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Thread: [ROBLOX HIT WITH 200M+ USD COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT LAWSUIT](#)

Charger - June 10, 2021, 3:31 pm

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On June 9th, independent and major music publishers sued the video game platform Roblox for over \$200million in damages.

Image Credit – The Roblox Corporation
The Plaintiffs

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of ABKCO Music & Records, Big Machine Records, Concord Music Group, deadmau5, Downtown Music Publishing, Hipgnosis, Kobalt Music Group, MPL Music Publishing, peermusic, Reservoir Media Management, Spirit Music Group, and Universal Music Publishing Group. Notable absences from this list are Warner Music Group and Sony Music Group. Both of these companies have direct financial ties to Roblox.

The plaintiffs are suing via the National Music Publishers' Association (NMPA). It is an American trade association whose mandate is to defend the interests of music publishers and songwriters in the matters of domestic and global music copyrights.

The Allegations

The lawsuit alleges that since going public in March on the New York Stock Exchange, Roblox has made hundreds of millions by putting music uploads on their platform behind a paywall. With two-thirds of the game's player base being under 16, the lawsuit also alleges that the company took advantage of young players' lack of knowledge about copyright by not warning the users about the risks and not cracking down on infringement.

Image Credit – The Roblox Corporation

The main issue the NMPA has with Roblox seems to be that their library contains thousands of unlicensed songs. Users can then incorporate these into their own games. As a result, Roblox allegedly uses songs by artists such as Ariana Grande, Imagine Dragons and Ed Sheeran. It does so without compensating the writers and copyright holders.

Roblox's Response

The Roblox Corporation responded on June 10th. They claimed their Community Rules protects intellectual property rights. They also claimed that they use advanced filtering technology to block any unauthorized recordings. Furthermore, the company said it takes valid Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) requests very seriously by removing infringing content that violates its rules.

According to the Roblox Corporation, the NMPA's lawsuit originates from a fundamental misunderstanding of how it operates. In their eyes, the Safe Harbor rule applies in this case

whereby a platform is shielded from legal responsibility if a user uploads copyrighted material subject to DMCA violations.

Roblox - Gameplay

Image Credit – The Roblox Corporation

A Roblox Corporation spokesperson said that they were disappointed by the lawsuit.

They touted the platform's partnership with major artists such as Lil Nas X and

Zara Larsson who are both under the Sony Music Group label. However, the NMPA disagrees, claiming that Roblox is attempting to hide behind a misinterpretation of the DMCA.

They claim that simply announcing Community Rules would be insufficient to compensate artists for their music.

<https://www.thegamecrater.com/roblox-hit-with-200m-usd-copyright-infringement-lawsuit/>

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Aeowulf - June 10, 2021, 4:07 pm

Holy.... that is one helluva lawsuit. Crazy amount of money. I think that much would be hard to prove... but also depends on Roblox's supposed controls (if any).

xZalurex - June 10, 2021, 4:21 pm

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According to [this Bloomberg article](#) about three months ago, it's closer to the tune of \$44b.