K. Tom Kohan, Esq.; SBN: 225420 KOHAN LAW FIRM 1 515 South Figueroa Street, Suite 1200 Los Angeles, California 90071 Tel: (310) 349-1111 Fax: (888)476-7010 3 Email: tom@kohanlawfirm.com 4 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff R AND S WORLDWIDE, INC. 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 R AND S WORLDWIDE, INC., a Case No.: 15-CV-09303-AB-KS California corporation, 10 DISCOVERY MATTER 11 **Plaintiff** Hon. Karen L. Stevenson 12 [PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE **ORDER** 13 v. **Stipulation of Parties re Protective** 14 Order Concurrently Filed Herewith]] RUE 21, INC., a Delaware corporation; 15 MJCK CORPORATION, a California corporation dba NOBILITY; and DOES 16 1-10, inclusive, 17 Defendants. 18 19 20 Pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and based 21 on the parties' Amended Stipulation For protective Order ("Stipulation") filed 22 on June 1, 2016, the terms of the protective order to which the parties have agreed are adopted as a protective order of this Court (which generally shall 23 govern the pretrial phase of this action) except to the extent, as set forth below, 24 that those terms have been modified by the Court's amendment of paragraphs 25 1, 3, 6.2, 6.3, 7.2(e), 7.3(c), 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the Stipulation. 26 27

AGREED TERMS OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER AS ADOPTED AND MODIFIED BY THE COURT¹

Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of

confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from

public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this matter

would be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition this

Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge

that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to

discovery and that the protection it affords extends only to the limited information or

confidential. The parties further acknowledge that this Stipulated Protective

Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil

standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to

file material under seal. The parties have agreed that the terms of this Protective

or private information. The parties reserve their rights to object to or withhold any

applicable grounds permitted by law, including third-party rights and relevancy.

This action is likely to involve trade secrets, customer and pricing lists and other

purpose other than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such confidential and

valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical and/or proprietary

information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any

information, including confidential, proprietary, or private information, on any other

Order shall also apply to any future voluntary disclosures of confidential, proprietary,

Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the

items that are entitled under the applicable legal principles to treatment as

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B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

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¹ The Court's additions to the agreed terms of the Protective Order are generally indicated in bold typeface, and the Court's deletions are indicated by lines through the text being deleted.

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proprietary materials and information consist of, among other things, confidential business or financial information, information regarding confidential business practices, or other confidential research, development, or commercial information (including information implicating privacy rights of third parties), information otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common law. Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their support staff).
- 2.2 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.
- 2.3 "Confidential" Information or Items: information (regardless of how generated, stored, or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under standards developed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c).

- 2.4 "Attorneys' Eyes Only": Discovery Material or such portion of such material as consists of:
- a) any commercially sensitive and/or confidential business or financial information (including without limitation confidential nonpublic contracts, profitability reports or estimates, sales reports, and sales margins) which could reasonably create a competitive disadvantage if disclosed to the parties in this action;
- b) any business or financial information that is confidential, proprietary, or commercially sensitive to third parties who have had business dealings with parties to this action; or
- c) any other category of material or information hereinafter given Confidential status by the Court, to the extent said material could reasonably create a competitive disadvantage if disclosed to the parties in this action.
- 2.5 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.
- 2.6 Producing Party: a Party or non-party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this action.
- 2.7 Designating Party: a Party or non-party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."
- 2.8 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."
- 2.9 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this action. This definition includes a professional jury or trial consultant retained in connection with this litigation. The expert witness or consultant may not be a past or a current employee of the Party (including any affiliates or related entities) adverse to the Party engaging the expert witness or consultant, or someone who at the time of retention is anticipated to become an employee of the Party (including any affiliates or related entities) adverse

to the Party engaging the expert witness or consultant. Moreover, the expert witness or consultant may not be a current employee or anticipated to become an employee of any entity who is a competitor of the Party adverse to the Party engaging the expert witness or consultant.

2.10 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g., photocopying; videotaping; translating; preparing exhibits or demonstrations; organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.) and their employees and subcontractors.

3. SCOPE:

The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations thereof, plus testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or counsel to or in litigation or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

4. DURATION

Even after the termination of this action, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. A Designating Party must take care to designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written

communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified, or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process, or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties), expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Party's or a non-party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection at all, or do not qualify for the level of protection initially asserted, that Party or non-party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a), below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

(a) for information in documentary form (apart from transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" at the top or bottom of each page that contains protected material.

A Party or non-party that makes originals or copies of documents or materials available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it intends to copy. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must designate, either in writing or on the record (at a deposition), which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then the Receiving Party

legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." If only portions of

the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent

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practicable, shall identify the protected portions, specifying whether they qualify as "CONFIDENTIAL" or as "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."

Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to 5.3 designate qualified information or items as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material. If material is appropriately designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" after the material was initially produced, the Receiving Party, on timely notification of the designation, must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS 6.

- Timing of Challenges. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a later significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.
- 6.2 Meet and Confer. A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality designation must do so in accordance with Local Rule 37.1 et seq., in good faith and must begin the process by conferring with counsel for the Designating Party in writing. In conferring, the challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet-and-confer process first.
- Court Intervention. A Party that elects to press a challenge to a 6.3

confidentiality designation after considering the justification offered by the Designating Party may file and serve a motion that identifies the challenged material and sets forth in detail the basis for the challenge. Each such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration that affirms that the movant has complied with the meet-and-confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph and that sets forth with specificity the justification for the confidentiality designation that was given by the Designating Party in the meet-and-confer dialogue. The parties agree that a confidentiality designation shall not create a presumption in favor of such confidentiality designation, and that the Court shall decide the issue as such. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions.

Until the Court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation.

7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 11, below (FINAL DISPOSITION). Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

of this Stipulated Protective Order promptly to the Party in the other action that

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caused the subpoena or order to issue, and cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of this Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its confidentiality interests in the court from which the subpoena or order issued. The Designating Party shall bear the burdens and the expenses of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

- (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL." Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.
- (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:
- (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;
- (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

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if requested. If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14 (c) days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the

make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party,

discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the

Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control

that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party

shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its

910. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed

Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this

writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts

to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to

whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d)

request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to

Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in

Protected Material.

Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

191. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL Without written permission from the Designating Party, or Any Party wishing to file Protected Material under seal may make an application for a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons and after following authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue under the procedures provided for in Local Rule 79-5.1 and 79-5.2. a Party may not file in the public record in this action any Protected Material. If a Party's request to file

Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court. Nothing in this provision, however, prohibits a Designating Party from giving its written permission to allow the filing of any Protected Material in the public record in this action.

142. FINAL DISPOSITION

Unless otherwise ordered or agreed to in writing by the Producing Party, within 60 days after the final termination of this action, each Receiving Party must either return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or **destroy and** certify the destruction of said material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other form of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60-day deadline that identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and that affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or other forms of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.

Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence or attorney work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION), above.

123. MISCELLANEOUS

123.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification in the future.

1	123.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective
2	Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or
3	producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated
4	Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use
5	in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.
6	123.3 Inadvertent Production of Privileged Documents. If a Party, through
7	inadvertence, produces any document or information that it believes is immune from
	discovery pursuant to an attorney-client privilege, the work product privilege, or any
8	other privilege, such production shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege, and
9	the Producing Party may give written notice to the Receiving Party that the document
10	or information produced is deemed privileged and that return of the document or
11	information is requested. Upon receipt of such notice, in conformity with Federal
12	Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B), the Receiving Party shall immediately gather
13	the original and all copies of the document or information of which the Receiving
14	Party is aware, in addition to any abstracts, summaries, or descriptions thereof, and
15	shall immediately return the original and all such copies to the Producing Party.
16	Nothing stated herein shall preclude a Party from challenging an assertion by the
17	other Party of privilege or confidentiality.
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19	IT IS SO ORDERED.
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21	Dated: June 2, 2016 Kaven L. Lewenson
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	HON. KAREN L. STEVENSON
23	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

EXHIBIT A

2	ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND
3	I, [print full name], of
4	[print full address],
5	declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the
6	Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the
7	Central District of California in the case of <i>R</i> and <i>S</i> Worldwide, Inc. v. Rue 21, Inc.,
	et al., USDC Case No. 15-CV-09303-AB-KS, I agree to comply with and to be
8	bound by all of the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and
9	acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment
10	in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner
11	any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any
12	person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.
13	I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the
14	Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated
15	Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of
16	this action.
17	I hereby appoint [print full name] of
18	[print full address and
19	telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with
20	this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective
21	Order.
22	Date:
23	City and State where sworn and signed:
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