

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

9

**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

10

11 RAPID RACK INDUSTRIES, INC., a  
California Corporation,

12

Plaintiff,

13

vs.

14

15 CHINA EXPORT & CREDIT CORP.,  
a Chinese corporation; ZHEJIAN  
JIAXING ZHONG DA GROUP CO.,  
16 LTD., a Chinese corporation; DOES 1  
through 10, inclusive,

17

Defendants.

18

19 AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIM.

20

21

The parties hereto have stipulated and agreed to entry of a Protective Order in this case. Having found good cause for its entry, a Protective Order shall be entered in this case, with the following terms, conditions, and requirements:

24

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

25

26

27

28

1. Any party or non-party that produces information in connection with this case orally while giving testimony, in writing, or through the production of documents or otherwise during the discovery period herein or trial, which information it reasonably believes in good faith to be confidential or highly

Case No. CV11-07785 SJO (MRWx)

~~[PROPOSED]~~ PROTECTIVE  
ORDERComplaint Filed: September 20, 2011  
Trial Date: July 16, 2013

CV11-07785 SJO (MRWx)

1 confidential in nature—including, but not limited to, trade secrets, research, design,  
2 development, financial, technical, marketing, planning, personal, or commercial  
3 information, as such terms are used in Rule 26(c)(1)(G) of the Federal Rules of Civil  
4 Procedure—may designate such information for protection under this order, and the  
5 information so designated (“Protected Material”) shall thereafter be subject to the  
6 provisions of this Protective Order. The term “document” as used in this Protective  
7 Order shall have the broadest meaning permissible under the Federal Rules of Civil  
8 Procedure, including any information stored electronically, in any computer system,  
9 hard drive and/or network, or in any other optical data storage device.

10       2. Protected Material may be designated by the party producing it as  
11 “CONFIDENTIAL” at the time that the Protected Material is produced by placing  
12 or affixing a “CONFIDENTIAL” notice in writing on each page of the documents  
13 containing such Protected Material. Electronic documents may be designated by  
14 affixing such a notice upon the media itself. If any party believes that material it  
15 receives from another party or a third party is Protected Material and was not  
16 marked “CONFIDENTIAL” as contemplated by this Protective Order, and that  
17 party wishes to designate such material confidential, it shall notify all parties who  
18 have obtained such material and shall provide all parties with new copies of the  
19 Protected Material marked “CONFIDENTIAL.”

20       3. In the case of depositions, the party’s counsel wishing to designate  
21 portions of testimony as containing Protected Material may do so by making an  
22 appropriate statement at the time of the giving of such testimony or by notifying  
23 opposing counsel in writing upon subsequent review of the transcript.

24       4. Any designation of Protected Material that is inadvertently omitted  
25 during document production may be corrected at any time by written notification to  
26 opposing counsel, and such documents shall thereafter be treated as Protected  
27 Material in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order. Disclosure of  
28 such Protected Material to persons not authorized to receive that information before

1 receipt of the confidentiality designation shall not be deemed a violation of this  
2 Protective Order. However, in the event the document has been distributed in a  
3 manner inconsistent with the designation, a receiving party will take the steps  
4 necessary to conform distribution to the designation: i.e., returning all copies of the  
5 “CONFIDENTIAL” document, or notes or extracts thereof, to the persons  
6 authorized to possess such documents. In the event distribution has occurred to a  
7 person not under the control of a receiving party, a request for return of the  
8 document, and for an undertaking of confidentiality, shall be made in writing. In the  
9 event the request is not promptly agreed to in writing, or in the event there is no  
10 response, or in the event that the party deems the making of the request to be a futile  
11 act, the party shall promptly notify the disclosing party of the distribution and all  
12 pertinent facts concerning it, including the identity of the person or entity not under  
13 the control of the receiving party.

14 5. Protected Material classified as “CONFIDENTIAL” may not be  
15 disclosed, shown or provided by any person to anyone other than:

16 (a) counsel of record and in-house counsel for the parties and the  
17 necessary clerical and legal support personnel employed or retained by such  
18 counsel, including court reporters and copy services;

19 (b) independent consultants and experts retained by counsel of  
20 record to assist in connection with this action, subject to the provisions contained in  
21 paragraph 7 of this Protective Order;

22 (c) persons whom are identified on the face of a writing containing  
23 such information as the authors or recipients of the information;

24 (d) witnesses during the course of their discovery, depositions, or  
25 trial. Such witnesses shall not be permitted to retain possession of any Protected  
26 Material following completion of his or her discovery, depositions or trial except  
27 insofar as may be necessary for purposes of reviewing and signing the transcript of  
28

1 the deposition. Counsel for any party seeking to have a witness bound by this  
2 Protective Order may seek such an order from the Court;

3 (e) the Court and its employees;

4 (f) the parties and their employees and agents to the extent that such  
5 employees or agents have been designated as having responsibility for this litigation.

6 6. All persons not authorized pursuant to this Protective Order to receive  
7 such Protected Material shall be excluded from that portion of the deposition or  
8 proceeding during which the Protected Material is shown, discussed or used.

9 7. All Protected Material disclosed in this case shall be used only for the  
10 purposes of prosecuting or defending this action, including any appeal thereof. All  
11 transcripts or documents containing Protected Material, including all copies or  
12 reproductions thereof, shall be returned to the producing party within thirty (30)  
13 days of the conclusion of this action, including any appeal thereof, along with a  
14 written representation that all such Protected Material has been returned.

15 8. From time to time, the parties may also agree to exchange Protected  
16 Material in connection with settlement negotiations or mediation. Any Protected  
17 Material that the producing party intends to be used solely for such purposes should  
18 be designated as such by placing or affixing a “SETTLEMENT MATERIAL  
19 ONLY” notice in writing on documents containing such Protected Material.  
20 Protected Material classified as “SETTLEMENT MATERIAL ONLY” may not be  
21 disclosed, shown or provided by any person to anyone other than: (a) counsel of  
22 record and in-house counsel for the parties, and (b) the parties and their employees  
23 and agents to the extent that such employees or agents have been designated as  
24 having responsibility for this litigation. Protected Material designated as  
25 “SETTLEMENT MATERIAL ONLY” may not be used for the purposes of  
26 prosecuting or defending this action, including any appeal, or any other action. If  
27 any Protective Material produced with a “SETTLEMENT MATERIAL ONLY”  
28

1 designation is duplicative of any other document produced in connection with this  
2 case, that document shall be treated as having a “CONFIDENTIAL” designation.

3 9. From time to time, the parties may also find reason to exchange  
4 Protected Material which they may designate “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
5 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” by denoting the same at the top of each page that  
6 contains such Protected Material. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or  
7 permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any  
8 information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
9 EYES ONLY” only to:

10 (a) attorneys of record in this action who are not employees of a  
11 Party but who are retained to represent or advise a Party in this action, as well as  
12 employees of said counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the  
13 information for this litigation and who have signed the attached agreement to be  
14 bound by the terms of this Protective Order (an “Agreement to Bound”), which  
15 agreement: (i) shall provide that such person agrees to be bound by the terms of this  
16 Protective Order regarding disclosure, (ii) shall provide that such person submits to  
17 the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of enforcing the terms of this  
18 Protective Order (even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of  
19 this action), and (iii) shall require such person to appoint an individual to act as its  
20 California agent for service of process in connection with the above captioned action  
21 or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Protective Order;

22 (b) a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter  
23 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as  
24 an expert witness or as a consultant in this action and who is not a past or a current  
25 employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party’s and who, at the time of retention,  
26 is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or a competitor of a Party’s,  
27 including, without limitation, a professional jury or trial consultant retained in  
28 connection with this litigation (hereinafter, an “Expert”) (i) to whom disclosure is

1 reasonably necessary for this litigation, and (ii) who have signed an Agreement to  
2 Bound;

3 (c) the Court and its personnel (this provision shall not be  
4 interpreted to authorize the filing of such Protected Material with the Court);

5 (d) court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to whom  
6 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed an  
7 Agreement to Be Bound; and

8 (e) the author of the document or the original source of the  
9 information.

10 If any Protective Material produced with a “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –  
11 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” designation is duplicative of any other document  
12 produced in connection with this case, that document shall be treated as having a  
13 “CONFIDENTIAL” designation. The designation of Protected Material as  
14 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” shall be reserved for  
15 Protected Material whose disclosure to another party or nonparty would create a  
16 substantial risk of serious injury that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

17 10. Protected Material shall be stored under the direct control of outside  
18 and/or in- house counsel for a party, who shall be responsible for preventing any  
19 disclosure thereof except in accordance with the terms of this Protective Order.

20 11. In the event that any party (the “Filing Party”) wishes to submit  
21 Protected Material designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” to the Court for use in any  
22 proceeding, including, but not limited to, any motion, settlement conference, or trial,  
23 that party shall, in accordance with the Standing Order of this Court, provide the  
24 party that designated the material “CONFIDENTIAL” (the “Designating Party”)  
25 with at least seven (7) calendar days’ notice, informing the Designating Party which  
26 specific documents or information the Filing Party intends to file with the Court and  
27 the date of the anticipated filing. No fewer than four (4) calendar days prior to the  
28 anticipated filing, the Designating Party must inform the Filing Party which of the

1 identified material it intends to move to seal, if any. Thereafter, in accordance with  
2 the provisions of this Court’s Standing Order, it shall be the sole responsibility of  
3 the Designating Party to file the appropriate application with the Court for authority  
4 to file the documents under seal. The parties to this Stipulation hereby  
5 acknowledge that the determination of whether to allow the filing of a document  
6 under seal rests squarely with the Court and, accordingly, the Court may deny the  
7 filing of the documents under seal. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to  
8 allow a party in receipt of Protected Material designated “SETTLEMENT  
9 MATERIAL ONLY” or designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’  
10 EYES ONLY” to be filed with the Court or to be designated for filing with the  
11 Court.

12 12. A party that designates information as Protected Material shall have a  
13 reasonable basis for believing, in good faith, that the information requested is  
14 confidential, proprietary or commercial information upon which restrictions to  
15 access should be imposed before that party designates the information as Protected  
16 Material. In the event that a receiving party shall at any time disagree with the  
17 designation by the producing party of any information as Protected Material, then  
18 the parties will first try, in good faith, to resolve such dispute on an informal basis  
19 before presenting the dispute to the Court by motion or otherwise. The Court may  
20 then determine whether the information should be considered Protected Material  
21 and, if so, may rule on what restrictions to access or disclosure should be imposed, if  
22 any, and the degree of such restrictions. Any such dispute presented to the Court  
23 shall comply with Local Rules 37-1 and 37-2 governing discovery disputes. No  
24 party shall be obligated to challenge the propriety of the designation of Protected  
25 Material at the time of production, and a failure to do so shall not preclude a  
26 subsequent challenge as to the propriety of such designation.

27 13. This Protective Order is without prejudice to the right of any party to  
28 seek relief from, or modification of, any provision contained in it after notice to the

PIRCHER, NICHOLS & MEEKS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
1925 CENTURY PARK EAST, SUITE 1700  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067  
TEL 310.201.8900 • FAX 310.201.8922

1 other party. This Protective Order is without prejudice to the right of any party to  
2 move for a separate protective order relating to any particular document or  
3 information, including restrictions different from those specified herein, and/or to  
4 present other appropriate motions.

5 14. The restrictions set forth in any of the preceding paragraphs shall not  
6 apply to information or material that:

7 (a) was, is or becomes public knowledge, not in violation of this  
8 Protective Order;

9 (b) is acquired by the non-designating party from a third party  
10 having the right to disclose such information or material; or

11 (c) was lawfully possessed by the non-designating party prior to the  
12 entry by the Court of this Order.

13 15. The parties agree to submit this Protective Order for entry by the Court  
14 to be bound by its terms.

15 16. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Stipulation for Entry of a  
16 Protective Order, nothing contained herein shall be deemed modify, supersede, or  
17 supplant that certain order date September 12, 2012 (the "Prior Order") with respect  
18 to CHINA EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE CORP in this litigation. In other  
19 words, the Prior Order shall remain in full force and effect.

20 17. This Order is not binding on the Court or Court personnel. The Court  
21 may amend or modify this Order in the interests of justice or for public policy  
22 reasons at any time.

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24  
25 DATED: 4/16/2013 \_\_\_\_\_



26 ~~Hon. S. James Otero~~  
~~U. S. District Court Judge~~

27 Hon. Michael R. Wilner

28

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of

\_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on \_\_\_\_\_ in the case of *Rapid Rack Industries, Inc. v. China Export & Credit Corp.; Zhejian Jiaxing Zong Da Group Co., Ltd.*, United District Court, Central District of California, Western Division, Case No. CV11-07785 SJO. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_