

TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

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SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT		
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	SECURITY INTEREST		
CONVEYING PARTY DATA			
Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
The Advisory Board Company		01/25/2013	CORPORATION: DELAWARE
RECEIVING PARTY DATA			
Name:	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent		
Street Address:	10 SOUTH DEARBORN		
City:	CHICAGO		
State/Country:	ILLINOIS		
Postal Code:	60603		
Entity Type:	NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION: UNITED STATES		
PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 3			
Property Type	Number	Word Mark	
Registration Number:	2531609	ACTIVESTRATEGY	
Registration Number:	2672771	ACTIVESTRATEGY ENTERPRISE	
Registration Number:	2531608	ACTIVESTRATEGY	
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**CONFIRMATORY GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST
IN UNITED STATES TRADEMARKS**

THIS CONFIRMATORY GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST IN UNITED STATES TRADEMARKS (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Confirmatory Grant") is made effective as of January 25, 2013 by and from THE ADVISORY BOARD COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, successor-in-interest by merger to Activestrategy, Inc., ("Grantor") to and in favor of JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., for itself and as Administrative Agent for the Secured Parties (as defined in the Credit Agreement referenced below) (in such capacities, "Grantee").

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2012, the Grantor, the Lenders and Grantee entered into a Credit Agreement (as may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement").

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2012, certain Subsidiaries of Grantor guaranteed the repayment of the Secured Obligations pursuant to a Guaranty (as may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time).

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2012, Grantor and certain Subsidiaries of Grantor entered into a Pledge and Security Agreement (as may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Security Agreement").

WHEREAS, Grantor owns the trademarks listed on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Trademarks"), which Trademarks are pending or registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

WHEREAS, this Confirmatory Grant has been granted in conjunction with the security interest granted under the Security Agreement to Grantee for the benefit of the Secured Parties. The rights and remedies of Grantee with respect to the security interest granted herein are without prejudice to and are in addition to those set forth in the Security Agreement and the other Loan Documents, all terms and provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference. In the event that any provisions of this Confirmatory Grant are deemed to conflict with the Security Agreement, the provisions of the Security Agreement shall govern.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed that:

1) Definitions. All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the respective meaning given to them in the Credit Agreement.

2) The Security Interest.

(a) This Confirmatory Grant is made to secure the satisfactory performance and payment of (i) all the Secured Obligations and (ii) all of the obligations and liabilities of the Subsidiary Guarantors under the Credit Agreement. Upon the payment in full of all Secured Obligations (other than Unliquidated Obligations), Grantee shall promptly, upon such satisfaction, execute, acknowledge, and deliver to the Borrower all reasonably requested instruments in writing releasing the security interest in the Trademarks acquired under the Security Agreement and this Confirmatory Grant.

(b) Grantor hereby grants to Grantee a security interest in (1) all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the Trademarks now owned or from time to time after the date hereof owned or acquired by Grantor, together with (2) all proceeds of such Trademarks, (3) the goodwill associated with

such Trademarks and (4) all causes of action arising prior to or after the date hereof for infringement of such Trademarks or unfair competition regarding the same.

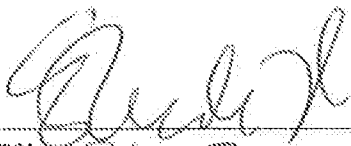
(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Confirmatory Grant and the security interests granted hereby are subject to the limitations set forth in Article II of the Security Agreement (which are incorporated herein *mutatis mutandis* by this reference).

3) Counterparts. This Confirmatory Grant may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Signature pages may be detached from multiple separate counterparts and attached to a single counterpart.

4) Governing Law. This Confirmatory Grant and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has executed this Confirmatory Grant effective as of the date first written above.

THE ADVISORY BOARD COMPANY

By: 
Name: Evan Fasher
Title: General Counsel

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Exhibit A - SCHEDULE OF TRADEMARKS

Mark	Ser. No./Reg. No.
ActiveStrategy & design	76/085,629 2,531,609
ActiveStrategy Enterprise	76/085,626 2,672,771
ActiveStrategy	76/085,625 2,531,608