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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BANKERS STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TYCO INTERNATIONAL, (US), INC., a corporation; and DOES 1-50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:17-cv-09235-DMG (SSx)

Judge: Hon. Dolly M. Gee
Ctrm.: 8C

**DISCOVERY DOCUMENT:
REFERRED TO MAGISTRATE
JUDGE SUZANNE H. SEGAL**

**ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Complaint Filed: October 31, 2017
Trial Date: March 26, 2019

The Court, having considered the Parties' Stipulated Protective Order, and for good cause appearing, hereby GRANTS the Stipulation, and ORDERS the following:

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

1 following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does
2 not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the
3 protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited
4 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable
5 legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below,
6 that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential
7 information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be
8 followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from
9 the court to file material under seal.

10 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

11 The parties anticipate that discovery in this matter will include production or
12 disclosure of documents and other information which constitutes trade secrets and/or
13 other confidential research, development, or commercial, financial, and proprietary
14 information, including, but not limited to: design, engineering, manufacturing,
15 inspection, testing, and installation information, as well as supplier, customer and
16 other nonpublic financial information relating to and/or referencing Tyco Fire
17 Products LP, Central Sprinkler Company and sprinkler heads, adapters, and/or any
18 component parts. (“Protected Material”). Tyco Fire Products LP has a cognizable
19 interest in maintaining the secrecy of the Protected Material. The parties claim a need
20 for the Protected Material in their respective prosecution and defense of this action,
21 and that this need can be balanced against public disclosure by limiting the persons
22 who will have access to the Protected Material and the use to which those persons
23 may put the Protected Material as provided herein. Accordingly, to expedite the flow
24 of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of
25 discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep
26 confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such
27 material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the

1 end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such
2 information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information
3 will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so
4 designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential,
5 non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public
6 record of this case.

7 **2. DEFINITIONS**

8 2.1 Action: *Bankers Standard Insurance Company, a corporation, vs. Tyco*
9 *International, (US), Inc., a corporation; and Does 1-50, inclusive; United States*
10 *District Court, Central District of California; Case No.: 2:17-cv-9235-DMG-SS.*

11 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation
12 of information or items under this Order.

13 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of
14 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection
15 under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good
16 Cause Statement.

17 2.4 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their
18 support staff).

19 2.5 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or
20 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
21 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

22 2.6 Disclosure or 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.

1 2.7 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
2 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an
3 expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

4 2.8 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.
5 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside
6 counsel.

7 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or
8 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

9 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party
10 to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have
11 appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which
12 has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

13 2.11 Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
14 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
15 support staffs).

16 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
17 Discovery Material in this Action.

18 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support
19 services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
20 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
21 and their employees and subcontractors.

22 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
23 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

24 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material
25 from a Producing Party.

1 3. SCOPE

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

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

9 4. DURATION

10 Once a case proceeds to trial, all of the information that was designated as
11 confidential or maintained pursuant to this protective order becomes public and will
12 be presumptively available to all members of the public, including the press, unless
13 compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are
14 made to the trial judge in advance of the trial. *See Kamakana v. City and County of*
15 *Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2006) (distinguishing “good cause”
16 showing for sealing documents produced in discovery from “compelling reasons”
17 standard when merits-related documents are part of court record). Accordingly, the
18 terms of this protective order do not extend beyond the commencement of the trial.

19 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

20 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

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

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

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

9 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in
10 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise
11 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
12 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or
13 produced.

14 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

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

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

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

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

16 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
17 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the
18 Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material.
19 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable
20 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this
21 Order.

22 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

23 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
24 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s
25 Scheduling Order.

26 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
27 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

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 “Acknowledgment 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 “Acknowledgment 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 1 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 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN
23 OTHER LITIGATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

1 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
2 PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

13 12. MISCELLANEOUS

14 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any
15 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

16 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
17 Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
18 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
19 Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any
20 ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

21 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
22 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may
23 only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
24 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material
25 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in
26 the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

1 13. FINAL DISPOSITION

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

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14. VIOLATIONS

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 4/12/18

/S/
United States District Magistrate Judge
Suzanne H. Segal

1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, _____ [print or type full name], of
4 _____ [print or type full address], declare under
5 penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated
6 Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Central
7 District of California on [date] in the case of ***Bankers Standard Insurance Company,***
8 ***a corporation, vs. Tyco International, (US), Inc., a corporation; and Does 1-50,***
9 ***inclusive; United States District Court, Central District of California; Case No.:***
10 ***2:17-cv-9235-DMG-SS.*** I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of
11 this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so
12 comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I
13 solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is
14 subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict
15 compliance with the provisions of this Order.

16 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court
17 for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this
18 Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after
19 termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____ [print or
20 type full name] of _____ [print or type full address
21 and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection
22 with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective
23 Order.

24 Date: _____

25 City and State where sworn and signed: _____

26 Printed name: _____

27 Signature: _____