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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 16 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
 17 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

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 19 *In Re Mosaic LLM Litigation*

Case No.: 3:24-cv-01451-CRB

**DEFENDANTS’ OPPOSITION TO  
 PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION TO AMEND  
 THE SCHEDULING ORDER**

Judge: Hon. Charles R. Breyer

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1 In the final days of fact discovery, Plaintiffs have engaged in a mad scramble to launch new  
2 claims and pursue sweeping new discovery, all based on issues they could have raised months ago.  
3 Thus, weeks after assuring the Court that the agreed-upon schedule would not need to change,  
4 Plaintiffs ask for exactly that. Plaintiffs blame Defendants' conduct but the real culprit is Plaintiffs'  
5 own failure to pursue their claims diligently. Because Plaintiffs cannot show good cause for the  
6 extension they seek, their motion should be denied.

7 The bulk of the discovery issues Plaintiffs have belatedly raised relate to a new  
8 "contributory" infringement claim in their proposed Second Amended Consolidated Complaint  
9 ("SACC"), which requires proof of third-party infringement. Dkt. 196-3, Ex. A. But Plaintiffs  
10 knew of the facts giving rise to that claim in *July*, and even told the Court in *August* that they  
11 planned to seek leave to amend based on those facts. Dkt. 170 at 1, 6-7. Plaintiffs have no  
12 justification or excuse for waiting to pursue these claims.

13 Plaintiffs also complain that a handful of discovery issues are "unresolved" (Dkt. 191 at 1),  
14 but that is only because Plaintiffs waited until the close of discovery to raise them. Courts routinely  
15 hold that such "unresolved" issues do not constitute good cause to extend a discovery cutoff. And  
16 in all events, the length of the proposed extension underscores that Plaintiffs' real goal is not to  
17 resolve a handful of "unresolved" issues, but to seek discovery in support of new claims that  
18 Plaintiffs failed to pursue, despite multiple earlier extensions.

19 The Court should deny Plaintiffs' request outright. At a minimum, if the Court is inclined  
20 to grant an extension, the Court should not allow Plaintiffs to issue any new discovery requests.

21 1. **Plaintiffs have not diligently pursued discovery.** A scheduling order may be  
22 modified "only for good cause." Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). To demonstrate good cause, "a party  
23 must demonstrate its diligence in taking discovery, its diligence in propounding or noticing the  
24 particular outstanding discovery, and explain why the parties could not exchange the particular  
25 discovery before the discovery cut off date." *Brantley v. Borg-Warner Morse Tec, Inc.*, No. 12-cv-  
26 540-GPC (JMA), 2013 WL 5204524, at \*2 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 13, 2013). Here, Plaintiffs have failed  
27 to pursue discovery diligently. Instead, they waited until the eleventh hour to raise issues that they  
28 could have addressed months earlier. Plaintiffs thus cannot show good cause for an extension. *See*,

1 *e.g., id.* at \*2-4 (denying extension because of plaintiff’s “lack of diligence”); *SanDisk 3D IP*  
 2 *Holdings Ltd. v. Viasat, Inc.*, No. 22-cv-04376-HSG, 2025 WL 1073876, at \*2 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 10,  
 3 2025) (similar). The Court should deny their request.

4       2.       **Defendants timely completed their document productions.** Plaintiffs chose to  
 5 add two new document custodians late in fact discovery, and Defendants timely completed their  
 6 production of those custodians’ documents well in advance of those custodians’ depositions.  
 7 Declaration of Deena J.G. Feit (“Feit Decl.”) ¶¶ 2-3. On September 23 and October 8—more than  
 8 a month after the substantial completion of production and less than two months before the close  
 9 of fact discovery—Plaintiffs requested that Defendants add two custodians (Abhinav Venigalla and  
 10 Scott Sovine) on top of the dozen that had already been searched, based on documents produced in  
 11 August or earlier. Dkt. 191-3; Feit Decl. ¶ 2. Although Defendants had no obligation under the  
 12 ESI Order to add *two* custodians, and despite Plaintiffs’ delay in requesting to add them, Defendants  
 13 agreed on October 13, 2025 to add both custodians. Dkt. 191-4 at 4. Plaintiffs demanded their  
 14 documents by November 20, 2025, to give Plaintiffs two weeks with the documents before Mr.  
 15 Sovine’s scheduled deposition. *Id.* at 3. Defendants completed their production of these documents  
 16 by that date. Feit Decl. ¶ 3. Accordingly, the production of these late-added custodians’ documents  
 17 does not justify any extension, much less the *45 days* that Plaintiffs seek.

18       Plaintiffs also complain about the production of witnesses’ personal messages. But  
 19 Defendants produced responsive personal messages before the custodians’ depositions, and  
 20 Plaintiffs have asked about those messages during their depositions. Feit Decl. ¶ 4. Thus, Plaintiffs  
 21 have failed to justify extending the schedule based on the timing of Defendants’ document  
 22 productions.

23       3.       **Plaintiffs’ late-raised discovery disputes do not justify an extension.** The alleged  
 24 need to address “unresolved discovery disputes” (Dkt. 191 at 1) does not constitute good cause to  
 25 modify a case schedule. *See Fay Ave. Props., LLC v. Travelers Prop. Cas. Co. of Am.*, No. CIV.  
 26 11-2389-GPC (WVG), 2014 WL 3014733, at \*4 (S.D. Cal. July 3, 2014) (denying continuance of  
 27 case management dates); *see also Bailey v. Gatan, Inc.*, 783 F. App’x 692, 694 (9th Cir. 2019)

1 (affirming denial of motion to extend scheduling order when “Appellants’ motion to compel  
 2 discovery, filed just three weeks before the discovery cut-off date, sought to compel responses to  
 3 discovery requests that Appellees said they would not provide nearly nine months before”);  
 4 *Gerawan Farming, Inc. v. Rehrig Pac. Co.*, No. 1:11-cv-01273 (LJO), 2013 WL 1164941, at \*5  
 5 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 20, 2013) (denying motion for reconsideration when the moving party “waited until  
 6 three weeks before the close of discovery to conduct depositions” and raise discovery disputes, and  
 7 explaining that the fact “this case became plagued with discovery disputes at the eleventh hour ...  
 8 in no way excuses Plaintiff from its failure to conduct discovery diligently from the outset” (citation  
 9 modified)).

10 Here, in the final weeks of fact discovery, Plaintiffs raised various issues that they could  
 11 have raised months earlier. For example, on October 21, 2025 (a month before fact discovery  
 12 ended), Plaintiffs sent a letter addressing supplemental responses to Requests for Admission that  
 13 Defendants served nearly *three months earlier*. Feit Decl. ¶ 5; Ex. 1. Notwithstanding Plaintiffs’  
 14 significant delay, Defendants responded and served amended responses. *Id.* ¶ 5. Similarly, on  
 15 November 7, 2025—*two weeks before the close of fact discovery*—Plaintiffs sent a letter about  
 16 responses to Plaintiffs’ third set of Requests for Production, which Defendants had served more  
 17 than a month earlier on October 6, 2025. *Id.* ¶ 6; Ex. 3. The parties met about that letter within  
 18 two weeks, and Defendants served amended responses addressing some of the points raised while  
 19 addressing others in correspondence. *Id.* ¶ 6. And in an even more egregious example of delay,  
 20 Plaintiffs are now raising a dispute over document requests to which Defendants responded more  
 21 than a year ago in *July 2024*. *Id.* ¶¶ 7-8; Exs. 4-5. The Court should not give Plaintiffs any more  
 22 time to survey the past year and a half of fact discovery and gin up more belated discovery disputes.

23 **4. No extra time is required for extra depositions the Court has already permitted.**

24 On November 7—two weeks before the end of fact discovery—Plaintiffs moved to expand their  
 25 limit on depositions from 10 to 15, requesting five additional depositions of Defendants’ current  
 26 and former employees, while assuring the Court that no modification of the schedule would be  
 27 required. Dkt. 184 at 4. Magistrate Judge Cisneros granted Plaintiffs’ request, giving Plaintiffs

1 until December 5 to complete the depositions (beyond the fact discovery cutoff) without  
2 “disturb[ing] the overall case schedule.” *See* Dkt. 187. All of those depositions are being  
3 scheduled, and no extension is needed to accommodate them. Feit Decl. ¶ 9.

4 Likewise, no extension is needed to address 30(b)(6) topics. Plaintiffs inexplicably waited  
5 to serve their 30(b)(6) topics until October 16, 2025—about a month before the close of fact  
6 discovery. Feit Decl. ¶ 10; Ex. 6. Defendants served objections and responses (and then amended  
7 responses after the parties conferred) and designated 30(b)(6) witnesses. Feit Decl. ¶ 10. As to the  
8 “outstanding” 30(b)(6) topics (source code), Defendants designated a 30(b)(6) witness on those  
9 topics who was deposed on November 24, 2025. *Id.* And again, Plaintiffs’ claim that “unresolved”  
10 disputes remain does not justify extending fact discovery.

11 **5. Plaintiffs’ request for third-party discovery does not justify an extension.** The  
12 obvious reason Plaintiffs seek an extension is to take more depositions and pursue additional written  
13 discovery to support the new claims in their proposed Second Amended Consolidated Complaint  
14 (“SACC”). In their motion for leave to amend, Plaintiffs blithely assure the Court they “seek to  
15 amend their Complaint as a result of recent discovery, *not to obtain it.*” Dkt. 196 at 12 (emphasis  
16 in original). But the third-party depositions are plainly relevant to the new contributory  
17 infringement claim that Plaintiffs seek to add. Dkt. 196-3, Ex. A (Proposed SACC) ¶¶ 88-94. That  
18 claim centers on MosaicML allegedly “distribut[ing] copies of the Books3 dataset to third parties,”  
19 Dkt. 170 at 1—the same alleged conduct that Plaintiffs want to explore through third-party  
20 discovery, Dkt. 191 at 4. Plaintiffs also concede that they seek to pursue discovery about DBRX  
21 models “that the Court previously held was outside the scope of the operative complaint.” Dkt.  
22 196 at 12 (citing Dkt. 162). The Court should not let Plaintiffs pursue discovery for unpled claims  
23 while assuring the Court otherwise.

24 Nor were Plaintiffs diligent in pursuing this discovery. While Plaintiffs pretextually claim  
25 that the need for these depositions was spawned by “recent depositions,” Dkt. 191 at 4, Plaintiffs  
26 already knew back in *August* that they intended to amend their complaint based on the alleged  
27 conduct underlying their new claims. *See* Dkt. 170 at 1, 6-7. They waited to serve subpoenas for  
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1 those third parties until November 21 (the *last day* of fact discovery), and the dispute will not go to  
2 Magistrate Judge Cisneros until *after* the close of fact discovery. Feit Decl. ¶ 11; Ex. 7. Nothing  
3 stopped Plaintiffs from pursuing discovery from those third parties over the past three months.

4 6. **Plaintiffs’ document productions do not justify an extension.** On November 21,  
5 2025, Plaintiffs produced more than 700 documents, and given that fact discovery has closed,  
6 Defendants assume that Plaintiffs do not intend to produce more. Feit Decl. ¶ 12. Defendants do  
7 not seek to extend the case schedule because of Plaintiffs’ document production.

8 7. **Defendants will be prejudiced if an extension is granted.** The record is clear that  
9 Plaintiffs belatedly seek to pursue new claims rather than diligently completing discovery as to the  
10 current claims under the Court-ordered deadline. Extending fact discovery would significantly  
11 prejudice Defendants, who have expended substantial time and resources meeting their discovery  
12 obligations. Discovery has been under way for more than a year, and Defendants have already  
13 agreed to three extensions. Rewarding Plaintiffs’ dilatory conduct at Defendants’ expense imposes  
14 unfair prejudice and an unnecessary burden on Defendants.

15 Further, if the Court grants any extension, Plaintiffs should not be allowed to serve any *new*  
16 discovery requests or pursue DBRX discovery, which the Court shut down in August, and would  
17 be extremely costly to re-open. Plaintiffs have represented to the Court that “[i]f Plaintiffs’ motion  
18 is granted, Plaintiffs do not anticipate the need to serve additional, new discovery requests.” Dkt.  
19 196 at 12. The Court should hold Plaintiffs to their representations. *See Mophie, Inc. v. Shah*, No.  
20 CV 13-cv-01321 DMG (JEMx), 2014 WL 12967531, at \*2 (C.D. Cal. June 27, 2014) (extending  
21 “the non-expert discovery cut-off” but ordering that the “parties may not propound new discovery  
22 requests during the extended discovery period”).

23 For these reasons, Defendants respectfully request that the Court deny Plaintiffs’ request to  
24 extend the case schedule. If any extension is granted based on Plaintiffs’ belated “unresolved”  
25 discovery issues, then they should not be allowed to serve any new discovery requests.

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