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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GRUPO SALINAS INC. DBA  
SALINAS TIRES & WHEELS, a  
California corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

J R SALINAS WHEELS & TIRES  
INC., a California corporation; JJTS,  
INC., a California corporation; and  
SALINAS WHEELS & TIRES, a  
California company,

Defendants.

Case No. 8:16-cv-01923 JVS (KESx)

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

**[DISCOVERY DOCUMENT:  
REFERRED TO MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE KAREN E. SCOTT]**

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 following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends

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1 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment  
2 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth  
3 in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them  
4 to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the  
5 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a  
6 party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

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8 B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

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

1        2.     DEFINITIONS

2            2.1    Action: *Grupo Salinas, Inc. v. JJTS, Inc. et. al* Case No. 8:16-cv-  
3        01923 JVS (KESx).

4            2.2    Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the  
5        designation of information or items under this Order.

6            2.3    CONFIDENTIAL Information or Items: information (regardless of  
7        how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for  
8        protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in  
9        the Good Cause Statement.

10          2.4    HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - AEO Information or Items:  
11        information (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible  
12        things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and  
13        as specified above in the Good Cause Statement. The HIGHLY  
14        CONFIDENTIAL – AEO designation is limited to material that is so  
15        commercially sensitive that a party would be at a severe economic disadvantage if  
16        its competitors were able to review the material. Examples of HIGHLY  
17        CONFIDENTIAL – AEO material include, but are not limited to customer lists  
18        and trade secrets.

19          2.5    Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as  
20        their support staff).

21          2.6    Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information  
22        or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as  
23        “CONFIDENTIAL.”

24          2.7    Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information,  
25        regardless of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or  
26        maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible  
27        things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in  
28        this matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.15 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as CONFIDENTIAL or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - AEO

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

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3. SCOPE

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

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

4. DURATION

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

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

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

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

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

15 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

16 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic  
17 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial  
18 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend  
19 CONFIDENTIAL to each page that contains protected material.

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

1 AEO as appropriate to each page that contains Protected Material.

2 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify  
3 the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before 30 days after the close  
4 of the deposition all protected testimony.

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

12 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent  
13 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive  
14 the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such  
15 material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make  
16 reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the  
17 provisions of this Order.

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19 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

20 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a  
21 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s  
22 Scheduling Order.

23 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute  
24 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

25 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be  
26 on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper  
27 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other  
28 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating

1 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall  
2 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is  
3 entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the Court rules on the  
4 challenge.

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6 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

7 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that  
8 is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with  
9 this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action.  
10 Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and  
11 under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been  
12 terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13  
13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

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

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

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

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

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

1 (d) the court and its personnel;  
2 (e) court reporters and their staff;  
3 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional  
4 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who  
5 have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);  
6 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a  
7 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;  
8 (h) during their depositions, witnesses ,and attorneys for witnesses, in  
9 the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing  
10 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2)  
11 they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign  
12 the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless  
13 otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
14 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected  
15 Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed  
16 to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and  
17 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,  
18 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.  
19 7.3 Disclosure of HIGHLY-CONFIDENTIAL - AEO Information or  
20 Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the  
21 Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item  
22 designated HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - AEO only to:  
23 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as  
24 well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably  
25 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;  
26 (b) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom  
27 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the  
28 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

- 1 (c) the court and its personnel;
- 2 (d) court reporters and their staff;
- 3 (e) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
- 4 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who
- 5 have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);
- 6 (f) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
- 7 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;
- 8 (g) during their depositions, witnesses ,and attorneys for witnesses, in
- 9 the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing
- 10 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1 hereto; and (2)
- 11 they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign
- 12 the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless
- 13 otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of
- 14 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected
- 15 Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed
- 16 to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and
- 17 (h) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
- 18 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

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20 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED

21 IN OTHER LITIGATION

22 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other

23 litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this

24 Action as CONFIDENTIAL, or HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - AEO that Party

25 must:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-  
2 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 Stipulated  
5 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 the  
8 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  
11 Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information  
12 responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective  
13 order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or  
14 control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before  
15 a determination by the court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party  
16 shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its  
17 Protected Material.

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19 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

20 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has  
21 disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized  
22 under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately  
23 (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use  
24 its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material,  
25 (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of  
26 all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the  
27 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as  
28 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  
5        protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in  
6        Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to  
7        modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that  
8        provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule  
9        of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect  
10       of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client  
11       privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement  
12       in the stipulated protective order submitted to the court.

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14       12.    MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

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13. FINAL DISPOSITION

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

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14. 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 STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

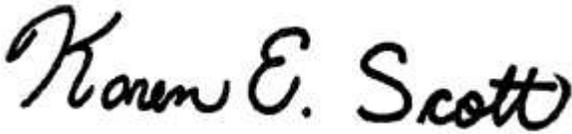
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Grupo Salinas Inc. dba Salinas Wheels & Tires

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

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Attorneys for Defendants  
J R Salinas Wheels & Tires Inc., JJTS, Inc., and Salinas Wheels & Tires

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 08, 2017



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Karen E. Scott  
United States Magistrate Judge

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

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 Protective Order that  
was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of  
California on [date] in the case of \_\_\_\_\_ [insert formal name of the case  
and the number and initials assigned to it by the court]. I agree to comply with  
and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and  
I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to  
sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that  
I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this  
Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance  
with the provisions of this Order.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_