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## Rightscorp Cites Recent South African Mandate for ISPs to Block Piracy Sites

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 18, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Rightscorp (OTCQB: RIHT), a leading provider of data analytics and litigation services, as well as copyright infringement protection services to support artists and owners of copyrighted property, today referenced the latest on global piracy news, citing a recent South African mandate for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to block sites that aid in copyright infringement.

South Africa's biggest IT news website covering the latest international and local IT and tech news, *MyBroadband*, reported that the Southern African Federation Against Copyright Theft (SAFACT) has asked ISPs in the country to block access to pirated sites, holding the ISPs liable for legal action if not compliant. Earlier this year, local South African Usenet provider NewsHost and its torrent analog Bitfarm were shut down by SAFACT, a mandate given by the Motion Picture Association to target local sites that enabled copyright infringement.

Christopher Sabec, President of Rightscorp, commented, "Since 2011, we have warned that U.S. ISPs risk incurring huge liabilities if they fail to implement and enforce policies to terminate the accounts of subscribers who repeatedly infringe copyrights. Piracy, of course, is a worldwide epidemic and this recent news from South Africa reinforces the idea that efforts to reduce piracy should start with the ISPs."

### About Rightscorp, Inc.

Rightscorp (RIHT) is a leading provider of data and analytic services to support artists and owners of copyrighted Intellectual Property (IP). The Company's patent pending digital loss prevention technology focuses on the infringement of rights to digital content such as music, movies, software, books and games and ensures that the rights of owners and creators are protected. Rightscorp works closely with its clients to develop programs of education and notice, and as necessary to pursue copyright infringers for their illegal file sharing activities via notifications sent through Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The Company's technology identifies copyright infringers, who are provided information about copyrights and the importance of Intellectual Property and offered a reasonable opportunity to terminate their activities and pay a nominal settlement option that is generally a fraction of the statutory minimum in an effort to avoid the need for expensive litigation. With minimum statutory penalties of \$750 and up to \$150,000 per infringement, Rightscorp's technology and process of notice allows all parties to efficiently and economically address copyright infringement without the costs and burdens of litigation. Based on the fact that 22% of all Internet traffic is used to distribute copyrighted content without permission or compensation to the creators, Rightscorp's technology and process provides one of the best and most cost efficient means of addressing this issue for both the artists and those who have infringed their works.

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