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Bertelsmann and Universal Music Group Announce Settlement in Napster Litigation

Gütersloh, September 6, 2006 – Bertelsmann, one of the world's preeminent media companies, and Universal Music Group, the world's leading music company, have jointly announced a settlement of the Napster litigation.

As consideration for this settlement, Universal Music Group will receive \$60 million (US), which includes reimbursement of legal fees and expenses and covers the resolution of the legal claims of Universal's recorded music and music publishing businesses, as well as those of BMG Music Publishing. Bertelsmann admits no liability in making this settlement.

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