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

NOVELTY TEXTILES, INC., a
California corporation

Plaintiff,

v.

SALT & PEPPER CLOTHING, INC., a
California Corporation; AMAZON.COM,
INC., a Washington Corporation;
FASTREND APPAREL, INC., a
Delaware Corporation, individually and
doing business as www.melodicday.com;
and DOES 1 through 10,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:16-cv-07831-DMG-AFM

*Assigned to Courtroom 8C
The Hon. Judge Dolly M. Gee
Referred to Magistrate Judge
Alexander F. MacKinnon*

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER¹**

Complaint Filed: October 20, 2016
Trial Date: N/A

**[DISCOVERY DOCUMENT:
REFERRED TO MAGISTRATE
JUDGE ALEXANDER F.
MACKINNON]**

¹ This Stipulated Protective Order is substantially based on the model protective order provided under Magistrate Judge Alexander F. MacKinnon's Procedures.

1 1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2 Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,
3 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure
4 and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted.
5 Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the
6 following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does
7 not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the
8 protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited
9 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable
10 legal principles.

11 B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

12 This action is likely to involve trade secrets, customer and pricing lists and
13 other valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical and/or
14 proprietary information for which special protection from public disclosure and from
15 use for any purpose other than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such
16 confidential and proprietary materials and information consist of, among other things,
17 confidential business or financial information, information regarding confidential
18 business practices, or other confidential research, development, or commercial
19 information (including information implicating privacy rights of third parties),
20 information otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged
21 or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case
22 decisions, or common law. Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to
23 facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials,
24 to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to
25 ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in
26 preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the
27 litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is
28 justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be

1 designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated
2 without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public
3 manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this
4 case.

5 C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROCEDURE FOR FILING UNDER
6 SEAL

7 The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this
8 Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information
9 under seal; Local Civil Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and
10 the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file
11 material under seal.

12 There is a strong presumption that the public has a right of access to judicial
13 proceedings and records in civil cases. In connection with non-dispositive motions,
14 good cause must be shown to support a filing under seal. *See Kamakana v. City and*
15 *County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2006), *Phillips v. Gen. Motors*
16 *Corp.*, 307 F.3d 1206, 1210-11 (9th Cir. 2002), *Makar-Welbon v. Sony Electrics, Inc.*,
17 187 F.R.D. 576, 577 (E.D. Wis. 1999) (even stipulated protective orders require good
18 cause showing), and a specific showing of good cause or compelling reasons with
19 proper evidentiary support and legal justification, must be made with respect to
20 Protected Material that a party seeks to file under seal. The parties' mere designation
21 of Disclosure or Discovery Material as CONFIDENTIAL does not—without the
22 submission of competent evidence by declaration, establishing that the material
23 sought to be filed under seal qualifies as confidential, privileged, or otherwise
24 protectable—constitute good cause.

25 Further, if a party requests sealing related to a dispositive motion or trial, then
26 compelling reasons, not only good cause, for the sealing must be shown, and the relief
27 sought shall be narrowly tailored to serve the specific interest to be protected. *See*
28 *Pintos v. Pacific Creditors Ass'n.*, 605 F.3d 665, 667079 (9th Cir. 2010). For each

1 item or type of information, document, or thing sought to be filed or introduced under
2 seal in connection with a dispositive motion or trial, the party seeking protection must
3 articulate compelling reasons, supported by specific facts and legal justification, for
4 the requested sealing order. Again, competent evidence supporting the application to
5 file documents under seal must be provided by declaration.

6 Any document that is not confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable in
7 its entirety will not be filed under seal if the confidential portions can be redacted. If
8 documents can be redacted, then a redacted version for public viewing, omitting only
9 the confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable portions of the document, shall
10 be filed. Any application that seeks to file documents under seal in their entirety
11 should include an explanation of why redaction is not feasible.

12 2. DEFINITIONS

13 2.1 Action: *Novelty Textiles, Inc. v. Salt & Pepper Clothing, Inc., et al.*
14 Case No. 2:16-CV-07831-DMG-AFM.

15 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation
16 of information or items under this Order.

17 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of
18 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection
19 under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good
20 Cause Statement.

21 2.3.1 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO” Information or Items:
22 information (regardless of how generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things
23 that contain or constitute, at the time of designation, competitively sensitive or
24 proprietary information, including trade secrets, research, analysis, development,
25 financial or other commercial information of a non-public nature and non-public
26 business or financial strategies, business plans, strategic plans, sales and marketing
27 plans, sales data or other financial projections, supplier information, contracts or
28 agreements, including any documentation that is considered confidential or

1 proprietary under other confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements and/or
2 information protected by the right of privacy and/or any applicable privilege.

3 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
4 their support staff).

5 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
6 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
7 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-AEO.”

8 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of
9 the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
10 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or
11 generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

12 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
13 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as
14 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

15 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
16 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside
17 counsel.

18 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or
19 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

20 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party
21 to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have
22 appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which
23 has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

24 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
25 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
26 support staffs).

27 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
28 Discovery Material in this Action.

1 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support
2 services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
3 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
4 and their employees and subcontractors.

5 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
6 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO.”

7 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material
8 from a Producing Party.

9 3. SCOPE

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

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

17 4. DURATION

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

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1 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

2 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

3 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
4 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
5 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for
6 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
7 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items,
8 or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably
9 within the ambit of this Order.

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

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

18 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in
19 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise
20 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
21 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or
22 produced.

23 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

24 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
25 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
26 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
27 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO" (hereinafter
28 "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that contains protected material. If only a

1 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing
2 Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate
3 markings in the margins).

4 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
5 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated
6 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and
7 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be
8 deemed “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO,” whichever
9 the case may be. After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants
10 copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or
11 portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the
12 specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the “CONFIDENTIAL” or
13 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO” legend to each page that contains Protected
14 Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for
15 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s)
16 (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

17 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify
18 the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition
19 all protected testimony.

20 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for
21 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the
22 exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend
23 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO” as may be
24 appropriate. If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the
25 Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected
26 portion(s).

27 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
28 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the

1 Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material.
2 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable
3 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this
4 Order.

5 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

6 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
7 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s
8 Scheduling Order.

9 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
10 resolution process (and, if necessary, file a discovery motion) under Local Rule 37.1
11 et seq.

12 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on
13 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose
14 (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may
15 expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived
16 or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the
17 material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing
18 Party’s designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

19 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

20 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
21 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
22 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
23 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
24 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving
25 Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

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

1 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
2 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
3 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
4 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

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

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

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

13 (d) the Court and its personnel;

14 (e) court reporters and their staff;

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

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

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

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

3 7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO” Information or
4 Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the
5 Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated
6 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO” only to: those persons identified in Section
7 7.2(a) and (c)-(i). “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-AEO” information may not be
8 disclosed to the officers, directors or employees of the Receiving Party, but may be
9 disclosed to House Counsel for the Receiving Party.

10 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED
11 PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

12 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
13 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as
14 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO,” that party must:

- 15 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall
16 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;
- 17 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to
18 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena
19 or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of
20 this Stipulated Protective Order; and
- 21 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be
22 pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

23 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with
24 the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action
25 as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – AEO” before a
26 determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party
27 has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The Designating Party shall bear the
28 burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and

1 nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a
2 Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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

5 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-
6 Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY
7 CONFIDENTIAL – AEO.” Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection
8 with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order.
9 Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from
10 seeking additional protections.

11 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to
12 produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the Party is
13 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party’s
14 confidential information, then the Party shall:

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

18 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated
19 Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably
20 specific description of the information requested; and

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

23 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14
24 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may
25 produce the Non-Party’s confidential information responsive to the discovery request.
26 If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not
27 produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the
28 confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.

1 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense
2 of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

3 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

4 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
5 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
6 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
7 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts
8 to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or
9 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order,
10 and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and
11 Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
13 PROTECTED MATERIAL

14 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
15 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection,
16 the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil
17 Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure
18 may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior
19 privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the
20 parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or
21 information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the
22 parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted to
23 the court.

24 12. MISCELLANEOUS

25 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any
26 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

27 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
28 Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to

1 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
2 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any
3 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

4 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
5 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may
6 only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
7 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material
8 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in
9 the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

10 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

11 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within 60
12 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return
13 all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this
14 subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,
15 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected
16 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving
17 Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same
18 person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies
19 (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or
20 destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies,
21 abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any
22 of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to
23 retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing
24 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert
25 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such
26 materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or
27 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in
28 Section 4 (DURATION).

1 14. VIOLATION

2 Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate
3 measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary
4 sanctions.

5 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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7 DATED: January 31, 2017

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By: /s/ Frank N. Lee
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1 I, L. Katie Machado, am the ECF user whose identification and password are
2 being used to file this stipulation. I hereby attest that all other signatories have
3 concurred in this filing.

4 /s/ *L. Katie Machado*

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6 FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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8 DATED:2/2/2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Mackinnon", written over a horizontal line.

9 ALEXANDER F. MACKINNON
10 United States Magistrate Judge
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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [full name], of _____ [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 on _____ in the case of *Novelty Textiles, Inc. v. Salt & Pepper Clothing, Inc., et al.* Case No. 2:16-CV-07831-DMG-AFM. 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 _____ [full name] of _____ [full address and telephone number] 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: _____