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September 9, 2026

VIA ECF

The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer
United States District Court
for the Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square, Room 2201
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Hobbs, et al. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 1:26-cv-04314-PAE

Your Honor:

On August 27, 2026, the Court ordered Plaintiffs to advise the Court why Defendant Guillaume Lample and Defendant Joelle Pineau were not served the Summons and Complaint within the 90-day period set forth in Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Please be advised that Defendant Lample and Defendant Pineau both live outside of the United States. Initially, Plaintiffs counsel asked Defendants' counsel if they would agree to accept service of the Summons and Complaint on behalf of Defendant Lample and Defendant Pineau, however counsel did not agree to do so. Plaintiffs then investigated serving Defendant Lample and Defendant Pineau through the Hague Service Convention. However, Plaintiffs have ultimately decided that such service of process would result in unnecessary expense and, more importantly, would delay advancing this case for possibly many months or up to one year or longer. In order to avoid undue delay in this action and consistent with this Court's Order Plaintiffs have filed along with this letter a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal under Rule

41(a)(1)(A)(i). We thank the Court for its courtesy in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Stone

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