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 15 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16 MATTHEW TOWNSEND and TED
 17 CROSS, Individually and on Behalf of
 18 All Others Similarly Situated,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 MONSTER BEVERAGE
 CORPORATION and MONSTER
 22 ENERGY COMPANY,

23 Defendants.

Case No. EDCV12-02188 VAP (OPx)

~~PROPOSED~~ STIPULATED
 PROTECTIVE ORDER AND
 PROTOCOL FOR THE
 PRODUCTION OF
 ELECTRONICALLY STORED
 INFORMATION

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1 Plaintiffs Matthew Townsend and Ted Cross and Defendants Monster
2 Beverage Corporation and Monster Energy Company stipulate and jointly move the
3 Court to issue the following protective order (“Protective Order”) and protocol for
4 the production of electronically stored information (“ESI Production Protocol”) to
5 govern the disclosure of documents, things, and information produced in the above-
6 captioned action (the “Action”).

7 **1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

8 Discovery in this Action is likely to involve production of confidential,
9 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public
10 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may
11 be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to
12 enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this
13 Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
14 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends
15 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
16 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth
17 in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to
18 file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the
19 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a
20 party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

21 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

22 This Action is likely to involve sensitive personal and commercial
23 information, including the medical histories of the named plaintiffs, and trade
24 secrets and other valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical
25 and/or proprietary information for which special protection from public disclosure
26 and from use for any purpose other than prosecution of this Action is warranted.
27 Such confidential and proprietary materials and information consist of, among other
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1 things, private medical records, confidential business or financial information,
2 information regarding confidential business practices, or other confidential
3 research, development, or commercial information (including information
4 implicating privacy rights of third parties), information otherwise generally
5 unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected from
6 disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common
7 law.

8 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt
9 resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately
10 protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the
11 parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for
12 and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and
13 serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this
14 matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be designated as
15 confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good
16 faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and
17 there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

18 **2. DEFINITIONS**

19 2.1 Action: This pending federal lawsuit, which is entitled *Townsend v.*
20 *Monster Beverage Corporation*, Case No. EDCV12-02188, and previously was
21 entitled *Fisher v. Monster Beverage Corporation*.

22 2.2 Challenging Party: A Party or Non-Party that challenges the
23 designation of information or items under this Order.

24 2.3 Confidential Information: Information (regardless of how it is
25 generated, stored, or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under
26 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good Cause
27 Statement.

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1 2.4 Highly Confidential Information: Information (regardless of how it is
2 generated, stored, or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under
3 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), are specified above in the Good Cause
4 Statement, and contain highly sensitive nonpublic information, such as product
5 formulas and recipes, ingredient specifications, energy blend specifications and
6 composition, manufacturing processes, mixing instructions, or the identities of
7 flavor and ingredient suppliers. All information falling under Protected Health
8 Information and electronic Protected Health Information under HIPAA shall be
9 designated HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL. The Parties agree to meet and confer
10 regarding whether any other highly sensitive nonpublic information should be
11 limited to production in hard copy format.

12 2.5 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as
13 their support staff).

14 2.6 Designating Party: A Party or Non-Party that designates information
15 or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
16 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.”

17 2.7 Disclosure or Discovery Material: All items or information, regardless
18 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,
19 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced
20 or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

21 2.8 Expert: A person with specialized knowledge or experience in a
22 matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to
23 serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

24 2.9 House Counsel: Attorneys who are employees of a Party. House
25 Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

26 2.10 Non-Party: Any natural person, partnership, corporation, association,
27 or other legal entity not named as a Party.
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1 2.11 Outside Counsel of Record: Attorneys who are not employees of a
2 Party, but are retained to represent or advise a Party and have appeared in this
3 Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm that has appeared on
4 behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

5 2.12 Party: Any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,
6 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their
7 support staffs).

8 2.13 Producing Party: A Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or
9 Discovery Material in this Action.

10 2.14 Professional Vendors: Persons or entities that provide litigation
11 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
12 demonstratives, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
13 and their employees and subcontractors.

14 2.15 Protected Material: Any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
15 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.”

16 2.16 Receiving Party: A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
17 Material from a Producing Party.

18 **3. SCOPE**

19 3.1 This Protective Order governs the use and handling of Discovery
20 Material produced or supplied by

- 21 (a) a Producing Party; or
- 22 (b) any Non-Party.

23 3.2 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
24 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
25 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
26 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
27 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.
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1 3.3 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders
2 of the trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

3 3.4 This Protective Order shall not apply to information or documents that
4 are or become part of the public domain through no breach of the provisions of this
5 Protective Order.

6 3.5 Nothing in this Protective Order shall be construed to limit the use or
7 disclosure by a Party of its own Confidential Information or Highly Confidential
8 Information.

9 3.6 Nothing in this Protective Order shall be construed to limit any
10 obligations of confidentiality owed to either Party by law or by agreement arising
11 independently of this Protective Order.

12 **4. DURATION**

13 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations
14 imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees
15 otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be
16 deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action,
17 with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and
18 exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,
19 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time
20 pursuant to applicable law.

21 The termination of employment of any person receiving information under
22 the terms of this Protective Order who has had access to any Confidential
23 Information or Highly Confidential Information, or the contents thereof, shall not
24 relieve such person of his or her obligations hereunder, which shall survive.

25 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

26 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.
27 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
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1 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
2 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for
3 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
4 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents,
5 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
6 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

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

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

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

20 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
21 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
22 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
23 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter
24 "CONFIDENTIALITY Legend"), to each page that contains protected material.

25 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
26 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated
27 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and
28 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be

1 deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has identified the
2 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine
3 which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order.
4 Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the
5 “CONFIDENTIALITY legend” to each page that contains Protected Material.

6 (b) for testimony given in depositions, that the Designating Party
7 designate within thirty (30) days of receiving the final deposition transcript the page
8 and line number those portions of the testimony that are to be treated as
9 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.” In the interim period, the
10 deposition testimony and transcripts and video recordings of the depositions must
11 be treated as CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. If any part of the deposition
12 recorded by videographic means is designed “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY
13 CONFIDENTIAL,” the recording storage medium and its container shall bear the
14 “CONFIDENTIALITY Legend.”

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

21 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. An inadvertent failure to designate
22 qualified information or items does not waive the Designating Party’s right to
23 secure protection under this Order for such material. The Designating Party may
24 designate the information as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”
25 later if appropriate, and any Protected Material so designated shall be treated from
26 the time of that designation as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential
27 Information. Such correction and notice thereof shall be made in writing fifteen
28 (15) days after discovery that such Confidential Information or Highly Confidential

1 Information was disclosed without the necessary designation, accompanied by
2 substitute copies of each item or material, appropriately designated.

3 Within fifteen (15) days of receiving such correction and notice, the
4 Receiving Party shall destroy or return to counsel for the Producing Party all copies
5 of the Protected Material that was inadvertently not designated as
6 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL,” and inform all persons who
7 received such Protected Material of the new designation. If any individuals who
8 received Protected Material that inadvertently was not designated as
9 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” choose to destroy it rather
10 than return it, they shall attest to counsel for the Producing Party that they have
11 destroyed the material, including all copies.

12 5.4 Production of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” Information. Protected
13 Material disclosing “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” Information shall be produced
14 only in hard copy and not in electronic format, unless the Producing Party chooses
15 to produce such materials in electronic format.

16 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

17 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
18 designation of confidentiality at any time.

19 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
20 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1, *et seq.*, and the Challenging Party and
21 Producing Party shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith.

22 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on
23 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper
24 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other
25 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating
26 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall
27 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is
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1 entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the Court rules on the
2 challenge.

3 6.4 If agreement is reached to change the designation of any Protected
4 Material designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL,” the
5 Producing Party shall serve on all Parties a notice specifying the information and
6 nature of the agreement accompanied by substitute copies of each item or material,
7 with appropriately revised designations.

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

9 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
10 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
11 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
12 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
13 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a
14 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section 13 below (FINAL
15 DISPOSITION).

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

19 7.2 Disclosure of Confidential Information. Unless otherwise ordered by
20 the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may
21 disclose any information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

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

25 (b) the Receiving Party’s House Counsel to whom disclosure is
26 reasonably necessary for this Action;

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1 (c) the officers, directors, and employees (excluding House
2 Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this
3 Action;

4 (d) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to
5 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

6 (e) the court and its personnel;

7 (f) court reporters and their staff;

8 (g) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and
9 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

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

12 (i) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses,
13 in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary. Pages of transcribed
14 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may
15 be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone
16 except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order;

17 (j) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting
18 personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement
19 discussions or ordered by the Court;

20 (k) outside photocopying, data processing, e-discovery or graphic
21 production vendors employed by any Party or its counsel to assist in the Action;
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23 (l) any person to whom the Designating Party agrees to disclosure
24 in writing in advance of the disclosure.

25 7.3 Disclosure of Highly Confidential Information. Unless otherwise
26 ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving
27 Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY
28 CONFIDENTIAL” only to each category of persons identified in Paragraph 7.2(a)-

1 (b), (d)-(l), as long as those persons have a direct need to know such information for
2 purposes of this Action. If any Party believes a person falling within the category
3 of persons identified in Paragraph 7.2(c) has a direct need to know Highly
4 Confidential Information for purposes of this Action, the Party shall meet and
5 confer with the Designating Party before disclosing such information to that person,
6 and will not disclose the information absent the Designating Party's consent. If the
7 parties are unable to reach an agreement, either Party may seek assistance from the
8 Court.

9 7.4 Disclosure of Confidential Information to persons identified in
10 Paragraphs 7.2(d), (g), (i)-(j), and (l) and disclosure of Highly Confidential
11 Information to persons identified in Paragraph 7.3 shall be made only after the
12 person to whom the disclosure is being made has been given a copy of this
13 Protective Order and has signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
14 Bound" attached as **Exhibit A**. Counsel for the Party obtaining any signed
15 declaration shall retain that declaration and need not disclose it to counsel for all
16 other Parties unless requested by another Party or ordered to do so by the Court.

17 7.5 Persons receiving Confidential Information or Highly Confidential
18 Information under this Protective Order are prohibited from disclosing it to any
19 person except in conformance with this Protective Order. The recipient of any
20 Confidential Information shall maintain such information in a secure and safe area
21 and shall exercise the same standard of due and proper care with respect to the
22 storage, custody, use, or dissemination of such information as is exercised by the
23 recipient with respect to its own proprietary and confidential information. The
24 recipient of any Highly Confidential Information shall maintain such information in
25 a separate locked file under the direct supervision of an attorney involved in this
26 Action and shall exercise the same standard of due and proper care with respect to
27 the storage, custody, use or dissemination of such information as is exercised by the
28 recipient with respect to its own highly proprietary and confidential information.

1 **8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED**
2 **PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

3 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
4 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as
5 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” that Party must:

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

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

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

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

23 **9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE**
24 **PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

25 9.1 The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a
26 Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY
27 CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with
28 this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order.

1 Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from
2 seeking additional protections.

3 9.2 In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to
4 produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is
5 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's
6 confidential information, then the Party shall:

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

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

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

15 9.3 If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this Court within
16 30 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party
17 may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery
18 request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall
19 not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the
20 confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.
21 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and
22 expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

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

24 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
25 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
26 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
27 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures and all pertinent facts
28 related to the disclosures, including steps taken to prevent any use or further

1 dissemination of the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information,
2 (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material,
3 (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of
4 all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the
5 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as **Exhibit**
6 **A.**

7 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE**
8 **PROTECTED MATERIAL**

9 11.1 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
10 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection
11 (e.g., work product immunity), the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set
12 forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). Pursuant to Federal Rule of
13 Evidence 502(d) and (e), the parties agree that the inadvertent or unintentional
14 disclosure by the Producing Party of material that is privileged or subject to other
15 protection shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of the claim of privilege
16 or other protection, either as to the specific information disclosed or as to any other
17 information relating thereto on the same subject matter. Nothing in this Paragraph
18 is intended to limit or otherwise modify the protections against waiver afforded by
19 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, or applicable law.

20 11.2 Upon learning of an inadvertent or unintentional disclosure of
21 privileged information, the Producing Party shall provide written notice to the
22 parties who have received such information. Within fourteen (14) days of the date
23 of that written notice, the documents or materials described in that notice shall be
24 returned to counsel for the Producing Party, and in the same time frame, any notes
25 or other writing or recordings that copy, summarize, reflect, or discuss the content
26 of the documents or materials shall be destroyed. No use shall be made of such
27 documents or materials from such inadvertent production during deposition or at
28 trial, nor shall such documents or materials be provided to anyone who did not

1 already have access to them prior to the request by the Producing Party that they be
2 returned.

3 11.3 If the Receiving Party intends to challenge the assertion of privilege, it
4 must provide written notice within this fourteen-day period, explaining the grounds
5 for its challenge. The Receiving Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process
6 under Local Rule 37.1 within fourteen (14) days of date of service of the Receiving
7 Party's notice disputing a claim of inadvertent production.

8 11.4 If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention, the
9 Receiving Party may move the Court for an order compelling production of any
10 inadvertently produced or disclosed document or material in compliance with Local
11 Rule 37, but the motion shall not assert as a ground for production the fact of the
12 inadvertent production or disclosure. Pending the Court's ruling, the party
13 challenging the assertion of privilege shall segregate the affected documents and
14 materials and shall not make any use of such information.

15 11.5 Nothing herein shall be deemed or construed as a waiver of any
16 applicable privilege, right of privacy, immunity from production, or proprietary
17 interest with respect to any document or information.

18 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

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

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

27 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
28 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material

1 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
2 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material
3 under seal is denied by the Court, then the Receiving Party may file the information
4 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the Court.

5 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

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

24 **14. ESI PRODUCTION PROTOCOL**

25 14.1 Documents should be produced as single page TIFF images if the
26 documents are in black and white or .JPEG (or .JPG) images if the documents are
27 in color.
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1 14.2 Notwithstanding Paragraph 14.1, (1) Excel files and other file types,
2 such as audio or video or source code files, for which a rendered image would not
3 be a reasonably usable format should be produced in native format only (i.e. the
4 format in which they are originally maintained, such as .XLS) and (2) “Highly
5 Confidential” documents may be produced in hard-copy only per Paragraph 5.4.

6 14.3 Each document must be Bates stamped. If a document is produced as
7 an image, each image should be Bates stamped and confidentiality designation
8 endorsed, if any. Each image will have a file name as the Bates number. If an
9 original document contains color, the document shall be produced as a single-page
10 .JPEG (or .JPG) image with .JPEG (or .JPG) compression and a high quality setting
11 so as to preserve legibility. If the document is produced in native format only, the
12 file name should be named with the Bates number and confidentiality
13 designation. If the document is produced in hard-copy, each page should be Bates
14 stamped and endorsed as “Highly Confidential.”

15 14.4 When a file to be produced is a compressed file (such as .zip, .rar, .cab,
16 .z), the file should be decompressed so that all files are extracted and produced.

17 14.5 Extracted text of each electronic document should be provided at a
18 document level .TXT file, and OCR full text for each document scanned from
19 hardcopy or containing redactions should be provided as a document level .TXT
20 file.

21 14.6 If documents in native format need to be redacted, the producing party
22 will implement redactions while ensuring that proper formatting and usability are
23 maintained.

24 14.7 Where production of ESI from a database is required, the parties shall
25 endeavor to produce such ESI in a usable format, and agree to meet and confer, as
26 needed, either prior to or after production to address any format issues.

27 14.8 To the extent it exists and is reasonably available, each party should
28 provide the following metadata fields for a given document:

General Metadata

- (a) PROD_VOLUME (production volume)
- (b) BEGPRODBATE (beginning production number)
- (c) ENDPRODBATE (ending production number)
- (d) BEGPRODATT (first Bates number of attachment range)
- (e) ENDPRODATT (last Bates number of attachment range)
- (f) PARENT_BATES (first Bates number of parent document/email)
- (g) CHILD_BATES (first Bates number of “child” attachment(s); can be more than one Bates number listed depending on the number of attachments)
- (h) CUSTODIAN (custodian or source of information for the document)
- (i) FILENAME (document file name)
- (j) FILESIZE (document file size in bytes)
- (k) MD5HASH (de-duplication hash value)
- (l) TITLE (file title)
- (m) PAGES (total page count per document)
- (n) NATIVE_PROD (location of native file in production volume)
- (o) TEXT_PATH (path to document-level text files)

Email-Specific Metadata

- (p) FROM (author of email)
- (q) RECIPIENT (recipient of document)
- (r) CC (copies)
- (s) BCC (blind copies)
- (t) SUBJECT (email subject)
- (u) DATE_SENT (date document sent in MM/DD/YYYY format)
- (v) TIME_SENT (time document sent in HH:MM:SS format)

1 14.9 When transmitted to the other party, each production directory should
2 contain some or all of the following four sub-directories (depending on the type of
3 documents being produced):

- 4 (a) IMAGES – contains the images
5 (b) TEXT – contains extracted text and/or OCR text
6 (c) DATA – contains image load files and metadata load files
7 (d) NATIVES – contains native files

8 **15. REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDER**

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

12 **IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.**

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14 Dated: April 21, 2017

MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP

15 By: /s/ Dan Marmalefsky
16 Dan Marmalefsky

17 *Attorneys for Defendants*
18 *Monster Beverage Corporation and*
Monster Energy Company

19 Dated: April 21, 2017

THE MEHDI FIRM, PC

20 By: /s/ Azra Z. Mehdi
21 Azra Z. Mehdi

22 *Attorneys for Plaintiffs*
23 *Matthew Townsend, Ted Cross,*
and the Putative Class

24 **FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED**

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26 DATED: April 27, 2017


27 HON. KENLY KIYA KATO
28 U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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ECF ATTESTATION

I, Dan Marmalefsky, am the ECF User whose ID and password are being used to file this [PROPOSED] STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER AND PROTOCOL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION. In accordance with Local Rule 5-4.3.4, concurrence in and authorization of the filing of this document has been obtained from Azra Z. Mehdi, counsel for Plaintiffs, and I shall maintain records to support this concurrence for subsequent production for the Court if so ordered or for inspection upon request by a party.

Dated: April 21, 2017

MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP

By: /s/ Dan Marmalefsky
Dan Marmalefsky

*Attorneys for Defendants
Monster Beverage Corporation
and Monster Energy Company*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 21st day of April 2017, the foregoing document was filed electronically on the CM/ECF system, which caused all CM/ECF participants to be served by electronic means.

MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP

By: /s/ Dan Marmalefsky
Dan Marmalefsky

*Attorneys for Defendants
Monster Beverage Corporation
and Monster Energy Company*

1 **EXHIBIT A**

2 **ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

3 I, _____ [print or type full name], of
4 _____ [print or type full address],

5 declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the
6 Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for
7 the Central District of California in the case of *Matthew Townsend, et al. v.*
8 *Monster Beverage Corporation and Monster Energy Company*, Case No. EDCV12-
9 02188 VAP (OPx) (“Protective Order”).

10 I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of the Protective
11 Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me
12 to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I
13 will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this
14 Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the
15 provisions of this Order. I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United
16 States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of
17 enforcing the terms of this Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings
18 occur after termination of this action.

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

24 Executed this ___ day of _____ in _____, _____
25 [month, year] [city] [state]

26 Printed name: _____

27 Signature: _____

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