

AndAppStore operator seeking legal advice over allegations relating to Archoses' AppsLib

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Funky Android Ltd., who own and operate the Android application directory AndAppStore, have announced they are seeking legal advice over the alleged redistribution of confidential information by Archos in breach of the terms of a mutual non-disclosure agreement.

The allegations focus on information relating to the system architecture and data formats used by AndAppStore which Archos were granted access to in order to develop server side software to be used with a version of the AndAppStore client.

A version of the AndAppStore client with a customised user interface was supplied to Archos at their request, but in the final weeks before the launch of the Archos Android A5 Archos refused to counter sign their own contract for the continuation of the relationship between the two companies, and thus Funky Android Ltd. ended their involvement in the project.

When AppsLib was launched Funky Android discovered that Archos had engaged the services of a third party, Diotasoft, to develop a new client with almost identical functionality to the AndAppStore client Archos had been supplied with. After further investigation they also discovered that the system architecture and data formats used to communicate between the AppsLib servers and the Diotasoft developed client were the same as those used by AndAppStore, the details of which Archos had been granted access to by Funky Android under the mutual NDA.

On the 25th of September, shortly after Archos started making the Diotasoft developed client available to the public for free from their AppsLib website, Funky Android contacted Archos to discuss the matter. Funky Android requested a response to the allegation that Archos had breached the terms of the mutual NDA by providing Diotasoft with confidential information which Archos had been given access to for the sole purpose of ensuring compatibility between the Archos server software and the customised AndAppStore client.

As of today Funky Android have not received a response addressing these allegations, and see no other option than to consult with legal advisers on their future course of action.