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8	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
9	FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
10	ALFRED MILLER CONTRACTING	C N 17 05011 AD (CIC.)		
11	COMPANY,	Case No. 17-cv-05811 AB (GJSx)		
12	Plaintiff,	STIPULATED PROTECTIVE		
13	V.	ORDER		
14	STOCKTON PRODUCTS, INC.	Hon. Gail J. Standish		
15	Defendant.			
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19 20	1. <u>A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS</u>			
20 21	Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential,			
21	proprietary or private information for which special protection from public disclosure			
22	and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted.			
23 24	Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the			
24 25	following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does			
23 26	not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that			
20	the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited			
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information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. 2

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#### **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

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

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### C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PROCEDURE FOR FILING UNDER SEAL

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

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

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

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 20 21 item or type of information, document, or thing sought to be filed or introduced under seal in connection with a dispositive motion or trial, the party seeking protection must 22 23 articulate compelling reasons, supported by specific facts and legal justification, for the requested sealing order. Again, competent evidence supporting the application to 24 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. 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 filed. Any application that seeks to file documents under seal in their entirety
 should include an explanation of why redaction is not feasible.

2. **DEFINITIONS** 

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2.1 <u>Action</u>: This pending federal lawsuit, Case No. 17-cv-05811 AB (GJSx).

2.2 <u>Challenging Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.

2.3 <u>"CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items</u>: information (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good Cause Statement.

12 2.4 <u>Counsel</u>: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their
13 support staff).

2.5 <u>Designating Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL."

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

2.7 <u>Expert</u>: 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.

24 2.8 <u>HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY</u> 25 <u>Information or Items</u>: highly sensitive information (regardless of how it is generated, 26 stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule 27 of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good Cause Statement, for 28 which the producing party believes would put it in a competitive disadvantage if disclosed to a competitor.

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2.9 <u>House Counsel</u>: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

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

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

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

2.13 <u>Producing Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this Action.

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

20 2.15 <u>Protected Material</u>: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
 21 designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—
 22 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."

23 2.16 <u>Receiving Party</u>: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material
24 from a Producing Party.

3. <u>SCOPE</u>

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

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

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### DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. 5.1 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 22 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 23 this 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

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unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

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

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

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Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic 12 (a) documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial 13 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend 14 "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend") 15 or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' ONLY" EYES (hereinafter "HIGHLY 16 CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" legend"), to each page that 17 contains protected material. If only a portion of the material on a page qualifies for 18 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) 19 (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins). 20

21 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for 27 protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the 28

Producing Party must affix the appropriate confidentiality legend to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

(b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identifiesthe Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the depositionall protected testimony.

8 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for 9 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the 10 exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the 11 appropriate confidentiality legend. If only a portion or portions of the information 12 warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the 13 protected portion(s).

5.3 <u>Inadvertent Failures to Designate</u>. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the
Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material.
Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable
efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this
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### CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

6.1 <u>Timing of Challenges</u>. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's
Scheduling Order.

6.2 <u>Meet and Confer</u>. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

6.3 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. Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, 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 until the Court rules on the challenge.

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### ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a 12 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order. 14

Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. 7.2 15 Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a 16 Receiving disclose information item designated Party 17 may any or "CONFIDENTIAL" only to: 18

(a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well 19 as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary 20 to disclose the information for this Action; 21

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

(c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom 24 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the 25 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A); 26

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(d) the court and its personnel;

(e) court reporters and their staff;

- (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
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(g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

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

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

17 7.3 <u>Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES</u>
 18 <u>ONLY" Information or Items</u>. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in
 19 writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or
 20 item designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" only
 21 to:

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

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

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(c) the court and its personnel;

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(d) court reporters and their staff;

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

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

7 (g) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
8 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

# 8. <u>PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED</u> <u>IN OTHER LITIGATION</u>

If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" that Party must:

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

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

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

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with
the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action
as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES
ONLY" before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued,
unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating
Party shall bear the burden and expense 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
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### <u>A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE</u> 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" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." 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

(3) make the information requested available for inspection by the NonParty, if requested.

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

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#### 10. <u>UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL</u>

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 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized 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 Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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## 11. <u>INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE</u> <u>PROTECTED MATERIAL</u>

15 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain 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 21 parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the 22 23 parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted to the court. 24

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#### 12. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

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

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

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

15 12.4 Any attorney representing a Party, whether in-house or outside counsel, and any person associated with a Party and permitted to receive the other Party's 16 Protected Material that is designated HGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' 17 EYES ONLY material who obtains, receives, has access to, or otherwise learns, in 18 whole or in part, the other Party's HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS' 19 EYES ONLY under this Order shall not prepare, prosecute, supervise, or assist in the 20 21 preparation or prosecution of any patent application pertaining to the field of the 22 invention of the patents-in-suit on behalf of the receiving Party or its acquirer, successor, predecessor, or other affiliate during the pendency of this Action and for 23 one year after its conclusion, including any appeals. To ensure compliance with the 24 purpose of this provision, each Party shall create an "Ethical Wall" between those 25 persons with access to HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY 26 and any individuals who, on behalf of the Party or its acquirer, successor, predecessor, 27 or other affiliate, prepare, prosecute, supervise or assist in the preparation or 28

prosecution of any patent application pertaining to the field of invention of the patent in-suit.

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### 13. <u>FINAL DISPOSITION</u>

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

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### 14. <u>VIOLATION</u>

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

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5			Attorney for Plaintiff ALFRED MILLER
6			CONTRACTING COMPANY
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8	Dated: May 18, 2018	Dra	/s/ G. Warren Bleeker
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10			Attorney for Defendant
11			STOCKTON PRODUCTS, INC.
12	DATED: May 31, 2018		
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### EXHIBIT A

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ALFRED MILLER CONTRACTING COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

STOCKTON PRODUCTS, INC.

v.

Defendant.

Case No. 17-cv-05811 AB (GJSx)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

Hon. Gail J. Standish

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I. [print] or type full namel. of [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on [date] in the case of **[insert formal name of the case and the number** and initials assigned to it by the court]. 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 enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action. I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of

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