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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIRRUS (BEIJING) CORP.,
Plaintiff,
v.
CHRISTOPHER M. ADAMS,
Defendant.

Case No. 16-cv-09194-TJH (GJSx)

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER¹

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 protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends

¹ This Stipulated Protective Order is substantially based on the model protective order provided under Magistrate Judge Gail J. Standish's Procedures.

1 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
2 under the applicable legal principles.

3 B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

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

25 C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PROCEDURE FOR FILING UNDER 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
28 under seal; Local Civil Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed

1 and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court
2 to file 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 Electrics,*
8 *Inc.*, 187 F.R.D. 576, 577 (E.D. Wis. 1999) (even stipulated protective orders
9 require good cause showing), and a specific showing of good cause or compelling
10 reasons with proper evidentiary support and legal justification, must be made with
11 respect to Protected Material that a party seeks to file under seal. The parties' mere
12 designation of Disclosure or Discovery Material as CONFIDENTIAL does not—
13 without the submission of competent evidence by declaration, establishing that the
14 material sought to be filed under seal qualifies as confidential, privileged, or
15 otherwise protectable—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
18 relief sought shall be narrowly tailored to serve the specific interest to be protected.
19 *See Pintos v. Pacific Creditors Ass'n*, 605 F.3d 665, 677-79 (9th Cir. 2010). For
20 each item or type of information, document, or thing sought to be filed or introduced
21 under seal in connection with a dispositive motion or trial, the party seeking
22 protection must articulate compelling reasons, supported by specific facts and legal
23 justification, for the requested sealing order. Again, competent evidence supporting
24 the application to file documents under seal must be provided by declaration.

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

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

3 2. DEFINITIONS

4 2.1 Action: this pending federal lawsuit.

5 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the
6 designation 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
9 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in
10 the Good Cause Statement.

11 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
12 their support staff).

13 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
14 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
15 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

16 2.6 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless
17 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
18 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or
19 generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

20 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
21 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as
22 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

23 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
24 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside
25 counsel.

26 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association or
27 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

28 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a

1 party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and
2 have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm
3 that has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

4 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
5 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
6 support staffs).

7 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
8 Discovery Material in this Action.

9 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation
10 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
11 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
12 and their employees and subcontractors.

13 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
14 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

15 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
16 Material from a Producing Party.

17 3. SCOPE

18 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
19 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
20 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
21 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
22 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.
23 However, the protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the
24 following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of
25 disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its
26 disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of
27 this Order, including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise;
28 and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or

1 obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the
2 information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating
3 Party.

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

6 4. DURATION

7 FINAL DISPOSITION of the action is defined as the conclusion of any
8 appellate proceedings, or, if no appeal is taken, when the time for filing of an appeal
9 has run. Except as set forth below, the terms of this protective order apply through
10 FINAL DISPOSITION of the action. The parties may stipulate that they will be
11 contractually bound by the terms of this agreement beyond FINAL DISPOSITION,
12 but will have to file a separate action for enforcement of the agreement once all
13 proceedings in this case are complete.

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

24 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

25 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

26 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
27 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
28 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for

1 protection only those parts of material, documents, items or oral or written
2 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items
3 or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably
4 within the ambit of this Order.

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

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

13 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in
14 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise
15 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
16 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or
17 produced.

18 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

19 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
20 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
21 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
22 "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page that
23 contains protected material. If only a portion of the material on a page qualifies for
24 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s)
25 (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

26 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
27 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated
28 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and

1 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be
2 deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has identified the
3 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which
4 documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then,
5 before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the
6 “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a
7 portion of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also
8 must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings
9 in the margins).

10 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party either:
11 (1) identifies the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of
12 the deposition all protected testimony; or (2) provides written notification to all
13 Parties within ten (10) days of the court reporter’s release of the transcript of the
14 deposition as to those pages and lines of the transcript that are designated as
15 Protected Material. Except to the extent the Parties otherwise agree, the entire
16 transcript of any deposition shall be treated as Protected Material until ten (10) days
17 after the court reporter’s release of the transcript of the deposition.

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

24 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
25 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive
26 the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material.
27 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable
28 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this

1 Order.

2 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

3 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
4 designation of confidentiality at any time that is not inconsistent with any
5 scheduling-related orders entered by the Court.

6 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
7 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

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

16 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

17 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
18 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
19 Action only for prosecuting, defending or attempting to settle this Action. Such
20 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
21 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a
22 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL
23 DISPOSITION).

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

27 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
28 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a

1 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated

2 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

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

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

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

11 (d) the court and its personnel;

12 (e) court reporters and their staff;

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

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

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

27 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
28 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions; and

1 (j) any person carrying on an insurance business that may be liable to
2 satisfy part or all of any judgment which may be entered in the Action or to
3 indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment.

4 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED
5 IN OTHER LITIGATION

6 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
7 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as
8 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

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

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

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

17 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with
18 the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this
19 action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which the
20 subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s
21 permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking
22 protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions
23 should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action
24 to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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

27 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a
28 Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information

1 produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the
2 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be
3 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

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

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

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

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

16 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within
17 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party
18 may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery
19 request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall
20 not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the
21 confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.
22 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and
23 expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

24 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

25 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
26 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
27 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
28 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts

1 to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or
2 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order,
3 and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and
4 Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
6 PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

17 12. MISCELLANEOUS

18 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any
19 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

20 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
21 Protective Order, no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
22 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
23 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any
24 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

25 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
26 Protected Material must comply with Local Civil Rule 79-5. Protected Material
27 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
28 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party’s request to file Protected Material

1 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information
2 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

3 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

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

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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
5 _____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury
6 that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that
7 was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California
8 on [date] in the case of *Cirrus (Beijing) Corp. v. Adams*, Case No. 16-cv-09194-TJH
9 (GJSx). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated
10 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could
11 expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly
12 promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject
13 to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance
14 with the provisions of this Order.

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

18 I hereby appoint _____ [print or type full name] of
19 _____ [print or type full address and
20 telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with
21 this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective
22 Order.

23 Date: _____

24 City and State where sworn and signed: _____

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26 Printed name: _____

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28 Signature: _____