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UK: Gloucester Place Music Ltd v Le Bon, High Court of Justice of England and Wales, Chancery Division, HC-2015-004970, 2 December 2016

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In a case between a music publisher and members of the pop group Duran Duran, the Court granted a declaration to the claimant music publisher, finding that service of notices under s.203 US Copyright Act 1976 purporting to terminate assignments of the US copyright in 37 songs would breach the terms of the agreements between the parties. Preference was given to the Claimant's case on construction with emphasis on the broad terms in which the grant of rights was expressed in the agreements and the defendants' warranties not to grant rights otherwise than to the claimant.

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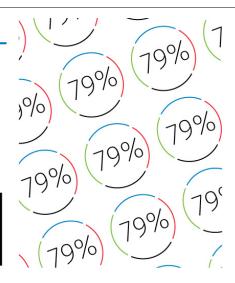
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