

Microsoft Pays \$30M Settlement to Daum

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Microsoft agreed to pay a \$30-million settlement to the South Korean web portal operator Daum Communications, the companies said on Friday, but the Redmond software giant faces a continuing investigation by South Korea's Fair Trade Commission.

Daum, which acquired the Lycos portal in August 2004 from Terra Lycos and operates other popular portals and web sites in Asia, complained to the commission during 2001 that Microsoft was tying its MSN Messenger instant messaging service and Windows Media Player to its Windows operating system. It sued Microsoft in 2004.

To settle the complaints, Microsoft has agreed to pay Seoul-based Daum \$10 million cash, \$10 million in advertising, and \$10 million in other unspecified business.

However, South Korea's Fair Trade Commission is continuing to investigate Microsoft's anticompetitive activity against RealNetworks, even though RealNetworks also buried the hatchet with Microsoft in October (see Microsoft and Real Reach Pact).

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