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15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
16 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN DIVISION**

17 BIRD BARRIER AMERICA, INC.,
18 a California corporation

19 Plaintiff,

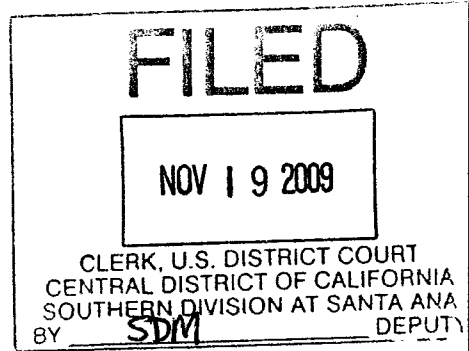
20 v.

21 BIRD-B-GONE, INC., a California
corporation, and DOES 1 to 10,

22 Defendants.
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Case No. SACV 09-0418 AG (MLGx)

~~9~~ [PROPOSED] STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER



1 WHEREAS, the parties agree that non-parties may join in this Protective
2 Order and receive the benefits and be subject to the obligations thereof upon
3 written notice:

4 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED THAT:**

5 1. This Protective Order shall apply to all information, documents,
6 testimony and things produced, disclosed, or filed in this action and any appeal, by
7 or on behalf of any party or third party, voluntarily or involuntarily, whether
8 pursuant to formal or informal discovery requests, subpoena, deposition notice, or
9 motion practice, and whether revealed in a document, deposition, response to any
10 type of written discovery, submission to this Court or otherwise (“Litigation
11 Material.”) Any party or third party may designate any Litigation Material
12 CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL–ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY
13 as provided in this Protective Order. As used herein, “Designated Information”
14 means any information, documents, testimony and things designated either
15 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL–ATTORNEY’S EYES
16 ONLY.”

16 2. All Designated Information is provided solely for the prosecution or
17 defense of this action and any appeal and may not be used for any other purpose,
18 except by leave of court upon noticed motion with notice to all interested parties.

19 3. Any Litigation Material which is deemed by a party or by a non-party
20 to disclose that party or non-party’s Designated Information will be so identified
21 and labeled as either CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL–
22 ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY as follows:

23 a. A party or non-party may designate Litigation Material
24 CONFIDENTIAL only if it, in concurrence with its counsel and in good faith,
25 deems that the Litigation Material contains confidential or other proprietary
information that is not generally available to the public and that a reasonable basis

1 exists for limiting dissemination of the material under the standards of FRCP 26.
2 Litigation Material designated CONFIDENTIAL shall include any copy or other
3 reproduction, excerpts, summaries, abstracts, or other documents that paraphrase,
4 quote, or contain CONFIDENTIAL information.

5 b. A party or non-party may designate Litigation Material HIGHLY
6 CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY if it, in concurrence with its
7 counsel and in good faith, determines that the Litigation Material contains
8 proprietary information, trade secrets, or other highly sensitive commercial or
9 competitive information whose disclosure would raise a material risk of (i) present
10 or future competitive injury to the designating party or (ii) present or future
11 competitive or commercial advantage, including litigation advantage, to the
receiving party or non-parties.

12 c. In the case of information voluntarily disclosed in these proceedings
13 or disclosed as a result of discovery, the producing party or non-party will identify
14 any designated Litigation Material at the time of disclosure.

15 d. In the case of a deposition, any party or non-party may orally
16 designate at the deposition any portion of the testimony as CONFIDENTIAL or
17 HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY subject to the terms of
18 paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) above. Further, any party or non-party may further
19 designate any portion of the deposition transcript as CONFIDENTIAL or
20 HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY within thirty (30) days
21 after receipt of the transcript. The party or non-party making such additional
22 designation shall advise opposing counsel and the Court Reporter of the additional
23 designation by letter making reference to the specific pages and exhibits to be so
24 designated. The Court Reporter shall then mark the face of the transcript
25 containing such confidential testimony and/or exhibits CONFIDENTIAL

1 PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—

2 ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER, as appropriate.

3 4. Inadvertent failure to designate Designated Information as such prior
4 to disclosure, production or response will not prevent a subsequent confidentiality
5 designation by letter promptly sent after discovery of such inadvertent failure,
6 provided that any disclosure made by the receiving party prior to receipt of the
7 letter shall not be a violation of this Protective Order, nor shall the receiving party
8 incur liability for use or disclosure of the information prior to the receipt of such
9 letter.

10 5A. Unless and until the Court rules that any Litigation Material so
11 identified as CONFIDENTIAL is not, in fact, worthy of treatment as such and
12 should be disclosed beyond the limits permitted by this Protective Order, access,
13 copying or dissemination of Litigation Material so designated shall be limited to:

14 a. Outside Counsel of Record and their partners, associates, and their
15 employees (including stenographic, clerical and paralegal employees) and outside
16 copy services whose functions require access to such Designated Information and
17 who agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order;

18 b. Independent experts or consultants retained by a party, and their
19 clerical employees who are not and were not employees of the parties or their
20 affiliates, and whose advice, consultation and/or testimony are being or will be
21 used by the parties in connection with preparation for trial of this action and/or any
22 motions or appeals connected with the action. However, at least ten (10) days
23 prior to the disclosure of Designated Information under this paragraph: (1) such
24 persons must be identified in writing to each party¹ in the action; (2) the resume of
25 the expert or consultant shall be provided to each party in the action; and (3) the

¹ If a non-party's Designated Information is involved, that non-party shall also be notified and all of the provisions of this paragraph that apply to parties shall apply to non-parties as well.

1 expert or consultant executes Exhibit A attached hereto; and (4) a copy of Exhibit
2 A is provided to each party in the action. If any party objects to the disclosure of
3 such information to said expert or consultant, that party must serve a written
4 objection within 10 days after receipt of all of the information set forth herein. No
5 disclosure of Designated Information shall occur until all objections are resolved
6 by the parties or by court order, including any appeal of such order.

7 c. Persons appearing for deposition provided that such persons: (1)
8 authored or received such Designated Information; (2) are established as being
9 knowledgeable of the contents of such Designated Information prior to the time of
10 his or her testimony; or (3) are a current or former employee of the party (or non-
11 party) that produced the Designated Information (subject to the right of the
12 producing party to object and move for a protective order prior to the deponent
being given access to such Designated Information).

13 d. The Court and its officers (including court reporters);

14 e. Any other person that the parties hereto agree to in writing; and

15 f. Such officers, directors, or employees of the parties, as counsel, in
16 good faith, determines are necessary to provide assistance in the prosecution or
17 defense of this action, and who have signed the agreement to be bound by the
18 Protective Order that is attached as Exhibit A to the Protective Order.

19 5B. Unless and until the Court rules that any Litigation Material so
20 identified as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL--ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY is not, in
21 fact, worthy of treatment as such and should be disclosed beyond the limits
22 permitted by this Protective Order, access, copying or dissemination of Litigation
Material so designated shall be limited to:

23 a. Outside Counsel of Record and their partners, associates, and their
24 employees (including stenographic, clerical and paralegal employees) and outside
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1 copy services whose functions require access to such Designated Information and
2 who agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order;

3 b. Independent experts or consultants retained by a party, and their
4 clerical employees who are not and were not employees of the parties or their
5 affiliates, and whose advice, consultation and/or testimony are being or will be
6 used by the parties in connection with preparation for trial of this action and/or any
7 motions or appeals connected with the action. However, at least ten (10) days
8 prior to the disclosure of Designated Information under this paragraph: (1) such
9 persons must be identified in writing to each party² in the action; (2) the resume of
10 the expert or consultant shall be provided to each party in the action; and (3) the
11 expert or consultant executes Exhibit A; and (4) a copy of Exhibit A is provided to
12 each party in the action. If any party objects to the disclosure of such information
13 to said expert or consultant, that party must serve a written objection within 10
14 days after receipt of all of the information set forth herein. No disclosure of
15 Designated Information shall occur until all objections are resolved by the parties
16 or by court order, including any appeal of such order.

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19 knowledgeable of the contents of such Designated Information prior to the time of
20 his or her testimony; or (3) are a current or former employee of the party (or non-
21 party) that produced the Designated Information (subject to the right of the
22 producing party to object and move for a protective order prior to the deponent
23 being given access to such Designated Information).

24 d. The Court and its officers (including court reporters); and
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² If a non-party's Designated Information is involved, that non-party shall also be notified and all of the provisions of this paragraph that apply to parties shall apply to non-parties as well.

1 e. Any other person that the parties hereto agree to in writing. 6. To
2 the extent that Designated Information is included in any pleading, paper, or other
3 document filed with the Court, the party filing such Designated Information shall
4 lodge such information under seal and, concurrently therewith, file an Application
5 to file such papers, or the portion containing the Designated Information, under
6 seal. If a party elects to file its own Designated Information not under seal, it may
7 do so, but any and all confidentiality designations governing such documents are
8 waived and, going forward, the documents shall not be treated as Designated
9 Information under this Protective Order.

10 7. This Protective Order shall not foreclose any of the parties from
11 moving this Court for an order that Designated Information is not within the scope
12 of protection afforded by this Protective Order or that Litigation Material
13 designated as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY should
14 be reclassified as CONFIDENTIAL. Further:

15 a. A party does not waive its right to challenge a designation of
16 CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY
17 by electing not to mount a challenge immediately after the original designation is
18 made;

19 b. A party that elects to initiate a challenge as to any Designated
20 Information must do so in good faith and must begin the process by conferring
21 directly with counsel for the party, or non-party, making such designation; and

22 c. A party that elects to challenge a confidentiality designation shall do
23 so upon noticed motion in accordance with applicable law and local rules. The
24 party seeking to uphold the confidentiality designation bears the burden of proof
25 and sanctions may be issued at the Court's discretion for any designation made in
bad faith or for any motion made in bad faith.

1 d. Each Party that designates information or items for protection under
2 the Protective Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific
3 material that qualifies under the appropriate standards, including designating
4 protected information on a page by page, paragraph by paragraph, or item by item
5 basis, at the lowest reasonable level of protection so that (a) only those parts of
6 material, documents, items, or oral or written communications are designated that
7 qualify under the appropriate standards, and (b) other portions of the material,
8 documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not
9 swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order;

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

15 f. All disputes regarding designations will be resolved by the trial court
16 judge or magistrate by noticed motion with the parties agreeing to waiting only
17 eleven (11) days as opposed to the 21 day waiting period for filing a motion after
18 the meet and confer, as required by Local Rule, 7-3, or as otherwise ordered by the
19 Court.

20 8. This Protective Order shall not prevent any party or non-party from
21 applying to the Court for relief herefrom or for further and/or additional protective
22 orders, and/or from agreeing between themselves, subject to approval of the Court,
23 to modification of this Protective Order.

24 9. Subject to the limitations of this Protective Order, Designated
25 Information identified in accordance with paragraph 3 hereto may be used during
discovery, in connection with any motion, at the trial and/or appeal of this action,
and for any other purpose as this Court may allow after notice to all parties.

1 10. If any Designated Information is disclosed, inadvertently or otherwise,
2 to a person or party not entitled to receive such Designated Information under the
3 terms of this Protective Order, the party or non-party that disclosed the Designated
4 Information shall (a) promptly inform the person to whom disclosure was made of
5 all the provisions of this Protective Order; (b) immediately inform the designating
6 party about all circumstances of the improper disclosure, including what
7 Designated Information was improperly disclosed and to whom it was disclosed;
8 (c) request the person to whom disclosure was made to sign the acknowledgment
9 set forth in Exhibit A of this Protective Order; and (d) serve the original signed
10 acknowledgment on the designating party.

11 11. The inadvertent or unintentional production of Litigation Material
12 which a party or non-party later claims should not have been produced because of
13 a privilege, including but not limited to attorney-client privilege or work product
14 immunity, will not be deemed to waive any privilege. A party or non-party may
15 request the return of such privileged materials by identifying the material and the
16 basis for the claim of privilege. If a party or non-party requests the return of such
17 material, the party having custody of the material shall return it and all copies
18 within five (5) calendar days.

19 12. Nothing in this Protective Order shall prejudice or waive the right of
20 any party to object to the production of any document upon any appropriate
21 ground, including any applicable privilege. Moreover, nothing in this Protective
22 Order shall prejudice or waive the right of any party to object to the admissibility
23 of any Litigation Material or other evidentiary material on any appropriate ground.
24 Entering into and/or complying with this Protective Order shall not: (a) operate as
25 an admission by any party that any particular Litigation Material contains or
reflects currently valuable trade secrets or protected proprietary or commercial

1 information, or (b) operate as an admission by any party that any particular
2 Litigation Material is, or is not, relevant to this action.

3 13. Within thirty (30) days after final termination of this case and any
4 appeal, receiving counsel shall return all copies and samples of Designated
5 Information in its possession, custody or control to counsel for the party who has
6 provided them or certify destruction thereof. Counsel for each of the parties is
7 permitted to retain, subject to the continued restrictions of this Protective Order,
8 one copy of any document filed with the Court.

9 14. No copy of any deposition transcript or any portion identified as
10 Designated Information shall be prepared or furnished by the reporter to any
11 person other than to attorneys of record for the parties. Neither the original nor any
12 copy of any transcript of any deposition taken in this action shall be filed in Court
13 until the time period has elapsed for the designation of portions of the transcript as
14 Designated Information, unless the transcript and all papers referencing the
15 transcript are filed under seal.

16 15. In the event that a party or non-party to whom Designated Information
17 has been disclosed receives a discovery request, subpoena, order or other form of
18 compulsory process requiring that it (the "subpoenaed party") produce Designated
19 Information, the subpoenaed party shall promptly notify the designating party of
20 the demand. If the designating party elects to resist production of the materials, it
21 shall promptly so notify the subpoenaed party and the latter shall cooperate in
22 affording the designating party the opportunity to oppose or limit production of the
23 materials provided.

24 16. This Protective Order shall survive the final determination of this
25 action and shall remain in full force and effect after the conclusion of all of the
proceedings herein and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce its terms and to
ensure compliance herewith.

1 **EXHIBIT A**

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4 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE
BOUND BY THE TERMS
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Hon. Andrew J. Guilford

14 I, _____, acknowledge and declare that I have received a
15 copy of the Protective Order ("Order") in Bird Barrier America, Inc. v. Bird-B-
16 Gone, Inc., Case No. SACV 090418 AG (USDC, Southern Division). I have read
17 the Order. I understand and agree to be bound by its terms, and I consent to the
18 jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose of any proceeding to enforce the terms of
19 the Order.

20 Present occupation/job description: _____
21 _____

22 Name of Company or Firm: _____

23 Address: _____
24 _____

25 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: _____ (Signature) _____