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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION**

NOMADIX, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.

GUEST-TEK INTERACTIVE
ENTERTAINMENT LTD.,
Defendant/
Counter-Claimant,

v.

NOMADIX, INC.,
Counter-Defendant.

Case No.: 2:16-cv-08033-AB-SK

Honorable André Birotte Jr.

**ORDER GRANTING GUEST-
TEK'S *EX PARTE* APPLICATION
TO PERMIT REMOTE TRIAL
TESTIMONY
OF CHARLES REED
AND EDWARD KNIGHTLY
[Dkt. No. 748]**

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Having considered Defendant Guest-Tek Interactive Entertainment Ltd.’s *Ex Parte* Application to Permit Remote Trial Testimony of Charles Reed and Edward Knightly, good cause having been shown, the Court **GRANTS** the Application.

First, Plaintiff Nomadix, Inc. does not oppose the application with respect to Charles Reed, and there is good cause to allow his remote testimony because Mr. Reed lives in Thailand and would face burdensome COVID-19 travel and quarantine restrictions if he traveled to Los Angeles for trial.

Second, although Plaintiff opposes the request as to Dr. Knightly because Plaintiff believes insufficient good cause exists, the Court finds that Defendant has demonstrated sufficient good cause supporting the request to allow Dr. Knightly to provide brief, foundational testimony from Rice University, his place of employment in Texas. Considering the pandemic-related circumstances that made German citizen Hans Bjorn Rupp unavailable to testify, which necessitated calling Dr. Knightly as an alternative witness, taken with the evolving circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Knightly’s fall teaching schedule, and the ability of modern technology to facilitate this foundational testimony, the Court will allow Dr. Knightly to testify remotely.

The Court **ORDERS** that Charles Reed and Edward Knightly are permitted to testify remotely by video at trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 30, 2021



Honorable André Birotte Jr.
United States District Judge