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COURT DENIES DISH NETWORK'S LAST PRE-TRIAL APPEAL IN VOOM HD LAWSUIT, UPHOLDING RULING THAT DISH DESTROYED EVIDENCE

As DISH's Latest Appeal Is Denied, It Threatens to Drop AMC Networks Channels From Its System

New York, NY, May 4, 2012 – As a result of a new ruling in the ongoing VOOM HD/DISH litigation, the case will now be set for trial. In the latest ruling, filed on Thursday, April 26, 2012, the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court denied DISH's application to further appeal a prior trial court decision sanctioning it for bad-faith destruction of evidence in the case.

The case began in 2008, when VOOM HD (an indirect subsidiary of AMC Networks (NASDAQ: AMCX)) sued DISH Network for breach of contract. The case concerns a contract in which DISH agreed to carry a suite of HD networks known as VOOM for 15 years. In early 2008, DISH improperly terminated the VOOM contract, and VOOM HD filed suit, seeking over \$2.5 billion in damages.

In a pre-trial ruling, the trial court judge ruled that DISH had destroyed evidence in the case, citing DISH's "pattern of egregious conduct and questionable – and, at times, blatantly improper – litigation tactics." The Appellate Division recently affirmed the trial court ruling, writing that DISH "acted in bad faith in destroying electronically stored evidence." And on April 26, 2012, the Appellate Division denied DISH leave to further appeal the decision, leaving the case to be set for trial.

Within days of the denial of DISH's final avenue of pre-trial appeal, DISH informed AMC Networks of its intention to drop its award-winning networks.

In response to the latest developments, AMC Networks released the following statement: "AMC Networks has some of the most acclaimed programming on television, with shows like "Mad Men," "The Walking Dead" and "Breaking Bad." In fact, AMC's "The Walking Dead" is the number one scripted drama with DISH subscribers.*

It is unfortunate that, because of setbacks in an unrelated litigation, DISH even suggests that they might deny their customers access to some of their favorite

networks and shows that are offered by every other major satellite and cable TV provider.”

*Source: Nielsen Media Research 4Q11-1Q12 A18-49 (000) Dish Universe

About AMC Networks Inc.

Dedicated to producing quality programming and movie content for more than 30 years, AMC Networks Inc. (Nasdaq: AMCX) owns and operates several of the most popular and award-winning brands in cable television. AMC, IFC, Sundance Channel, WE tv, and IFC Films produce and deliver distinctive, compelling and culturally relevant content that engages audiences across multiple platforms. The company also operates AMC/Sundance Channel Global, an international programming business, and AMC Networks Broadcasting & Technology, a full-service network programming origination and distribution company.

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