billions of people around the world to use its services and apps, Meta's Infrastructure organization designs and builds its own hardware, networking, and data-center technology. Khurana led Meta's Sourcing and Operations Engineering team within the Infrastructure organization.
- 3. To accomplish his work at Meta, Khurana was given access to proprietary, confidential, non-public and highly sensitive Meta documents and information that only a limited set of Meta's employees can access. He was invited to meetings to chart Meta's strategy for key initiatives (including infrastructure to support artificial-intelligence endeavors) that few employees can participate in. And he was privy to confidential, non-public, and highly sensitive employee information (including performance ratings and detailed compensation data) that Meta relies on to reward and retain industry-leading talent. This data is critical to Meta's success and is closely guarded information. For his work, Khurana was handsomely compensated. But for Khurana, that was not enough.

- 4. Sometime in 2023, if not before, Khurana decided to leave Meta to join a "stealth start-up" that Meta is informed and believes is seeking to provide AI cloud computing services at scale, including by designing and constructing data centers. Standing alone, this was not objectionable—Meta has no interest in quashing the free and fair movement of California employees, nor does it want to quash fair and robust competition.
- 5. Although Meta does not yet have full information regarding the extent of Khurana's misconduct towards Meta, Khurana's actions in leaving Meta show a stunning disregard for his obligations to Meta as an employee, to say nothing of his obligations and fiduciary duties to Meta as a Vice President.
- 6. Over the last several weeks of his Meta employment and before his access to Meta information and documents ended, Khurana uploaded to his personal cloud-storage accounts a trove of proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public documents about Meta's business and employees. For example, Khurana uploaded several spreadsheets of highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information regarding Meta employees, including information about Meta's "Top Talent," performance information for hundreds of Meta employees and detailed employee compensation information. Taken together, the sensitive, confidential, and non-public information in these spreadsheets provides an inside view as to how Meta makes compensation decisions, and also provides key information regarding not just the names of Meta employees but their levels, performance and skills at Meta. Khurana also uploaded several of Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public contracts with business partners who supply Meta with crucial components for its data centers. And other documents followed.
- 7. Some of the documents Khurana uploaded came from Meta's systems. Khurana obtained other documents by asking other Meta employees for that information, albeit without

informing them of his ulterior motives. Significantly, Khurana not only uploaded Meta's documents to his personal Google Drive and Dropbox accounts, but he uploaded numerous of these documents into folders bearing the name of his new employer. All of this occurred while Khurana was still on Meta's payroll.

- 8. Khurana's wrongdoing against Meta also continued after he left Meta. On information and belief, Khurana not only improperly retained access to the Meta documents and information that he had unlawfully taken during his Meta employment, but he also used at least some of these Meta documents at his new employer. This includes, but is not limited to, because Khurana placed numerous Meta documents onto his new work computer. This also includes, but is not limited to, because Khurana sent Meta's "Top Talent" document to others, even though it contained highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta information on hundreds of Meta employees, such as their level, performance and promotion-related information. Notably, between June and November 2023, at least eight Meta employees listed in this spreadsheet left Meta for Khurana's new employer and Meta is informed and believes that at least some of these departures resulted from Khurana's use and/or disclosure of Meta's own information about such employees. Moreover, numerous current or former Meta employees identified in this document were contacted regarding employment at Khurana's new employer after Khurana took this employee information from Meta—contacts that likely also resulted from Khurana's use and/or disclosure of non-public information regarding Meta employees while at his new employer.
- 9. Meta sent a letter to Khurana's current employer (cc'ing Khurana) about his apparent retention, and potential use, of Meta documents and information in November 2023. Since then, additional facts have confirmed, on information and belief, that Khurana has continued not to fully disclose, and/or has misstated, at least some key facts regarding his wrongful conduct towards Meta. As one example, on information and belief, in early January

2024, Khurana denied, "again," that he shared Meta files with personnel at his new employer. But Meta is informed and believes that this is untrue.

- 10. As another example, on information and belief, in December 2023, Khurana denied initiating the "first contact" with Meta employees to recruit them to leave Meta until "after" these employees were contacted by his new employer's recruiting personnel. Despite this, Meta is informed and believes that Khurana contacted, in the first instance, multiple Meta employees—including, significantly, employees who were listed in the "Top Talent" spreadsheet of Meta employee information taken by Khurana when leaving Meta.
- 11. In short, Khurana's conduct while leaving Meta, and since then, reflects an utter disregard for his contractual and legal obligations to Meta—including his confidentiality obligations to Meta set forth in the Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement ("CIIAA") that Khurana signed when joining Meta, the other contractual obligations he agreed to when joining Meta, his fiduciary duties to Meta, his duty of loyalty to Meta and his other similar obligations under California law. Khurana's conduct leaves Meta with no choice but to seek relief in this Court.

BACKGROUND

12. From May 2011 through early June 2023, Khurana worked at Meta in various roles. Like all employees at Meta, Khurana signed an agreement upon joining the company obligating him to maintain the confidentiality of Meta's proprietary, confidential, and non-public information and obligating him not to use, or copy Meta's proprietary, confidential, and non-public information except for Meta-related work purposes. Khurana also signed an agreement upon joining Meta that obligated him to return, and not to keep, Meta's proprietary, confidential, and non-public information when he left Meta.

- 13. Like all employees at Meta, Khurana had a duty of loyalty throughout his employment. And, given his very senior role at Meta, Khurana also had additional fiduciary duties to Meta during his employment.
- 14. At the time of his departure from Meta on June 1, 2023, Khurana held the position of Vice President of Infrastructure, leading Meta's Sourcing and Operations Engineering team. In this capacity, Khurana led a team of over 300 employees focused on sourcing, supply chain, and engineering solutions for Meta's infrastructure, including its data centers. As a Vice President, Meta entrusted Khurana with access to much of its proprietary, confidential, and non-public information, including detailed information regarding Meta's supply-chain organizational plans, supplier and vendor contracts containing Meta's pricing and supply information, artificial intelligence roadmaps, and closely held performance and compensation data about Meta's employees.
- 15. On May 15, 2023, Khurana gave notice that he intended to leave Meta for a new job. As a trusted senior employee, Meta allowed Khurana to maintain his access to Meta's systems until his departure date. On June 1, 2023, Khurana departed Meta.
- 16. Upon information and belief, Khurana is now leading the supply-chain group at a start-up seeking to provide AI cloud-computing services at scale, including by building and operating data centers. In a slide deck that Khurana prepared for his new employer during his Meta employment, Khurana stated his belief that in order for his new employer to reach its goals "We do not have the luxury of learning-as-we-go" Meta is informed and believes that this mentality likely contributed to Khurana's wrongful behavior against Meta described below.
- 17. In the weeks prior to his departure from Meta, Khurana uploaded hundreds of Meta files and documents—moving them from Meta's systems to his personal Google Drive and Dropbox accounts. The information that Khurana took from Meta included proprietary, highly

sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta information concerning Meta's data centers, suppliers, vendors, and artificial-intelligence programs. For example, among other information taken, Khurana took copies of Meta's contracts with certain key suppliers and vendors, which included Meta's pricing information and terms. The Meta information that Khurana took also included documents and files concerning Meta's organizational redesign of its supply-chain group, capacity planning documents, and documents regarding Meta's business operations, metrics and sourcing-related expenses. The information that Khurana took also included documents regarding Meta employees, their levels, performance information, potential promotion information, and detailed compensation data for employees in Meta's Infrastructure organization.

- 18. On information and belief, as detailed in this complaint, Khurana's actions were intentional and violated his duties to Meta.
- 19. For example, on or about May 11, 2023, Khurana uploaded to a non-Meta location two documents containing highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta employee information, including performance and compensation data. Of those two documents:
- i) One spreadsheet related to Meta's "Top Talent" and contained highly sensitive, non-public, and confidential Meta information regarding hundreds of Meta employees, including information regarding their level, performance, and promotion-related information. On information and belief, the data in this "Top Talent" spreadsheet regarding Meta employees was downloaded from Meta's internal Performance Management Tool, and the "Top Talent" spreadsheet was not created in the ordinary course of Meta's business. Khurana, in his role as a Vice President leading Meta's Sourcing and Operations Engineering team, had access to a broad set of employee data within the Performance Management Tool. On information and belief, Khurana abused his high-level role at Meta and/or access to use Meta information to create the

"Top Talent" spreadsheet about Meta employees for his personal use and/or benefit at his new employer and/or to unfairly compete with Meta at his new employer;

- ii) A second spreadsheet contains highly sensitive, non-public and confidential Meta information regarding Meta employees, including skills-related information, detailed compensation data, and a list of specific employees who were considered for, and granted, additional compensation due to their exceptional impact at Meta. Khurana placed both of these sensitive Meta documents into a location on his personal Dropbox account bearing the name of his new employer.
- 20. As another example, on May 15, 2023, Khurana sent an email to his subordinates—before announcing his intention to depart Meta later that day—asking them to give him information regarding Meta's proprietary, non-public, confidential and highly sensitive contracts with several business partners who supply Meta with crucial components for its data centers. After Khurana obtained this confidential vendor information from his subordinates, on information and belief, Khurana placed documents reflecting that confidential information in a folder in his personal Dropbox account bearing the name of his new employer.
- 21. On information and belief, during numerous other days in May 2023, Khurana cumulatively uploaded hundreds of other documents, including documents containing proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta information to his personal Google Drive or Dropbox folders.
- 22. On November 17, 2023, Meta sent a letter to Khurana's his new employer (cc'ing Khurana) regarding Khurana's improper taking of Meta proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public documents and the fact that Khurana might be using Meta's confidential and non-public information at his new employer. The facts learned since mid-November 2023 regarding Khurana's actions has only confirmed Meta's information and belief

regarding the highly disloyal, egregious, and unlawful nature of Khurana's behavior towards

Meta and how long such behavior continued. Among other things, on information and belief,

Meta now understands that:

- i) After starting work at his new employer, Khurana sent others a Meta document regarding Meta's "Top Talent". This spreadsheet contains highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta information regarding hundreds of key Meta employees, including information regarding their level and performance and including promotion-related information; and
- documents that he took from Meta onto his new work computer. This includes documents containing proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information. These documents included information regarding Meta employees, such as employee performance and compensation information, information regarding Meta's recent organizational redesign plans for its Infrastructure group, and information regarding key suppliers for Meta's data centers.
- 23. Given these facts, and the fact that Meta is informed and believes that Khurana has personally benefited, and may continue to personally benefit, from his disloyal and unlawful conduct towards Meta, Meta brings this action to prevent Khurana from engaging in any further disloyal and unlawful conduct and to remedy his prior conduct.

PARTIES

- 24. Plaintiff Meta is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Menlo Park, San Mateo County, California.
 - 25. Defendant Khurana is a California citizen residing in Contra Costa County.

JURISDICTION

- 26. Subject matter jurisdiction is proper before this Court because Meta seeks equitable and legal relief, and damages and the amount in controversy exceeds \$35,000.
- 27. This Court possesses jurisdiction over Khurana because he is a resident of and domiciled within the State of California, has sufficient contacts with the State of California, is doing business in the State of California, and/or because the exercise of jurisdiction in this matter would be just and reasonable.
- 28. Venue is proper in this Court under California Code of Civil Procedure § 395(a) because Khurana resides in Contra Costa County.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 29. Since its founding as Facebook in 2004, Meta has worked to connect people across the world through its offerings such as Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp. Indeed, more than 3 billion people use Meta's services to offer support, engage, and share ideas. Meta's success is due in part to its efforts in building innovative services and apps to remain competitive in a global digital economy where consumers have more choices than ever, and investing substantial resources into its services and apps to meet those consumers' evolving needs.
- 30. Meta's success relies upon its robust and resilient infrastructure. One key part of this infrastructure is Meta's data centers, which process vast amounts of data, enable billions of people to use Meta's apps and services, and require enormous investment by Meta. Meta's Sourcing and Operations Engineering team is tasked with delivering the best sourcing, supply chain, and engineering solutions for Meta's Infrastructure organization, including procuring and in many cases manufacturing, Meta's computer server, network and data center equipment. Meta has taken steps to protect its innovation and decades of investment by ensuring that its confidential and proprietary information is not improperly used.

31. Meta's success also rests upon the industry-leading experts that comprise its workforce. Meta devotes enormous resources to build and maintain that workforce. Meta takes numerous steps to protect its confidential and non-public information regarding such employees, including their performance and compensation information, and to ensure that such information is not improperly used.

I. Khurana's Role at Meta and His Contractual Obligations

- 32. On or around April 2011, Khurana joined Meta as a Director of Supply Chain Operations. Over the years, Khurana was promoted and his responsibilities grew. At the time of his departure from Meta in June 2023, Khurana held the position of Meta's Vice President of Infrastructure, leading the Sourcing and Operations Engineering team which had over 300 employees.
- 33. As the head of Sourcing and Operations Engineering within Infrastructure, Khurana's role included managing and overseeing Meta's supply-chain services for its data centers across the globe. As a function of that position, Khurana was entrusted with access to vast amounts of Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information, including information regarding Meta's pricing and contract volume with key suppliers and vendors and Meta's pricing, costs, future plans, and strategies on data center, supply chain, and other issues. Khurana was also entrusted with confidential and non-public information regarding Meta personnel, including performance and compensation information (including equity compensation).
- 34. Like all employees at Meta, Khurana signed a Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement ("CIIAA") and an Offer Letter upon joining Meta. The CIIAA provides, among other things, that during an individual's employment at Meta and thereafter, they

will not disclose Meta's confidential information, including *any* Meta "proprietary information." CIIAA ¶ 4. When a Meta employee signs their offer letter, they also agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the CIIAA. Offer Letter ¶ 4.

- 35. Notably, under these agreements, Khurana's obligations to Meta included, among other things:
 - "Confidential Information" Khurana agreed that "during the term of [his] Relationship with [Meta] and thereafter," he would keep Meta's confidential information "in the strictest confidence" and would "not . . . use [such information], except for the benefit of [Meta] solely to the extent necessary to perform [his] obligations to [Meta]" (CIIAA Section 4(a)). Khurana also agreed that he could not "make copies" of any of [Meta's] confidential information "except as necessary to perform [his] obligations" to Meta as part of his job. (CIIAA Section 4(a)).
 - Khurana further agreed to return Meta's information prior to departing Meta. (CIIAA Section 6).
 - "Third Party Information" For "confidential or proprietary information" that Meta obtained from third parties that was subject to confidentiality agreements, Khurana agreed to protect the confidentiality of such information, not disclose it to others, and not use it "except as necessary in carrying out [his] work" for Meta. (CIIAA Section 4(c)).
 - "Remedies" Khurana agreed that "violation of [the confidentiality agreement] . . . may cause [Meta] irreparable harm, and therefore agree[d] that [Meta] will be entitled to seek extraordinary relief in court, including but not

¹ Under the CIIAA, Confidential Information is defined as "any [Meta] proprietary information, technical data, trade secrets or know-how, including, but not limited to, research, product plans, products, services, suppliers, customer lists and customers (including, but not limited to, customers of the Company on whom I called or with whom I became acquainted during the Relationship), prices and costs, markets, software, developments, inventions, laboratory notebooks, processes, formulas, technology, designs, drawings, engineering, hardware configuration information, marketing, licenses, finances, budgets or other business information disclosed to me by the Company either directly or indirectly in writing, orally or by drawings or observation of parts or equipment or created by me during the period of the Relationship whether or not during working hours and including Inventions (as defined below) . . . Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, information pertaining to any aspect of the Company's business, which is either information not known by actual or potential competitors of the Company or other third parties not under confidentiality obligations to the Company, or is otherwise proprietary information of the Company or its customers or suppliers whether of a technical nature or otherwise." (CIIAA Section 4(a)).

limited to temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions and permanent injunction." (CIIAA Section 11(f)).

- "Outside Activities" Khurana agreed that, during his employment at Meta, he would not "engage in any other employment, consulting or other business activity without the written consent" of Meta. (Offer Letter, Section 6).
- "No Conflicting Obligations" Khurana agreed that, during his employment at Meta, he would not "enter into any oral or written agreement in conflict" with either the obligations in the offer letter, the CIIAA or in Meta's policies. (Offer Letter, Section 5).
- 36. Like all employees at Meta, Khurana had a duty of loyalty throughout his employment. And, given his very senior role at Meta, Khurana also had additional fiduciary duties to Meta during his employment.
- 37. As a Vice President of Infrastructure, Khurana was a highly compensated Meta employee. This includes, on information and belief, throughout the time period that Khurana was breaching his contractual obligations and his duties to Meta. Among other things, on May 15, 2023, Khurana vested in additional Meta Restricted Stock Units (as part of his overall compensation). That same day, Khurana gave notice to Meta that he would be departing Meta's employment shortly.
- 38. On June 1, 2023, Khurana left Meta. On information and belief, Khurana is now leading the supply-chain group at his new employer.

II. Khurana Breaches His Obligations and Duties to Meta

- 39. On information and belief, no later than Spring 2023, Khurana started having discussions with individuals associated with his new employer regarding Khurana's potential move from Meta.
- 40. On information and belief, on or around May 2, 2023, Khurana traveled to London to stay at the Rosewood Hotel for what appears to have been an interview for an executive, supply-chain position with his new employer.

- 41. On information and belief, as part of Khurana's interview process with his potential new employer, Khurana was asked to complete a writing assignment. Khurana later printed that writing assignment at the Rosewood Hotel on May 2, 2023, using his Meta email or network access. The writing assignment asked Khurana to explain how he would help his potential new employer develop the supply chain for a company building data centers using specific technologies that were identified in the question's prompt.
- 42. On information and belief, by no later than Spring 2023, Khurana began breaching his obligations and duties to Meta. This includes, but is not limited to, the fact that Khurana's written response to his writing assignment for his job interview disclosed non-public information about Meta's relationship with certain suppliers that it uses for its data centers. For example, this written response disclosed information regarding how Meta works with a key supplier of components for Meta's data centers. Khurana's written response also disclosed non-public details regarding the history of Meta's relationships with other large technology companies—all companies that have supplied, or supply, products for Meta.

III. Khurana Takes and Misuses Meta's Confidential Information

43. No later than Spring 2023, Khurana also breached his obligations and violated duties to Meta in numerous other ways. This includes, but may not be limited to, Khurana intentionally uploading—on numerous days in May 2023—proprietary, confidential, non-public and highly sensitive Meta information, including several documents containing information regarding Meta's employees and several other documents that Khurana obtained from other Meta employees. Khurana ultimately uploaded *hundreds* of documents containing proprietary, confidential, non-public, and highly sensitive Meta information to his personal accounts before his departure from Meta in early June 2023. Meta is informed and believes that Khurana likely uploaded such Meta documents so that such documents could assist him at his new employment.

- 44. For example, on or about May 11, 2023, Khurana uploaded a spreadsheet containing highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta information regarding Meta's "Top Talent." This spreadsheet contains information regarding hundreds of Meta employees, including information regarding their level and performance. This spreadsheet also included promotion-related information. The personnel data in this spreadsheet appears to have been obtained from Meta's internal Performance Management Tool. On information and belief, this spreadsheet was not created in the ordinary course of Meta's business, but instead created by Khurana for his personal use and/or benefit at his new employer and/or to unfairly compete with Meta for employees at his new employer. Khurana uploaded this "Top Talent" spreadsheet to a location on his personal Dropbox account entitled "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]/Info," on or about May 11, 2023. As explained further below, Meta is informed and believes that Khurana placed this spreadsheet onto his new work laptop after starting work at his new employer and sent it to others.
- 45. As another example, on or about May 11, 2023, Khurana uploaded, to his personal files, a spreadsheet containing 2022 information regarding employees in Meta's supply-chain organization. This document contains highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta information regarding numerous Meta employees, including skills-related information and detailed compensation data. Khurana uploaded this spreadsheet to a location on his personal Dropbox account entitled "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]/Info." As explained further below, Meta is informed and believes that Khurana later placed this spreadsheet onto his new work laptop after starting work at his new employer.
- 46. On information and belief, as another example, on or about May 11, 2023, Khurana uploaded a PowerPoint called "Dec-2022-Data.pptx" from Meta's systems to his

personal files. Khurana uploaded this file to a location on his personal Dropbox account entitled "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]/Info."

- 47. On information and belief, as another example, on or about May 12 and May 13, 2023, Khurana uploaded numerous additional files containing Meta information to a folder entitled "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/Meta%20Macbook%20Transfer." These files included documents covering several years' worth of proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information regarding Meta, including documents on Meta's supply-chain organization's headcount, a 3-year business plan, organization and reporting-structure information, and expense planning and allocation documents.
- 48. On information and belief, as another example, on or about May 15, 2023 (the day that Khurana vested in additional Meta Restricted Stock Units), Khurana took at least the following actions:
- i) Khurana uploaded a spreadsheet containing year-end 2021 information regarding employees in Meta's supply-chain organization into a subfolder bearing the name of his new employer. The document contains highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public personnel information for hundreds of Meta employees including their performance ratings, their salary, and their unvested equity. This document also contains details indicating whether the employees received additional compensation (for exceptional performance) in the prior year, and data used to determine potential additional compensation in the current year. On information and belief, the data in this spreadsheet about Meta employees was obtained in some manner from Meta's internal Compensation Cycle Management Tool. As explained below, Meta is informed and believes that Khurana transferred this document to his new work laptop after starting work at his new employer.

- Business Partner on May 15, 2023. Before doing so, on information and belief, Khurana took the opportunity to gather proprietary, confidential, non-public, and highly sensitive Meta vendor contracts. At 5:31 a.m. that day, Khurana emailed one of his subordinate employees, stating that he had an "urgent" request for Meta's "pricing agreement" for certain computing hardware made by that supplier, "prelim pricing" for hardware from that supplier, and "hardware Specs" for both. Unaware of Khurana's plans, the employee provided Khurana with, among other things, Meta's pricing-form agreement with that supplier for the computing hardware and the supplier's Meta-specific preliminary pricing for a particular chip. Khurana subsequently uploaded that information, along with several other files regarding the supplier, to a location on his personal Dropbox entitled: "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]/[Supplier's Name]²."
- iii) Less than twenty minutes later, at 5:50 a.m. the same day, Khurana made a request to another subordinate employee for Meta's current pricing agreements for its generators. The employee provided Meta's contracts with two vendors that supply generators for its data centers. Khurana subsequently uploaded that to a location on his personal Dropbox entitled: "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]/IDC."
- iv) On information and belief, on or about May 15, 2023, Khurana obtained Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Strategic Business Agreement with a key Meta supplier and an amendment to that agreement concerning, among other things, Meta's product orders and pricing information for certain computing hardware made by that company. Meta's pricing information with its vendors provides insight for a company seeking to build its own data centers, and allows them to obtain a competitive advantage in that company's own efforts to secure products for its data centers. Khurana uploaded that information to a

² The supplier's name is being withheld to preserve its privacy.

location on his personal Dropbox account entitled "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]/Commercial%20Paper."

- v) On information and belief, on or about May 15, 2023, Khurana obtained an amendment to another proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public strategic-business agreement with another key supplier. The agreement contains pricing information, minimum-purchase terms, and total-spend terms. Khurana uploaded that information to a location on his personal Dropbox account entitled "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]/Commercial%20Paper."
- vi) On information and belief, on or about May 15, 2023, Khurana obtained another spreadsheet from Meta's corporate One Drive account named "FIO Should Cost Model Master.xlsx." Khurana uploaded this document to a location on his personal Dropbox account entitled "https://www.dropbox.com/personal/[new employer]."
- 49. As another example, on information and belief, on or about May 22, 2023, Khurana uploaded two documents to his personal Gmail account. These documents were:
 - i) An Excel spreadsheet called "For Review-tsk input.xlsx"; and
- ii) A Word document called "Writing Assignment Supply Chain v3 TSKResponse.docx."
- 50. On information and belief, these two documents relate to Khurana's new employer, including the "Writing Assignment" that Khurana prepared for his employment interview with his new employer.
- 51. On information and belief, as another example, on or about May 24 and 27, 2023, Khurana uploaded numerous documents to a non-Meta owned Google Drive account, including documents and files called:
 - i) "fb infrastructure summit 2015.zip";

- ii) "FACEBOOK SOE 1920x1080-ProRes.mov"; and
- iii) "SOE All Hands Opener Long FINAL v2.mp4"
- 52. As another example, on or about May 28, 2023, just days before his departure from Meta, Khurana uploaded several of Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public PowerPoint documents to a non-Meta owned Google Drive account. On information and belief, at least some of the documents Khurana uploaded on May 28, 2023, were likely to be highly relevant to helping Khurana build the supply-chain organization at his new employer. Indeed, as detailed further below, Meta is informed and believes that Khurana later transferred four of these Meta PowerPoint documents onto his new work laptop shortly after starting work at his new employer. The documents uploaded to this non-Meta Drive account on May 28, 2023, included the following:
- i) Khurana uploaded a PowerPoint related to Meta's supply-chain organizations' prior redesign process. This PowerPoint included, among other things, proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public information regarding Meta's 2022 redesign of its global-supply-chain group, including assessments of the organization's efficiency, and metrics for assessing various functions of that group. The information reflects significant investment by Meta concerning its redesign of its global-supply-chain group, and, on information and belief, would directly aid Khurana in building his own efficient and effective supply-chain organization by bypassing years of investment;
- ii) Khurana uploaded a PowerPoint providing an overview of Meta's supplychain organization that was expressly marked as "Confidential";
- iii) Khurana uploaded an April 2023 PowerPoint regarding Meta's future "roadmap" with a key supplier. This PowerPoint included proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public information regarding Meta's relationship with a key supplier; and

- iv) Khurana uploaded a PowerPoint discussing Meta's use of GPUs for Artificial Intelligence.
- 53. As another example, on information and belief, on or about May 30, 2023, Khurana uploaded several hundred Meta documents from Meta's corporate One Drive account to his personal Dropbox account. The uploaded documents included proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information belonging to Meta such as engineering-calibration design guidelines, onboarding plans for certain Meta's employees, and a cost tracker.
- 54. As another example, after starting work at his new employer, Khurana placed a "Supply Chain Scaling" presentation from Meta onto his new work laptop. The document originated at Meta (as confirmed by the metadata on the document itself) and contained proprietary, confidential, and non-public information about Meta's strategy and was presented to senior leadership at Meta to drive strategy and investments. The document, as created at Meta, was labeled "CONFIDENTIAL FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY 2022." On information and belief, Khurana removed this confidentiality label and then attempted to scrub the document of its references to Meta. In many—but not all—places, the term "Meta" is replaced by an "X." But in at least five locations the term "Meta" was, on information and belief, inadvertently retained.
- 55. On information and belief, Khurana had no legitimate Meta-related purpose for compiling and/or uploading Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information during his Meta employment. Khurana instead took such action to try and benefit himself and/or his new employer, including to help ensure that Khurana would continue to work at his new employer, continue to receive significant compensation from his new employer and/or to enable Khurana to take shortcuts in building his supply-chain organization at his new employer and/or helping to build his new employer's business.

- 56. On information and belief, Khurana also had no legitimate Meta-related purpose for retaining and/or using Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information after his Meta employment ended. Khurana took such action to try and benefit himself or his new employer, including to help ensure that Khurana would continue to work at his new employer, continue to receive significant compensation from his new employer, and/or to enable Khurana to take shortcuts in building his supply-chain team at his new employer and/or helping to build his new employer's business.
- 57. As just one example, press reports indicate that Khurana's new employer has been offering unusually high employees salaries for the industry, and large annual bonuses. On information and belief, having Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information, including about how Meta built its industry leading, cutting-edge supply chain for its infrastructure organization, would help Khurana to move quickly in building a similar supplychain structure at his new employer, guarantee his value to new employer, and help ensure significant payments.
- 58. As another example, the trove of employee-related information that Khurana took reveal Meta's internal, confidential, and non-public assessments of which employees had a "proven track record" and those who were "proven leaders." On information and belief, having such Meta information would allow Khurana to fast track the process of hiring key supply-chain employees at his new employer. On information and belief, the highly sensitive, confidential and non-public Meta information about Meta employees' skills, performance, and compensation would also allow Khurana or his new employer to compete unfairly with Meta for such employees, including but not limited to by targeting specific Meta employees and tailoring recruitment and negotiation tactics based on Khurana's knowledge of unvested equity, among other confidential information. On information and belief, having Meta's highly sensitive,

confidential, and non-public information regarding these Meta employees would also allow Khurana to fast-track his process of hiring an experienced supply-chain team, allowing Khurana to prove his value to his new employer and benefit personally.

- Khurana took from Meta reveal key terms and attributes of Meta's relationship with such suppliers and vendors. On information and belief, having such information would allow Khurana or his new employer to shortcut their negotiations with vendors and suppliers and allow Khurana or his new employer to compete unfairly with Meta. On information and belief, Khurana was likely aware of the importance of this supplier and vendor information to Khurana's new position because several of the suppliers and vendors mentioned in Khurana's written response to his May 2023 writing assignment are the exact suppliers and vendors for which Khurana took confidential Meta information. On information and belief, having Meta's information regarding these suppliers and vendors would allow Khurana to shortcut his negotiation process with such suppliers and speed up the development process for the supply-chain team he was developing at his new employer—allowing him to prove his value to his new employer and benefit personally.
- 60. As another example, the trove of business and supply-chain-organization-related documents that Khurana compiled and took from Meta would enable anyone with such information to determine what key steps Meta has taken to create its industry-leading supply-chain organization. On information and belief, having such information would allow Khurana to shortcut his development process for the supply-chain team he was developing at his new employer—allowing him to prove his value to his new employer and benefit him personally.

IV. Khurana's Other Wrongful and Disloyal Acts

61. In addition to Khurana's actions regarding the Meta proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information and documents detailed above, on information and

belief, Khurana took other wrongful and disloyal actions, both during and after his Meta employment.

- 62. For example, on May 22, 2023, after he gave Meta notice that he would be departing Meta shortly but while he was still a Meta employee, Khurana was asked to sign a Termination Certificate for Meta. This document specifically referenced Khurana's obligations to keep Meta's information confidential under Section 4 of the CIIA, including his obligation to "preserve as confidential" Meta's "confidential knowledge, data or other proprietary information" relating to a variety of non-public information. This document also specifically referenced Khurana's obligation to ensure that he would not take Meta documents, property or information with him, except for a narrowly defined category of documents inapplicable here.
- documents and information from Meta and would ultimately continue to do so until his employment at Meta ended in early June 2023, Khurana refused to sign this Termination Certificate. In doing so, Khurana did not disclose to Meta that he had already taken proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public documents and information from Meta, that he maintained such Meta documents and information in his possession, that he planned to take further proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta documents and information, and, on information and belief, that he had already disclosed, or planned to disclose, Meta's information and/or documents to others. And, on information and belief, even though Meta's May 2023 Termination Certificate should have reminded Khurana of his on-going obligations to Meta, Khurana subsequently and intentionally violated those obligations, both by keeping proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public Meta information after his employment and by using and disclosing such information at his new employer.

- 64. As another example, on information and belief, in May 2023, while still employed at Meta, Khurana started preparing work product to assist his new employer and started having meetings with his new employer. One example of this work product is the "Top Talent" spreadsheet discussed above, which contained Meta's highly sensitive, non-public, and confidential information regarding hundreds of Meta employees.
- 65. On information and belief, another example is a May 26, 2023 meeting that Khurana held with a senior executive of his new employer. Following this meeting, on or around May 27 and/or May 28, 2023, Khurana drafted a slide deck entitled "Supply Chain Team@[new employer]." Khurana appears to have finalized this slide deck on the evening of May 28, 2023. Notably, on the morning of May 28, 2023—right before finalizing the supply-chain slide deck for his new employer—Khurana uploaded to his Google Drive account a copy of a Meta proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public slide deck regarding Meta's recent re-design of its supply-chain organization. In the slide deck for his new employer, Khurana described the shortcuts his new employer would have to take to reach its scale goal:

"We do not have the luxury of learning-as-we-go. Hire talent that has a proven track record of achieving the highest standards for an @scale business comparable with where we will be in 3 years in terms of technology scope, DC scale, product complexity, global reach and dollar spend. Seed proven leaders at all levels and hire 80% experienced IC's and 20% that need training."

In this slide deck, Khurana also provided detailed thoughts on his "proposed supply chain functional organization," including details regarding proposed functional roles, proposed groupings and proposed locations. Similar information is also discussed in the Meta slide deck, regarding Meta's supply-chain organization's redesign, that Khurana uploaded to his non-Meta Google Drive account earlier that day.

66. On information and belief, as another example, since Khurana departed from Meta, Khurana has also participated directly or indirectly in using, and/or providing, highly

sensitive, confidential, and non-public information about Meta employees to aid himself, and/or his new employer, in soliciting Meta employees. Such actions have included at least the following:

- Khurana or his new employer since the time that Khurana began discussions about leaving Meta for his new employer. Notably, at least eight employees that are listed in the "Top Talent" spreadsheet left Meta to join Khurana's new employer between June and November 2023 and Meta is informed and believes that at least some of these departures likely resulted from Khurana's disclosure and/or use of non-public information regarding Meta employees during his new employment. Moreover, many current or former Meta employees identified in this document were contacted regarding employment at Khurana's new employer after Khurana took this employee information from Meta, and Meta is informed and believes that these contacts likely resulted from Khurana's disclosure and/or use of non-public information regarding Meta employees during his new employment.
- ii) Several Meta employees have been contacted by Khurana directly about potentially joining Khurana's new employer, whether by text, LinkedIn or other means; and
- iii) At least one Meta employee has been contacted by an employee from Khurana's new employer who stated that Khurana had flagged the employee as a potential recruit.
- 67. On September 21, 2023, Meta sent Khurana a letter re-reminding him of his ongoing confidentiality obligations to Meta in light of his new employment. Even after receiving this letter, Meta is informed and believes that Khurana still maintained, and/or continued to use, Meta documents and information to benefit himself and/or his new employer.
- 68. In November 2023, Meta contacted Khurana's new employer (cc'ing Khurana) about Khurana's suspicious activity regarding Meta documents before Khurana's departure from

Meta. Since this letter, however, Meta has been unable to obtain complete facts regarding Khurana's misuse of Meta information or actions since leaving Meta..

- 69. Since November, additional information has only confirmed Meta's information and belief regarding the highly disloyal, egregious, and unlawful nature of Khurana's behavior towards Meta and only confirmed how long Khurana's wrongful behavior toward Meta has continued. Meta is also informed and believes that, since November, Khurana has continued not to fully disclose, and/or has misstated, at least some key facts regarding his wrongful conduct towards Meta.
- 70. As one example, on information and belief, in early January 2024, Khurana denied, "again", that he shared Meta files with personnel at his new employer. Despite this, Meta is informed and believes that, after starting work at his new employer, Khurana placed at least eight of the documents he took from Meta onto his new work computer. Similarly, Meta is informed and believes that Khurana sent others a copy of the Meta "Top Talent" spreadsheet after starting work at his new employer.
- 71. As another example, on information and belief, in December 2023, Khurana denied initiating "first" contact with Meta employees to recruit them to leave Meta until "after" such employees were contacted by his new employer's recruiting personnel. Despite this, Meta is informed and believes that that Khurana contacted, in the first instance, multiple Meta employees, including Meta employees who were listed and were highlighted on the "Top Talent" spreadsheet taken from Meta.
- 72. Meta is also informed and believes that Khurana has, and may continue to, personally benefit from his wrongful and disloyal conduct towards Meta. For example, Meta is also informed and believes that Khurana continues to lead efforts at his new employer to build its supply chain, despite the fact that Khurana compiled and took troves of Meta's proprietary,

highly sensitive, confidential, and non-public information regarding its data centers and supplychain organization—including copies of Meta's contracts with vendors and documents regarding how to set up, and design, a supply-chain group.

73. Meta is also informed and believes that Khurana continues to be in a position where Meta's information may be useful, and/or financially beneficial, to him. For example, Meta is informed and believes that the Meta information about data centers and its supply chain that Khurana removed from Meta would give Khurana and his new company a valuable advantage that, on its own, would take Khurana and his new company years to learn on their own.

First Cause of Action

Breach of Contract

- 74. Meta hereby incorporates by reference each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 75. Khurana entered into several agreements with Meta including but not limited to: (1) the CIIAA that went into effect on May 12, 2011; and (2) the Offer Letter that went into effect on May 12, 2011 (together, the "Agreements").
 - 76. Meta fully performed its obligations under these Agreements.
- 77. Khurana breached his obligations under the CIIAA and the Offer Letter in numerous ways, including by breaching his (a) contractual confidentiality obligations regarding Meta's Confidential Information; (b) his contractual obligations to return, and not retain, Meta's Confidential Information; and (c) his obligations to refrain from outside activities while employed by Meta.
- 78. *Confidential Information:* Under the CIIAA, Khurana agreed that "at all times during the term of my Relationship with [Meta] and thereafter," he would "hold in strictest

confidence, and not to use, except for the benefit of [Meta] solely to the extent necessary to perform my obligations to [Meta] under the Relationship...any Confidential Information of [Meta] which I obtain or create" (CIIAA Section 4(a)).

- 79. Under the CIIAA, Khurana also agreed that, "at all times during the term of my Relationship with [Meta] and thereafter," he would not "disclose to any person, firm, corporation or other entity without written authorization of [Meta]...any Confidential Information of [Meta] which I obtain or create." (CIIAA Section 4(a)).
- 80. Under the CIIAA, Khurana also agreed "not to make copies of such Confidential Information except as necessary to perform my obligations to [Meta] under the Relationship." (CIIAA Section 4(a)).
- 81. Under the CIIAA, Khurana also agreed that, for "confidential or proprietary information" that Meta obtained from third parties which is subject to confidentiality agreements, he would "hold all such confidential or proprietary information in the strictest confidence and not to disclose it to any person, firm or corporation or to use it except as necessary in carrying out my work for [Meta] consistent with [Meta's] agreement with such third party." (CIIAA Section 4(c)).
- 82. The CIIAA further provides that Khurana agrees that he will not "make copies" of any of Meta's Confidential Information "except as necessary to perform [his] obligations" to Meta as part of his job. (CIIAA Section 4(a)).
- 83. Moreover, the CIIAA provides that prior to departing Meta, Khurana "will deliver to the Company (and will not keep in [his] possession, recreate or deliver to anyone else) any and all devices, records, data, notes, reports, proposals, lists, correspondence, specifications, drawings, blueprints, sketches, laboratory notebooks, materials, flow charts, equipment, other documents or property, or reproductions of any of the aforementioned items developed by [him]

pursuant to the Relationship or otherwise belonging to the Company, its successors or assigns." (CIIAA Section 6).

- 84. The CIIAA also provided that Khurana "agree[d] to sign and deliver" a Termination Certificate upon the termination of his relationship with Meta but that Khurana's "failure to sign and deliver the Termination Certificate shall in no way diminish [Khurana's] continuing obligations under [the] Agreement." (CIIAA Section 6)
- 85. *Outside Activities:* Under the terms of the Offer Letter, Khurana agreed that, during his employment at Meta, he would not "engage in any other employment, consulting or other business activity without the written consent" of Meta. (Offer Letter, Section 6.)
- 86. Meta is informed and believes that Khurana breached his obligations under the CIIAA and Offer Letter in numerous ways, including but not limited to, the actions detailed in this complaint such as his actions compiling and/or copying Meta's non-public, confidential and proprietary documents and information, removing Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public documents and information from Meta, maintaining, and failing to return, Meta's proprietary, confidential and non-public documents and information after he began work at his new employer, sharing Meta's proprietary, confidential and non-public documents and information with others outside Meta, placing Meta's proprietary, confidential and non-public documents and information in non-Meta locations, and/or by using Meta's proprietary, confidential and non-public documents and information for Khurana's own purposes or for the purpose of assisting his new employer.
- 87. Meta is informed and believes that Khurana further breached his obligations under the CIIAA by, for example, using Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public documents and information to target and/or recruit Meta's employees following his resignation from Meta or to assist others in doing so.

- 88. Meta is informed and believes that Khurana further breached the Offer Letter by, for example, sharing proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public Meta documents and information during his interview process with his new employer, creating documents, information or work product for his new employer while still employed at Meta including by generating a slide deck regarding how his new employer could build a supply-chain team and generating a list of Meta's "Top Talent" and/or by sharing or disclosing Meta documents, information or work product with others while still employed at Meta.
- 89. As a direct and proximate result of Khurana breaches, Meta has sustained damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 90. On information and belief, Khurana's breaches of his contractual obligations were done with malice and oppression, thereby entitling Meta to an award of punitive damages under Code of Civil Procedure § 3294.
- 91. Meta has also suffered irreparable harm from Khurana's unlawful actions, and is entitled to seek injunctive relief to prevent such harm from continuing to occur.

Second Cause of Action

Breach of the Duty of Loyalty

- 92. Meta hereby incorporates by reference each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 93. As a result of his employment at Meta, Khurana owed a duty of loyalty to Meta.
- 94. Khurana breached that duty of loyalty by, among other things, compiling and later removing Meta's non-public, highly sensitive, confidential and proprietary documents and information from Meta for purposes of assisting his new employer, disclosing Meta's proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public information in his interview submission to his new

employer, and creating work product and/or documents, or consulting, for his new employer during his employment at Meta.

- 95. As a direct and proximate result of Khurana's breach of his duty of loyalty, Meta has sustained damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 96. On information and belief, Khurana's breaches of his duty of loyalty were done with malice and oppression, thereby entitling Meta to an award of punitive damages under Code of Civil Procedure § 3294.
- 97. Meta has also suffered irreparable harm from Khurana's unlawful actions, and is entitled to seek injunctive relief to prevent such harm from continuing to occur.

Third Cause of Action

Breach of Fiduciary Duty

- 98. Meta hereby incorporates by reference each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 99. Khurana owed Meta a fiduciary duty and obligation of loyalty and confidentiality as a function of his position as Vice President of Infrastructure at Meta. In that position, Khurana participated in the management of the supply-chain organization in particular and the infrastructure group more generally. He exercised discretionary authority over critical business functions including how the organization would be structured, who would be hired, what their compensation would be, setting strategic priorities for the organization, managing the work that individual contributors and other managers did, negotiating with critical suppliers, and representing the infrastructure group not only vis-a-vis other divisions at Meta, but also representing the group with external actors more generally.

- 100. Khurana breached his fiduciary duties by, among other things, taking the actions detailed in this complaint, including but not limited to, the actions of compiling Meta's proprietary, confidential, non-public and/or highly sensitive information, including the "Top Talent" spreadsheet, other Meta employee-related documents and information, and other Meta supply chain, vendor and data center-related documents and information, removing such documents and information from Meta, including by uploading it to his personal accounts, disclosing Meta's proprietary, confidential, non-public and/or highly sensitive documents and information to others outside Meta during his employment at Meta, and/or creating work product or documents for his new employer during his employment at Meta.
- 101. As a direct and proximate result of Khurana's breach of his fiduciary duties, Meta has sustained damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 102. On information and belief, Khurana's breaches of his fiduciary duty were done with malice and oppression, thereby entitling Meta to an award of punitive damages under Code of Civil Procedure § 3294.
- 103. Meta has also suffered irreparable harm from Khurana's unlawful actions, and is entitled to seek injunctive relief to prevent such harm from continuing to occur.

Fourth Cause of Action

Unjust Enrichment

- 104. Meta hereby incorporates by reference each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 105. As a result of the illegal and wrongful conduct alleged herein, Khurana has been and will be unjustly enriched at the benefit and expense of Meta. Based on information and belief, Khurana has been unjustly enriched by, at least, receiving compensation and business

opportunities based on his misuse of Meta's proprietary, confidential, non-public and/or highly sensitive documents and information and other unlawful conduct.

106. Khurana should be required to disgorge and return to Meta all the ill-gotten gains that he illegally and wrongfully obtained at the expense of Meta, in an amount to be determined at trial, and a constructive trust should be imposed thereto.

Fifth Cause of Action

Violation of California Computer Data Access and Fraud Act (Penal Code § 502) (Against Defendant Khurana)

- 107. Meta incorporates and re-alleges the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 108. Khurana intentionally took the proprietary, highly sensitive, confidential and non-public Meta documents and information mentioned above knowing that his actions were done without Meta's permission.
- 109. Khurana knowingly accessed Meta's computer systems and without permission took or copied data from those computer systems.
- 110. Khurana was aware that the documents and information he was taking was not permitted to be taken off of Meta's computers and network and that his actions were not reasonably necessary to the performance of his work obligations for Meta.
- 111. As a direct and proximate result of Khurana's actions, Meta has sustained damages in an amount to be proven at trial, including without limitation, investigative costs based on these incidents.
- 112. Khurana's actions were willful as he was aware his actions were in violation of Meta's rights, including its contractual rights and in light of the duties that Khurana owed to it both as an employee and a fiduciary.

113. Khurana's actions were carried out with malice in that he intended to cause injury to Meta and did so with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights of Meta. He acted with oppression insofar as his despicable acts subjected Meta to unjust hardship and cruelty in conscious disregard of Meta's rights. And he acted with deceit and with the intent to deprive Meta of its legal rights, thereby causing injury.

114. Khurana is therefore liable for violations of California Penal Code § 502 et seq.

Prayer for Relief

WHEREFORE, Meta respectfully prays for judgment against Khurana as follows:

- 1. Judgment in Meta's favor on all causes of action and against Khurana;
- 2. For the entry of a preliminary and permanent injunction against Khurana, and any agents, servants, employees, successors, and assigns, and all other persons acting in concert with or conspiracy with him or affiliated with him and enjoining Khurana and any relevant other persons from continuing to irreparably harm Meta;
- 3. That Meta is awarded compensatory, special, consequential, and punitive damages in such amounts to be proven at trial;
- 4. That Khurana is required to pay his unjust enrichment and restitution to Meta for the acts alleged herein and in an amount to be proven;
- 5. That Khurana be required to disgorge all monies, compensation, stock, benefits and/or profits unlawfully obtained;
- 6. That Meta be awarded all relief allowed under its claims due to Khurana's actions, including but not limited to all costs and expenditures allowed under Penal Code § 502;
 - 7. Pre- and post- judgment interest as allowed by law;
- 8. That Meta be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the fullest extent available under applicable law;