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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 15 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

16 LA PRINTEX INDUSTRIES, INC.,

17 Plaintiff,

18 vs.

19 J.C. PENNEY COMPANY, INC.; ROSS
 20 STORES, INC.; KELLWOOD
 21 COMPANY d/b/a/ MY MICHELLE;
 22 NEMAN BROTHERS & ASSOC., INC.;
 23 and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

24 Defendant.

Case No. CV08-02758 GHK (JTLx)

[PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER

Complaint Filed: April 28, 2008
 Trial Date: None Set

1 **TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

2 BASED UPON THE STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES, AND GOOD CAUSE
3 APPEARING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person or party subject to this
4 Order – including without limitation the parties to this action, their representatives,
5 agents, experts and consultants, all third parties providing discovery in this action, and
6 all other interested persons with actual or constructive notice of this Order – shall
7 adhere to the following terms:

8 1. **Overview:** Any person or party subject to this Order who receives from
9 any other person or party any information of any kind provided in the course of
10 discovery in the action (hereinafter “Discovery Material”) that is designated as
11 “Confidential” and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” pursuant to the terms of this
12 Order (hereinafter, the “Confidential Information” of “Confidential Discovery
13 Material”) shall not disclose such Confidential Information to anyone else except as
14 expressly permitted hereunder.

15 2. **Material Designated As “Confidential”:** The person or party disclosing
16 or producing any given Discovery Material may designate as “Confidential” such
17 portion of such material as consists of any commercially sensitive and/or confidential
18 financial or business information, such as purchase records, sales records, item
19 profitability reports, pricing methods, and confidential nonpublic contracts. The
20 parties, or some of them, request protection of such information on the grounds that
21 said information is not ordinarily available to the public, that said information, if
22 disclosed, could be harmful to the parties, or any of them, that said information, if
23 disclosed, could be helpful to the competitors of the parties, or any of them, and that
24 said information therefore requires special protection from disclosure pursuant to
25 F.R.C.P. 26(c).

26 3. **Disclosure Of “Confidential” Materials:** No person or party subject to
27 the Order other than the producing person or party shall disclose any of the Discovery
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1 Material designated by the producing person or party as “Confidential” to any other
2 person whomsoever, except to:

3 (a) the parties to this action and Protective Order, including their
4 employees and former employees;

5 (b) in-house (or corporate) legal counsel, and outside attorneys retained
6 specifically for this action, and fellow employees of each such attorneys’ law firms to
7 whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose such Confidential Discovery Material;

8 (c) its author, its addressee, and any other person indicated on the face
9 of the document as having received a copy;

10 (d) any employee or agent, or former employee or agent, of any sender
11 or recipient of the document (e.g. where a Purchase Order from Company A to
12 Company B is produced in litigation by Company A, said document may be disclosed to
13 employees or agents of Company B under the terms of this Protective Order).

14 (e) any person retained by a party to serve as an expert witness or
15 otherwise providing specialized advice to counsel in connection with this action,
16 provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form
17 annexed as an Exhibit hereto;

18 (f) stenographers engaged to transcribe depositions conducted in this
19 action and their support personnel; and

20 (g) the Court and its support personnel;

21 (h) as required by law or court order upon notice to the designating
22 party sufficiently in advance of such disclosure to permit it to seek a protective order.

23 4. **Material Designated As “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only”:** The
24 person or party disclosing or producing any given Discovery Material may designate
25 material as “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” only if (a) the material meets the
26 definition of Confidential, pursuant to Section 2 above, and (b) an opposing party is a
27 direct competitor, or a potential direct customer of that party. A party may not mark

1 documents as “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” in order to keep the documents from
2 any other party, if the two parties are represented by the same attorneys in this matter.

3 **5. Disclosure Of “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” Material:** No
4 person or party subject to this Order other than the producing person or party shall
5 disclose any of the Discovery Material designated by the producing person or party as
6 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” to any other person whomsoever, except to:

7 a) outside attorneys retained specifically for this action, and fellow
8 employees of each such attorneys’ law firms to whom it is reasonably necessary to
9 disclose such Confidential Discovery Material;

10 b) outside experts and outside consultants (including their employees
11 or clerical assistants) who are employed, retained or otherwise consulted by a party or
12 its attorneys for the purpose of analyzing data, conducting studies or providing opinions
13 to assist, in any way, in this litigation and to whom it is reasonably necessary to
14 disclose such Confidential Discovery Material, provided such person has first executed
15 a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as an Exhibit hereto;

16 c) the party producing said documents and persons affiliated with the
17 party producing said documents, including the producing party’s employees and former
18 employees (provided such former employee has first executed a Non-Disclosure
19 Agreement in the form annexed as an Exhibit hereto), during the time they are
20 testifying in deposition or at trial, or in connection with written discovery requests;

21 d) Any employee or agent of any sender or recipient of the document
22 (e.g. where a Purchase Order from Company A to Company B is produced in litigation
23 by Company A, said document may be disclosed to employees or agents of Company B
24 under the terms of this Protective Order).

25 e) stenographers engaged to transcribe depositions conducted in this
26 action;

27 f) the Court and its support personnel and/or

1 g) as required by law or court order upon notice to the designating
2 party sufficiently in advance of such disclosure to permit it to seek a protective order.

3 6. **Deposition Transcripts:** With respect to the Confidential portion(s) of any
4 Discovery material other than deposition transcripts and exhibits, the producing person
5 or party or that person's or party's counsel may designate such portion(s) as
6 "Confidential" or "Confidential /Attorneys' Eyes Only" by stamping or otherwise
7 clearly marking as "Confidential" or "Confidential/Attorneys' Eyes Only" the protected
8 portion(s) in a manner that will not interfere with legibility or audibility. With respect
9 to deposition transcripts and exhibits, a producing person or party or that person or
10 party's counsel may indicate on the record that a question calls for Confidential
11 Information, in which case the transcript of the designated testimony shall be bound in
12 a separate volume and marked "Confidential Information Governed by Protective
13 Order" by the reporter.

14 7. **Documents Under Seal:** The designation of documents or information as
15 "Confidential" or "Confidential/Attorneys' Eyes Only" creates no entitlement to file
16 such documents or information under seal. Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the
17 procedures that must be followed and reflects the standards that will be applied when a
18 party seeks permission from the court to file materials under seal.

19 8. **Separate Non-Disclosure Agreements:** Prior to any disclosure of any
20 Confidential Discovery Material to any person referred to in paragraph 3a, 3b, 3e, 5a,
21 5b, and/or 5c above, such person shall be provided by counsel with a copy of this
22 Protective Order and shall sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form agreed to by
23 the Parties, stating that that person has read this Order and agrees to be bound by its
24 terms. Said counsel shall retain each signed Non-Disclosure Agreement, hold it in
25 escrow, and upon request produce it to opposing counsel either prior to such person
26 being permitted to testify (at deposition or trial) or at the conclusion of the case,
27 whichever comes first.

1 9. **Failure To Designate:** If at any time prior to the trial of this action, a
2 producing person or party realizes that some portion(s) of Discovery Material that that
3 person or party previously produced without limitation should be designated as
4 “Confidential” and/or “Confidential /Attorneys’ Eyes Only”, they may so designate by
5 so apprising all parties in writing, and providing said parties with appropriately marked
6 copies of said Discovery Material, where possible, and such designated portion(s) of the
7 Discovery Material will thereafter be treated as “Confidential” and/or
8 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” under the terms of this Order.

9 10. **Designations In Good Faith:** “Confidential” and/or
10 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” material shall only include information which the
11 designating party in good faith believes will, if disclosed, have the effect of causing
12 harm to its competitive position. “Confidential” and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes
13 Only” material shall not include information that (a) was, is or becomes public
14 knowledge, not in violation of this Protective Order or any other obligation of
15 confidentiality, or (b) was or is acquired from a third party having no direct or indirect
16 obligation of confidentiality to the designating party.

17 11. **Objections To Designations:** Any party who either objects to any
18 designation of confidentiality, or who, by contrast, requests still further limits on
19 disclosure (such as in camera review in extraordinary circumstances), may at any time
20 prior to the trial of this action serve upon counsel for the designating person or party a
21 written notice stating with particularity the grounds of the objection or request. If
22 agreement cannot be reached promptly, counsel for the objecting party may seek
23 appropriate relief from the Court in accordance with Local Rule 37 and the party
24 asserting confidentiality shall have the burden of providing same. If a party disagrees
25 with or challenges the grounds or basis for the designation of any document or
26 information as Confidential Material, that party nevertheless shall treat and protect such
27 material as Confidential Material in accordance with this Protective Order unless and
28 until all parties shall have agreed in writing, or an order of the Court shall have been

1 entered, that provides that such challenged Confidential Material may be used or
2 disclosed in a manner different from that specified for Confidential Material in this
3 Protective Order.

4 **12. Use At Trial:** Documents designated “Confidential” and/or
5 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” may be used by any party without limitation at
6 trial. However, any party who wishes to have such documents treated as “Confidential”
7 and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” may renew their request for confidentiality
8 before the trial judge at the status conference and/or through a motion in limine.

9 **13. Continuing Jurisdiction:** This Court shall retain jurisdiction over all
10 persons subject to this Order to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising
11 hereunder or to impose sanctions for any contempt thereof.

12 **14. Obligations Upon Termination Of Litigation:** This Protective Order
13 shall survive the termination of the litigation. Within 30 days of the final disposition of
14 this action, including all appeals, all Discovery Materials designated as “Confidential,”
15 and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” and all copies thereof, that have not been
16 annotated, illuminated or otherwise “marked-up” shall be promptly returned to the
17 producing person or party (at the producing person’s expense), or shall be destroyed.
18 All documents marked “Confidential,” and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” that
19 have been annotated, illuminated or otherwise “marked-up” shall not be returned, but
20 shall be destroyed.

21 **15. Further Modifications:** Any party to this action may, at any time,
22 request the modification of this Protective Order, upon a noticed motion, unless
23 emergency relief is appropriate, and upon a showing of good cause.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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27 Date: November 5, 2008

/s/Jennifer T. Lum

Hon. Jennifer T. Lum

United States Magistrate Judge