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

17 MAY CHEONG TOY PRODUCTS
 17 FACTORY LIMITED., a Hong Kong
 18 private limited company, and MAISTO
 18 INTERNATIONAL, INC., a California
 19 corporation,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 vs.

22 AUTOTEC SALES INC., a California
 22 corporation, XIN YU ARTS TOYS
 23 CO., LTD., a Chinese limited liability
 23 company, X.Q. (HK) ENTERPRISES,
 24 LIMITED, a Hong Kong private limited
 24 company, SHERMAN LIN, an
 25 individual, and DOES 1-10, inclusive,
 26 Defendants.

Case No.: CV12-09441 ABC (CWx)

Honorable Carla Woehrle

PROTECTIVE ORDER

1 **GOOD CAUSE; LIMITATIONS**

2 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve
3 production of trade secrets or other confidential research, development,
4 commercial, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from
5 public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than this litigation is
6 warranted. The parties believe that good cause exists for the entry of this
7 Stipulated Protective Order pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil
8 Procedure because Confidential Material (as defined below) constitutes trade-
9 secret or other confidential or proprietary information, the disclosure of which is
10 likely to have the effect of harming the competitive position of the Designating
11 Party (as defined below) or violating an obligation of confidentiality owed to a
12 third party.

13 Confidential Material designated under the terms of this Order shall be used
14 by a Discovering Party (as defined below) solely for this litigation and shall not be
15 used directly or indirectly for any other purpose whatsoever, and its disclosure is
16 prohibited except as expressly provided in this Order.

17 The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections
18 on all disclosures or responses to discovery. Designations of confidentiality shall
19 be made with care and shall not be made absent a good faith belief that the
20 Confidential Material satisfies the criteria set forth below for each category.

21 **DEFINITIONS**

- 22 1. As used in this Protective Order,
- 23 a. “Designating Party” means any Person who designates Material
24 as Confidential Material.
- 25 b. “Discovering Counsel” means counsel of record for a
26 Discovering Party.
- 27 c. “Discovering Party” means the Party to whom Material is being
28 Provided by a Producing Party.

1 d. "Confidential Material" refers to those materials designated as
2 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" as defined in Paragraph 2
3 below.

4 e. "Material" means any document, testimony or information in
5 any form or medium whatsoever, including, without limitation, any written or
6 printed matter, Provided in this action by a Party before or after the date of this
7 Protective Order.

8 f. "Party" means any party to this action, including its officers,
9 directors, employees, attorneys of record and their agents.

10 g. "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership,
11 unincorporated association, governmental agency, or other business or
12 governmental entity whether a Party or not.

13 h. "Producing Party" means any Person who Provides Material
14 during the course of this action.

15 i. "Provide" means to produce any Material, whether voluntarily
16 or involuntarily, whether pursuant to request or process.

17 **CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION**

18 2. A Producing Party may designate Confidential Material as follows:

19 a. A Producing Party may designate "CONFIDENTIAL" any
20 material provided to a Party which contains or discloses any of the following:

21 i. Non-public insider information, personnel files, financial
22 information, trade secrets, confidential commercial information,
23 proprietary information, or other confidential or sensitive
24 information which the Producing Party determines in good faith
25 should be kept confidential; and

26 ii. Information that the Party is under a duty to preserve as
27 confidential under an agreement with or other obligation to
28 another Person.

1 the time of its being Provided, this Protective Order shall apply to such materials
2 beginning on the date that the Producing Party makes such designation.

3 All costs associated with the designations of materials as “Confidential” or
4 “Attorneys’ Eyes Only” involving, for example, the cost of binding confidential
5 portions of deposition transcripts, shall be initially borne by the Party making the
6 designation with no prejudice regarding the Designating Party’s ability to recover
7 its costs upon completion of the litigation.

8 The designation of documents as “Confidential” or “Attorneys’ Eyes Only”
9 does not entitle the parties to have those documents filed under seal. An
10 application, including a stipulated application to file documents under seal must
11 comply with Local Rule 79-5.

12 **RESTRICTION ON USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

13 4. Confidential Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall not be
14 disclosed, nor shall its contents be disclosed, to any person other than those
15 described in Paragraph 7 of this Protective Order and other than in accordance with
16 the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Protective Order. Confidential
17 Material designated as ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY shall not be disclosed, nor
18 shall its contents be disclosed to any person other than those described in
19 Paragraph 8 of this Protective Order.

20 5. Confidential Material Provided by a Producing Party to a Discovering
21 Party shall not be used by the Discovering Party or anyone other than the
22 Producing Party, specifically including the persons identified in Paragraphs 7 or 8
23 as appropriate, for any purpose, including, without limitation any personal,
24 business, governmental, commercial, publicity, public-relations, or litigation
25 (administrative or judicial) purpose, other than the prosecution or defense of this
26 action.

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1 6. All Confidential Material shall be kept secure by Discovering Counsel
2 and access to Confidential Material shall be limited to persons authorized pursuant
3 to Paragraphs 7 or 8 of this Protective Order.

4 7. For purposes of the preparation of this action, and subject to the terms,
5 conditions, and restrictions of this Protective Order, Discovering Counsel may
6 disclose Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL and the contents of Material
7 designated as CONFIDENTIAL only to the following persons:

8 a. Counsel of record working on this action on behalf of any Party
9 and counsel of record's employees who are directly participating in this action,
10 including counsel of record's partners, associates, paralegals, assistants,
11 secretaries, and clerical staff;

12 b. In-house counsel and such in-house counsel's employees who
13 are directly participating in this action, including in-house counsel's paralegals,
14 assistants, secretaries, and clerical staff;

15 c. Court and deposition reporters and their staff.

16 d. Interpreters and translators employed by the Court or assisting
17 counsel of record with respect to this action;

18 e. The Court and any Person employed by the Court whose duties
19 require access to Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL;

20 f. Witnesses at depositions or pre-trial proceedings, in accordance
21 with procedures set forth in Paragraphs 11-13;

22 g. Non-party experts and consultants assisting counsel of record
23 with respect to this action and their secretarial, technical and clerical employees
24 who are actively assisting in the preparation of this action, in accordance with the
25 procedures set forth in Paragraphs 11-13;

26 h. Officers, directors and employees of the Parties hereto who
27 have a need to review Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL to assist in
28 connection with this litigation, subject to the limitations set forth herein;

1 i. Photocopy service personnel who photocopied or assisted in the
2 photocopying or delivering of documents in this litigation;

3 j. Any Person identified on the face of any such Material
4 designated as CONFIDENTIAL as an author or recipient thereof;

5 k. Any Person who is determined to have been an author and/or
6 previous recipient of the Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL, but is not
7 identified on the face thereof, provided there is prior testimony of actual authorship
8 or receipt of the Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL by such Person; and

9 l. Any Person who the Parties agree in writing may receive
10 Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL.

11 The Parties shall make a good faith effort to limit dissemination of Material
12 designated as CONFIDENTIAL within these categories to Persons who have a
13 reasonable need for access thereto.

14 8. For purposes of the preparation of this action, and subject to the terms,
15 conditions, and restrictions of this Protective Order, the Discovering Counsel may
16 disclose Material designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, and the contents of
17 Material so designated, only to the following persons:

18 a. Counsel of record for the Parties to this action and counsel of
19 record's employees who are directly participating in this action, including counsel
20 of record's partners, associates, paralegals, assistants, secretarial, and clerical staff;

21 b. Court and deposition reporters and their staff;

22 c. The Court and any person employed by the Court whose duties
23 require access to Material designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY;

24 d. Witnesses at depositions or pre-trial proceedings, in accordance
25 with procedures set forth in paragraphs 11-13;

26 e. Experts and consultants assisting counsel of record with respect
27 to this action and their secretarial, technical and clerical employees who are
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1 actively assisting in the preparation of this action, in accordance with the
2 procedures set forth in paragraphs 11-13;

3 f. Any Person identified on the face of any such Material
4 designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY as an author or recipient thereof;

5 g. Any Person who is determined to have been an author and/or
6 previous recipient of the Material designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, but
7 is not identified on the face thereof, provided there is prior testimony of actual
8 authorship or receipt of the Material designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY
9 by such Person; and

10 h. Any Person who the Parties agree in writing may receive
11 Material designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY.

12 **UNDERTAKING TO BE BOUND BY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

13 9. Before Discovering Counsel may disclose Confidential Material to
14 any Person described in subparagraphs 7(f), 7(g), 8(d) or 8(e) above, the Person to
15 whom disclosure is to be made shall receive a copy of this Protective Order and
16 shall evidence his or her agreement to be bound by the terms, conditions, and
17 restrictions of the Protective Order by signing an undertaking in the form attached
18 hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Undertaking"), and shall retain the copy of this
19 Protective Order, with a copy of his or her signed Undertaking attached.

20 Discovering Counsel shall keep a copy of the signed Undertaking for each person
21 described in subparagraphs 7(f), 7(g), 8(d) or 8(e) to whom Discovering Counsel
22 discloses Confidential Material.

23 10. The individuals designated in subparagraph 8(a) above, are
24 specifically prohibited from publishing, releasing, or otherwise disclosing Material
25 designated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or the contents thereof, to any
26 directors, officers, or employees of the company for which the individual is
27 employed, or to any other persons not authorized under this Protective Order to
28 receive such information. The designated individuals in subparagraph 8(a) shall

1 retain all ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY material in a secure manner under separate
2 and confidential file, so as to avoid inadvertent access by, or disclosure to,
3 unauthorized persons.

4 **DEPOSITIONS**

5 11. Those portions of depositions taken by any Party at which any
6 Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL is used or inquired into, may not be
7 conducted in the presence of any Person(s) other than (a) the deposition witness,
8 (b) his or her counsel of record, and (c) Persons authorized under Paragraph 7 of
9 this Protective Order to view such Confidential Material. During those portions of
10 depositions in which Material designated ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY is used or
11 inquired into, only those persons authorized under Paragraph 8 to view such
12 Materials may be present.

13 12. Counsel of record for any deponent may designate testimony or
14 exhibits as Confidential Material by indicating on the record at the deposition that
15 the testimony of the deponent or any exhibits to his or her testimony are to be
16 treated as Confidential Material. Counsel of record for any Party may designate
17 exhibits in which that Party has a cognizable interest as Confidential Material by
18 indicating on the record at the deposition that such exhibit(s) are to be treated as
19 Confidential Material. Failure of counsel of record to designate testimony or
20 exhibits as confidential at deposition, however, shall not constitute a waiver of the
21 protected status of the testimony or exhibits. Within thirty calendar days of receipt
22 of the transcript of the deposition, or thirty days of the date on which this
23 Protective Order becomes effective, whichever occurs last, Counsel of record shall
24 be entitled to designate specific testimony or exhibits as Confidential Material. If
25 Counsel of record for the deponent or Party fails to designate the transcript or
26 exhibits as Confidential within the above-described thirty day period, any other
27 Party shall be entitled to treat the transcript or exhibits as non-confidential
28 material. For purposes of this Paragraph 12, this Protective Order shall be deemed

1 “effective” on the date on which it has been executed by counsel of record for all
2 Parties.

3 13. When Material disclosed during a deposition is designated
4 Confidential Material at the time testimony is given, the reporter shall separately
5 transcribe those portions of the testimony so designated, shall mark the face of the
6 transcript in accordance with Paragraph 3 above, and shall maintain that portion of
7 the transcript or exhibits in separate files marked to designate the confidentiality of
8 their contents. The reporter shall not file or lodge with the Court any Confidential
9 Material without obtaining written consent from the Party who designated the
10 Material as Confidential Material. For convenience, if a deposition transcript or
11 exhibit contains repeated references to Confidential Material which cannot
12 conveniently be segregated from non-confidential material, any Party may request
13 that the entire transcript or exhibit be maintained by the reporter as Confidential
14 Material.

15 **USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL IN PLEADINGS AND OTHER**
16 **COURT PAPERS**

17 14. If any Party or non-party seeks to file or lodge with the Court any
18 Confidential Material, such materials shall be submitted to the Court in accordance
19 with the procedures set forth in Local Rule 79-5.1. No documents may be filed or
20 lodged under seal absent a court order pertinent to the specific document(s). If a
21 Party wishes to file or lodge documents under seal, the other Party shall not
22 unreasonably withhold agreement to such procedure. If an agreement is reached,
23 the Parties shall submit to the Court a Stipulation and Proposed Order for such
24 filing or lodging under seal. If no such agreement is reached, then the proponent of
25 lodging or filing under seal shall submit an Application and Proposed Order
26 pursuant to Local Rule 79-5.1.

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1 being conducted. In addition, with respect to any such retained work product and
2 unless otherwise agreed to, at the conclusion of this action, counsel of record for
3 each Party shall store in a secure area all work product which embodies
4 Confidential Material together with all of the signed undertakings they are required
5 to preserve pursuant to Paragraph 9 above, and shall not make use of such Material
6 except in connection with any action arising directly out of these actions, or
7 pursuant to a court order for good cause shown. The obligation of this Protective
8 Order shall survive the termination of this action. To the extent that Confidential
9 Materials are or become known to the public through no fault of the Discovering
10 Party, such Confidential Materials shall no longer be subject to the terms of this
11 Protective Order. Upon request, counsel of record for each Party shall verify in
12 writing that they have complied with the provisions of this paragraph.

13 **SCOPE OF THIS ORDER**

14 18. Except for the provisions regarding post-trial or post-settlement return
15 and destruction of Material, or segregation of work product which embodies
16 Confidential Material, this order is strictly a pretrial order; it does not govern the
17 trial in this action.

18 19. Not later than seven days before trial in the action, counsel of record
19 agree to meet and confer concerning the use at trial of Confidential Material.

20 20. Nothing in this Protective Order shall be deemed to limit, prejudice,
21 or waive any right of any Party or Person (a) to resist or compel discovery with
22 respect to, or to seek to obtain additional or different protection for, Material
23 claimed to be protected work product or privileged under California or federal law,
24 Material as to which the Producing Party claims a legal obligation not to disclose,
25 or Material not required to be provided pursuant to California law; (b) to seek to
26 modify or obtain relief from any aspect of this Protective Order; (c) to object to the
27 use, relevance, or admissibility at trial or otherwise of any Material, whether or not
28 designated in whole or in part as Confidential Material governed by this Protective

1 Order; or (d) otherwise to require that discovery be conducted according to
2 governing laws and rules.

3 21. Designation of Material as Confidential Material on the face of such
4 Material shall have no effect on the authenticity or admissibility of such Material at
5 trial.

6 22. This Protective Order shall not preclude any Person from waiving the
7 applicability of this Protective Order with respect to any Confidential Material
8 Provided by that Person or using any Confidential Material Provided by that
9 Person or using any Confidential Material owned by that Person in any manner that
10 Person deems appropriate.

11 23. This Protective Order shall not affect any contractual, statutory or
12 other legal obligation or the rights of any Party or Person with respect to
13 Confidential Material designated by that Party.

14 24. The restrictions set out in the Protective Order shall not apply to any
15 Material which:

- 16 a. At the time it is Provided is available to the public;
- 17 b. After it is Provided, becomes available to the public through no
18 act, or failure to act, of the Discovering Party; or
- 19 c. The Discovering Party can show
 - 20 i. Was already known to the Discovering Party
 - 21 independently of receipt of the Confidential Material in this or prior litigation; or
 - 22 ii. Was received by the Discovering Party, after the time it
23 was designated as Confidential Material hereunder, from a third party having the
24 right to make such disclosure.

25 25. If at any time any Material protected by this Protective Order is
26 subpoenaed from the Discovering Party by any Court, administrative or legislative
27 body, or is requested by any other Person or entity purporting to have authority to
28 require the production of such material, the Party to whom the subpoena or other

1 request is directed shall immediately give written notice thereof to the Producing
2 Party with respect to Confidential Material sought and shall afford the Producing
3 Party reasonable opportunity to pursue formal objections to such disclosures. If the
4 Producing Party does not prevail on its objections to such disclosure, the
5 Discovering Party may produce the Confidential Material without violating this
6 Protective Order.

7 **SUBMISSION TO COURT**

8 26. The Parties agree to submit this Protective Order to the Court for
9 adoption as an order of the Court. The Parties reserve the right to seek, upon good
10 cause, modification of this Protective Order by the Court.

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12 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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16 Date: March 12, 2013



Honorable Carla Woehrle
United States District Court Judge

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EXHIBIT A

**UNDERTAKING TO BE BOUND BY THE PRETRIAL PROTECTIVE
ORDER
REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS**

I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____
_____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that
I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order that was issued by
the United States District Court for the Central District of California in the case of
May Cheong Toy Products Factory Limited, et al., v. Autotec Sales Inc., et al., No.
CV12-09441 ABC (CWx). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of
this 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 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.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Signed: _____

[Print Name]

[Signature]