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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 15 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16 DECKERS OUTDOOR
 17 CORPORATION, a Delaware
 18 Corporation,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 RELIABLE KNITTING WORKS, a
 22 Wisconsin Corporation; and DOES 1-10,
 23 inclusive,

24 Defendants.

25) CASE NO. 2:16-cv-06910-JAK (PLAx)

26) ~~PROPOSED~~ **PROTECTIVE ORDER**

27 **Hon. Paul L. Abrams**

28 **1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

Discovery in this action is 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 litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the 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

1 protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited
2 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable
3 legal principles.

4 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

5 This action is likely to involve trade secrets, customer and pricing lists and other
6 valuable commercial, financial, and/or proprietary information for which special
7 protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecution
8 of this action is warranted. Such confidential and proprietary materials and
9 information consists of, among other things, confidential business or financial
10 information, information regarding confidential business practices or other confidential
11 research, development, or commercial information, information otherwise generally
12 unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected from
13 disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common law.
14 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of
15 disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information
16 the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted
17 reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for an in the conduct of trial,
18 to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and to serve the ends of justice, a
19 protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the
20 parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and
21 that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in
22 a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of
23 the public record of this case.

24 **C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PROCEDURE FOR FILING UNDER**
25 **SEAL**

26 The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this
27 Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under
28 seal; Local Civil Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the

1 standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file
2 material under seal.

3 There is a strong presumption that the public has a right of access to judicial
4 proceedings and records in civil cases. In connection with non-dispositive motions,
5 good cause must be shown to support a filing under seal. See Kamakana v. City and
6 County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2006), Phillips v. Gen. Motors
7 Corp., 307 F.3d 1206, 1210-11 (9th Cir. 2002), Makar-Welbon v. Sony Electronics, Inc.,
8 187 F.R.D. 576, 577 (E.D. Wis. 1999) (even stipulated protective orders require good
9 cause showing), and a specific showing of good cause or compelling reasons with
10 proper evidentiary support and legal justification, must be made with respect to
11 Protected Material that a party seeks to file under seal. The parties' mere designation
12 of Disclosure or Discovery Material as CONFIDENTIAL does not—without the
13 submission of competent evidence by declaration, establishing that the material sought
14 to be filed under seal qualifies as confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable—
15 constitute good cause.

16 Further, if a party requests sealing related to a dispositive motion or trial, then
17 compelling reasons, not only good cause, for the sealing must be shown, and the relief
18 sought shall be narrowly tailored to serve the specific interest to be protected. See
19 Pintos v. Pacific Creditors Ass'n., 605 F.3d 665, 677-79 (9th Cir. 2010). For each item
20 or type of information, document, or thing sought to be filed or introduced under seal
21 in connection with a dispositive motion or trial, the party seeking protection must
22 articulate compelling reasons, supported by specific facts and legal justification, for the
23 requested sealing order. Again, competent evidence supporting the application to file
24 documents under seal must be provided by declaration.

25 Any document that is not confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable in its
26 entirety will not be filed under seal if the confidential portions can be redacted. If
27 documents can be redacted, then a redacted version for public viewing, omitting only
28 the confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable portions of the document, shall be

1 filed. Any application that seeks to file documents under seal in their entirety should
2 include an explanation of why redaction is not feasible.

3 **2. DEFINITIONS**

4 2.1 Action: this pending federal law suit.

5 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation
6 of information or items under this Order.

7 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of
8 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection
9 under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good Cause
10 Statement.

11 2.4 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY”
12 Information or Items: Information that contains or discloses information that it in good
13 faith believes to be extremely commercially sensitive or would provide a competitive
14 advantage to competitors or compromise or jeopardize the Designating Party’s
15 business interests if disclosed.

16 2.5 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
17 support staff)

18 2.6 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
19 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
20 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS EYES
21 ONLY.”

22 2.7 Disclosure of Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of
23 the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
24 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or
25 generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

26 2.8 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
27 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an
28 expert witness or consultant in this Action.

1 2.9 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
2 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside
3 counsel.

4 2.10 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or
5 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

6 2.11 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party
7 to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have
8 appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which
9 has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

10 2.12 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
11 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
12 support staffs).

13 2.13 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
14 Discovery Material in this Action.

15 2.14 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support
16 services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
17 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and
18 their employees and subcontractors.

19 2.15 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
20 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL,” “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL,” and/or
21 “ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY.”

22 2.16 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material
23 from a Producing Party.

24 **3. SCOPE**

25 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected
26 Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from
27 Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected
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1 Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their
2 Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

3 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial
4 judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

5 **4. DURATION**

6 Once a case proceeds to trial, information that was designated as
7 CONFIDENTIAL or maintained pursuant to this protective order used or introduced
8 as an exhibit at trial becomes public and will be presumptively available to all
9 members of the public, including the press, unless compelling reasons supported by
10 specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are made to the trial judge in advance of
11 the trial. See Kamakana, 447 F.3d at 1180-81 (distinguishing “good cause” showing
12 for sealing documents produced in discovery from “compelling reasons” standard
13 when merits-related documents are part of court record). Accordingly, the terms of this
14 protective order do not extend beyond the commencement of the trial.

15 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

16 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

17 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this
18 Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies
19 under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for protection
20 only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that
21 qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for
22 which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this
23 Order.

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

1 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it
2 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must
3 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

4 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this
5 Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated
6 or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this
7 Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

8 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

9 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
10 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
11 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
12 "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that
13 contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page
14 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected
15 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

16 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
17 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated
18 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before
19 the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed
20 "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants
21 copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or
22 portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the
23 specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the "CONFIDENTIAL legend" to
24 each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material
25 on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the
26 protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

27 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party
28 identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the

1 deposition all protected testimony. Failure of counsel to designate testimony or
2 exhibits at a deposition, however, shall not waive the protected status of the testimony
3 or exhibits. Counsel may designate specific testimony or exhibits as Protected
4 Material within fifteen(15) calendar days after receiving the transcript of the deposition
5 or fifteen (15) calendar days after the date on which this Protective Order becomes
6 effective, whichever occurs later. If counsel for the deponent or Party fails to
7 designate the transcript or exhibits as Protected Material within the above-described
8 fifteen-day period, any Party shall be entitled to treat the transcript or exhibits as non-
9 Confidential Material. For purposes of this Paragraph, this Protective Order shall be
10 deemed effective on the date this stipulation is filed with the court.

11 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and
12 for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the
13 exterior of the container or containers in which information is stored the legend
14 “CONFIDENTIAL legend.” If only a portion or portions of the information warrants
15 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected
16 portion(s).

17 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
18 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the
19 Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material.
20 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable
21 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this
22 Order.

23 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

24 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
25 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s Scheduling
26 Order.

27 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
28 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

1 6.3 Joint Stipulation. Any challenge submitted to the Court shall be via a
2 joint stipulation pursuant to Local Rule 37-2.

3 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the
4 Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose
5 (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may
6 expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived or
7 withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the
8 material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing
9 Party’s designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

10 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

11 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
12 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
13 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
14 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
15 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving
16 Party must comply with the provision of Section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

17 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a
18 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons
19 authorized under this Order.

20 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
21 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
22 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL”
23 only to:

24 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as
25 well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably
26 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

27 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of
28 the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

1 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
2 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
3 “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

4 (d) the court and its personnel;

5 (e) court reporters and their staff

6 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
7 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have
8 signed the “Acknowledgement and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

9 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or
10 a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

11 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in
12 the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing
13 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit A hereto; and (2) they
14 will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the
15 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed
16 by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition
17 testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately
18 bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted
19 under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

20 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
21 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

22 7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS EYES
23 ONLY” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in
24 writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or
25 item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY” only
26 to:

27 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as
28 well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably

1 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

2 (b) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
3 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
4 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

5 (c) the court and its personnel;

6 (d) court reporters and their staff;

7 (e) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
8 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have
9 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

10 (f) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or
11 a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

12 (g) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in
13 the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing
14 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2) they
15 will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the (i)
16 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed
17 by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition
18 testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately
19 bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted
20 under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

21 any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually agreed
22 upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

23 **8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED**
24 **IN OTHER LITIGATION**

25 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that
26 compels disclosure of any Protected Material that party must:

27 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification
28 shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

1 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or
2 order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the
3 subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a
4 copy of this Stipulated Protected Order; and

5 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be
6 pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

7 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with
8 the subpoena or court order shall not produce any Protected Material before a
9 determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party
10 has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall bear the
11 burden and expense of seeking protection in the court of its confidential material and
12 nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a
13 Receiving Party in this Action to disobey lawful directive from another court.

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

16 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a
17 Non-Party in this Action and designated as Protected Material. Such information
18 produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies
19 and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as
20 prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

21 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to
22 produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is
23 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's
24 confidential information, then the Party shall:

25 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-
26 Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality
27 agreement with a Non-Party;

28 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated

1 Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably
2 specific description of the information requested; and

3 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by
4 the Non-Party, if requested.

5 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court
6 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving
7 Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the
8 discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving
9 Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to
10 the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.
11 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense
12 of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

13 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

14 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
15 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
16 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
17 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts
18 to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or
19 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order,
20 and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and
21 Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

22 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE**
23 **PROTECTED MATERIAL**

24 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
25 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection,
26 the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil
27 Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure
28 may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior

1 privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the
2 parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or
3 information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the
4 parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted
5 to the court.

6 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

7 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any
8 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

9 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
10 Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
11 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
12 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any
13 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

14 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
15 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may
16 only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific
17 Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material under seal is
18 denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public
19 record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

20 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

21 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in Paragraph 4, within 60
22 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return
23 all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this
24 subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,
25 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected
26 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party
27 must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person
28 or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by

1 category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed
2 and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts,
3 compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
4 Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an
5 archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts,
6 legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports,
7 attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials
8 contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute
9 Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4
10 (DURATION).

11 **14. VIOLATION**

12 Any violation of this Order may be punished by appropriate measures including,
13 without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary sanctions.
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15 **FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 DATED: November 7, 2016

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20 HON. PAUL L. ABRAMS
21 **United States Magistrate Judge**
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1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

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4 I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____ [print or
5 type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and
6 understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District
7 Court for the Central District of California in the case of Deckers Outdoor Corporation
8 v Reliable Knitting Works, No. 2:16-cv-06910-JAK (PLAx). I agree to comply with
9 and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand
10 and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and
11 punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in
12 any manner any information or item that is subject to this Protective Order to any
13 person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

14 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for
15 the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this
16 Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after
17 termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____ [print or type
18 full name] of _____ [print or type 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.

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23 Date: _____

24 City and State where sworn and signed: _____

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26 _____
27 Printed Name

26 _____
27 Signature