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 23 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
 24 **WESTERN DIVISION**

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I. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

The parties, through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge and understand that this Order does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery; the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal. Nevertheless, the parties agree that good cause exists for this Order and that such an order is in the best interests of both parties.

II. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential proprietary or private information for which special protection may be warranted. The parties have contractual obligations to third parties to keep certain information confidential. The parties are obliged by the Federal Rules to produce certain information, which is subject to contractual confidentiality obligations to third parties. Failure to sufficiently protect such information will create potential liability to the parties. The parties are also obliged to produce documents containing confidential sales information, including without limitation, pricing, discount strategies and supply chain information. Disclosure of such information will result in competitive disadvantages to the parties from competitors—whether parties or non-parties—who learn the parties’ confidential business strategies.

III. USE AT TRIAL

This Order ^{does not govern} governs the use of confidential materials at trial. ~~All documents designated as trial exhibits shall not be covered by the terms of this Order at the time of trial, even if they are appropriately designated Confidential or Attorneys’ Eyes Only, unless the party seeking to maintain the confidentiality of documents~~

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1 ~~makes a showing of good cause as to why the material should remain confidential~~
2 ~~to the Court, in advance of trial. Notwithstanding the above, the Parties will~~
3 ~~maintain as confidential, in accordance with this Order, all confidential material~~
4 ~~exchanged pursuant to this Order before and after trial.~~

5 **IV. CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

6 "Confidential Information," as used herein, means all information in
7 whatever form, such as oral, written, documentary, tangible, intangible, electronic,
8 or digitized now or hereafter in existence that is designated "Confidential" or
9 "Confidential - Attorney's Eyes Only" pursuant to this Order and:

10 (a) is protected under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, California Civil
11 Code section 3426, et. seq., in that such information derives independent economic
12 value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily
13 ascertainable by proper means, by other persons who can obtain economic value
14 from its disclosure or use; and

15 (b) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to
16 maintain its secrecy; and

17 (c) is otherwise regarded by a party as being confidential, private, or
18 proprietary in nature; and

19 (d) as illustrative examples only, Confidential material shall include the
20 following documents and tangible things produced, disclosed, or otherwise
21 exchanged: documents subject to confidentiality agreements with third parties;
22 documents containing sales information, pricing and discount strategies; documents
23 containing or evidencing proprietary business methods and strategies; and
24 documents evidencing proprietary design techniques.

25 4.1 Scope

26 The protections conferred by this Order cover not only confidential materials
27 (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from
28 confidential materials; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of

1 confidential material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of
2 confidential material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by
3 parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential material.

4 However, the restrictions set forth in this Order will not apply to information
5 which is known to the receiving party or the public before the date of its
6 transmission to the receiving party, or which becomes known to the public after the
7 date of its transmission to the receiving party, provided that such information does
8 not become publicly known by any act or omission of the receiving party, its
9 employees or agents, which would be in violation of this Order; provided, further,
10 that the provisions of this paragraph may not be invoked on self-help basis in that
11 documents designated as confidential (at either level) shall remain confidential until
12 the designation is changed by the designating party or by order of the Court. A
13 party who contends that material designated as confidential (at either level defined
14 herein) under this Order should remain confidential shall have the burden of
15 proving that contention in any proceeding where a confidentiality designation is at
16 issue.

17 **V. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

18 5.1 Basic Principles

19 A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed or produced
20 by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,
21 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be
22 disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in
23 this agreement. Confidential material must be stored and maintained by a receiving
24 party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the
25 persons authorized under this Order.

26 5.2 Disclosure of Confidential Information or Items

27 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the
28 designating party, any material designated “Confidential” including copies or

1 excerpts thereof, or analyses or reports which pertain thereto, may be available only
2 to:

3 (a) Attorneys of record for the receiving party and their immediate staff,
4 including any paralegal, clerical, or other assistant that such outside counsel
5 employs and assigns to this matter;

6 (b) Judges, magistrate judges, law clerks and other clerical personnel of
7 the Court before which this action is pending, including any appellate court that
8 may preside over this action, or any portion thereof;

9 (c) Independent experts or consultants for each party and their clerical
10 personnel who are not employees of the parties or their affiliates and whose advice,
11 consultation and/or testimony are being or will be used by the parties in connection
12 with preparation for trial of this action and/or any motions or appeals connected
13 with this action provided that (i) before such access is given, such person is
14 provided with a copy of and agrees to be bound by the terms of this Protective
15 Order, and (ii) the party making such disclosure shall keep a record of the
16 Confidential Information disclosed to such person. ;

17 (d) Witnesses for deposition and counsel for such witnesses in the course
18 of a deposition or, following the issuance of a notice to take the deposition of a
19 witness, in preparation for such witness's deposition; provided that (i) such
20 witnesses are provided with a copy of and agree to be bound by the terms of this
21 Protective Order, and (ii) the party making such disclosure to the witness shall keep
22 a record of the Confidential Information disclosed to such witness;

23 (e) The parties to this action, their insurers, and counsel to their insurers;

24 (f) Outside vendors or service providers (such as copy service providers
25 and document management consultants) that counsel hire and assign to this matter,
26 provided that (i) such persons and/or organizations are provided with a copy of and
27 agree to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order, and (ii) the party making
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1 such disclosure to the persons and/or organizations shall keep a record of the
2 Confidential Information disclosed to such witness;

3 (g) Any mediator or arbitrator that the Parties engage in this matter or that
4 the Court appoints, provided that (i) such persons and/or organizations are provided
5 with a copy of and agree to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order, and (ii)
6 the party making such disclosure to the persons and/or organizations shall keep a
7 record of the Confidential Information disclosed to such witness;

8 (h) As to any document, its author, its addressee, and any other person
9 indicated on the fact of the document as having received a copy; and

10 (i) Stenographers engaged to transcribe depositions the Parties conduct in
11 this action.

12 Materials designated "Attorneys' Eyes Only" as well as any copies or
13 excerpts thereof, or analyses or reports which pertain thereto, may be made
14 available only to persons identified in Sections 5.2(a) through (c) of this Order, or
15 section 5.2 (d), (f)-(i) as those procedures are identified. Before disclosing any
16 materials designated as "Attorneys' Eyes Only" to any person referred to in Sections
17 5.2(c), (d), and (f)-(i) of this Order, counsel must provide a copy of this Order to
18 such person, who must sign Exhibit "A" attached hereto, stating that he or she has
19 read this Order and agrees to be bound by its terms. Said counsel must retain each
20 signed Exhibit "A", hold it in escrow, and produce it to opposing counsel either
21 before such person is permitted to testify (at deposition or trial) or at the conclusion
22 of the case, whichever comes first.

23 5.3 Agreement to Be Bound

24 Each person ^{other than the courts} permitted by the parties or their counsel to have access to
25 designated information under the terms of this Order, shall, prior to being given
26 such access, be provided with a copy of this Order for review. Upon receiving this
27 Order, each person shall sign an "Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A to this
28 Order) indicating that he has read this Order and agrees to comply with its terms,

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1 provided, however, that partners and employees of counsel of record as well as
2 officers and personnel of the Court, shall be exempt from the requirement to sign
3 the Exhibit A agreement.

4 5.4 Filing Confidential Material

5 Before filing confidential material or discussing or referencing such material
6 in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party to determine
7 whether the designating party will remove the confidential designation, whether the
8 document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed
9 order is warranted. Local Civil Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be
10 followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from
11 the Court to file material under seal.

12 Any document or evidence filed with the Court or submitted to the Judge
13 which is designated as containing "Confidential" or "Attorneys' Eyes Only"
14 information, upon a showing of ^{sufficient} good cause and according to procedures established
15 in Local Civil Rule 79-5, will be filed in a sealed envelope or other appropriate
16 sealed container marked on the outside with the title of the action and a statement
17 substantially in the following form:

18 **"CONFIDENTIAL" [or] "ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY"**

19 ~~"The document is subject to a PROTECTIVE ORDER issue by the Court and
20 may not be examined or copied except in compliance with that Order."~~

21 The Local Civil Rule 79-5 application for filing under seal shall be directed
22 to the Judge to whom the filing is directed.

23 ~~In the event that information designated as Confidential Information is~~
24 ~~Information used at trial shall become public absent~~
25 ~~contemplated to be used at trial, the Receiving Party seeking to use such~~
26 ~~a separate court order upon motion and sufficient~~
27 ~~information shall give notice to the Court and the Designating Party of its intention~~
28 ~~to use the Confidential Information at trial sufficiently in advance of its~~
~~contemplated use so that the Court can have the matter heard. The Designating~~
~~Party continues to bear the burden of showing to the Court that there is good cause~~

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1 to keep the materials sought to be used at trial as subject to and treated under the
2 terms of this Protective Order so that the Court may keep the Confidential
3 Information exempt from public disclosure even though the Confidential
4 Information is used at trial.

5 **VI. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

6 6.1 Governing Standards

7 Any information produced by any party or non-party as part of discovery in
8 this action may be designated by the producing party(ies) as “Confidential” or
9 “Attorneys’ Eyes Only.” A document should be designated “Confidential” when it
10 contains confidential information (as listed above) that may be reviewed by a
11 receiving party but must be protected against disclosure to unauthorized third
12 parties. A document should be designated “Attorneys’ Eyes Only” when it contains
13 trade secrets of a technical nature, such as information relating to product formulas,
14 manufacturing methods, product development plans, or confidential business
15 information such as marketing plans, customer lists, pricing plans, financial
16 statements, supplier identifiers, or other information which would put the producing
17 person or entity at a competitive disadvantage if the information became known to
18 the receiving party.

19 6.2 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection

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

27 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations
28 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper

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purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

Any information, which is publicly available, including any information which can be ascertained from examination of a product sold by any party, should not be designated as “Confidential” or “Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

If it comes to a designating party’s attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

6.3 Manner and Timing of Designations

Any party or non-party wishing to invoke the confidentiality provisions of this Order as to produced things and documents, may designate, in writing, the things and documents (as defined in Rule 34 Fed. R. Civ. P. and Rule 1002 Fed. R. Evid.) or portions thereof which it considers confidential at the time the things and documents are produced. Such designation must be clear and unambiguous.

(a) Information in documentary form: In designating documents (as defined in Rule 34. Fed. R. Civ. P. and Rule 1001 Fed. R. Evid.), the designating party must affix the word(s) “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” to each page that contains confidential material. If only a portion or portions 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).

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(b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial proceedings:
The witness or his or her counsel may invoke the provisions of this Order by claiming confidentiality in a timely manner and designating the level of restriction. The witness under deposition or his or her counsel may, within ten (10) days of receiving a deposition transcript, designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as confidential, or change the level of restriction of the transcript or any

1 portion thereof. During the ten-day (10-day) period, counsel for the parties shall
2 treat the entire transcript as if it had been designated "Attorneys' Eyes Only."
3 Testimony that has been designated "Confidential" or "Attorneys' Eyes Only" on
4 the record of the deposition shall be transcribed in a separate booklet marked
5 according on each page, or shall be appropriately redacted.

6 (c) Other tangible items: The producing party must affix in a
7 prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the
8 information or item is stored the word(s) "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS'
9 EYES ONLY." If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant
10 protection, the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected
11 portion(s).

12 6.4 Inadvertent Failures to Designate.

13 If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information
14 or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's right to secure
15 protection under this for such. Upon timely correction of a designation, the
16 receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated in
17 accordance with provisions of this agreement.

18 **VII. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

19 If, at any time during preparation for trial, any party believes that any other
20 party or non-party has unreasonably designated certain material as "Confidential"
21 or "Attorneys' Eyes Only" or believes that it is necessary to disclose designated
22 material to persons other than those permitted by this Order, and the producing
23 party does not agree to change the designation or to further disclosure, the objecting
24 party may make an appropriate application to this Court in accordance with the
25 procedures established in Local Civil Rule 37 and upon notice to all parties and to
26 any non-party who designated the material.
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3 **VIII. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED**
4 **PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION**

5 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
6 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as
7 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” that party must:

8 (a) Promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of
9 the subpoena or court order;

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

14 (c) Cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be
15 pursued by the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

16 **IX. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

17 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed,
18 confidential material to any person or in circumstance not authorized under this
19 agreement, the receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the
20 designating party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve
21 all unauthorized copies of the protected material, (c) inform the person or persons to
22 whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this agreement, and
23 (d) request that such person or persons execute the “Agreement to Be Bound” that
24 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

25 **X. NON-TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS**

26 Within 30 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each
27 receiving party must return all confidential material, including material designated
28 “Attorneys’ Eyes Only,” to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and
summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods

1 of destruction.

2 Notwithstanding this provision, the attorney of record may retain one (1)
3 copy of any designated documents attached to any pleading filed with the Court.

4 Notwithstanding this provision, the attorney of record, the parties and the insurer
5 for the parties may retain one (1) copy of any summaries of designed documents
6 contained in counsel of record's reports to same but must destroy the underlying
7 materials.

8 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect
9 in perpetuity, to the extent permitted by the Court, or until the Court orders
10 otherwise. Pursuant to Section IV above, no confidentiality obligations will apply to
11 materials made public during the trial of this action. The parties agree to maintain
12 as confidential any designated materials exchanged during preparation for trial but
13 not made public.

14 **XI. CONTINUATION OF OTHER PRIVILEGES AND PROTECTIONS**

15 This Order shall not prejudice the right of any party or non-party to oppose
16 production of any material on the ground of attorney-client privilege, work product
17 immunity, or any other protection provided under the law. This Stipulated
18 Protective Order is not an admission by any party hereto that any discovery sought
19 in this action should be produced. All parties hereto agree not to argue that a party
20 hereto from whom discovery is sought in this action has conceded its
21 discoverability by entering into this Stipulated Protective Order. This Protective
22 Order shall survive the final determination of this action and shall remain in full
23 force and effect after the conclusion of all of the proceedings herein in order to
24 provide the Court with ancillary jurisdiction to enforce its terms and to ensure
25 compliance herewith.

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GOOD CAUSE HAVING BEEN SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated: March 2, 2016

Alicia G. Rosenberg

~~Hon. Andrew J. Guilford~~

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

MAGISTRATE

EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

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I, _____ [print or type full name] of _____
[print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety
and understand the Stipulated Protected Order that was issued by the United States District
Court of the Central District of California on _____ in the case of
_____. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of
this Stipulate Protective Order, and I understand and acknowledge that failure to do 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
Stipulate 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 Unite States District Court for the
Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated
Protective Order, even if such an enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this
action.

Signature