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11	TRELLEBORG SEALING	Case No. 8:20-cv-01966 JLS (ADSx)	
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13	US, INC.	Magistrate Judge: Hon. Autumn D. Spaeth	
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15	Plaintiff,		
16	V.	ORDER GRANTING	
17	PRECISION WIRE COMPONENTS,	STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER	
18	LLC D/B/A CREGANNA MEDICAL		
19	and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,		
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21	Defendant.		
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23	This Stipulated Protective Order is between Plaintiff Trelleborg Sealing		
24	Solutions US, Inc. ("TSS") and Defendant Precision Wire Components LLC		
25	D/B/A Creganna Medical ("Creganna"), by and through their respective counsel		
26	of record:		
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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 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section XIII(C), below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the Court to file material under seal.

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II. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

This action is likely to involve trade secrets, customer and pricing lists and other valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical and/or proprietary information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such confidential and proprietary materials and information consist of, among other things, confidential business or financial information, information regarding confidential business practices, or other confidential research, development, or commercial information (including information implicating privacy rights of third parties), information otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected

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from disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common law. Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties are entitled to keep confidential, to 4 ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

III. DEFINITIONS

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Action: This pending federal law suit, Case No. 8:20-cv-01966 JLS A. (ADSx).

B. <u>Challenging Party</u>: A Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.

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

Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as D. their support staff).

E. <u>Designating Party</u>: A Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL."

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

G. <u>Expert</u>: 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.

H. <u>House Counsel</u>: Attorneys who are employees of a party to this
 Action. House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

I. <u>Non-Party</u>: Any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

J. <u>Outside Counsel of Record</u>: 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.

K. <u>Party</u>: Any party to this Action, including all of its officers,directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel ofRecord (and their support staffs).

L. <u>Producing Party</u>: A Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this Action.

M. <u>Professional Vendors</u>: 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.

N. <u>Protected Material</u>: Any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as "CONFIDENTIAL."

O. <u>Receiving Party</u>: A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

IV. SCOPE

A. 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.

B. 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.

V. 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, 2 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law. 3

VI. **DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection A. 1. 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. 2. Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information 3. or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

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Except as otherwise provided in this Order (*see, e.g.*, Section B(2)(b) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.
 Designation in conformity with this Order requires the following:

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

b. A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the "CONFIDENTIAL legend" to each page that contains Protected Material.

c. Depositions. Any deposition which a party determines will or might reasonably include disclosure of Confidential

Information shall be attended only by those persons entitled to receive such Confidential Information pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order, but this shall not be construed to allow any such person to attend a deposition he or she otherwise would not be allowed to attend. During a deposition, any party may ask the reporter to designate certain portions of the testimony as confidential, in which case the confidential portions shall be separately transcribed and labeled as confidential. In addition, within thirty (30) days after a copy of the transcript taken at the deposition is delivered to the parties, counsel may designate the entirety or any specified portion of the transcript or exhibits thereto as Confidential by letter to the opposing party. Until such thirty-day period expires, the entirety of such transcripts and all exhibits thereto shall be treated as Confidential and subject to this Agreement. After such thirty-day period expires, such transcripts, exhibits or portions thereof designated as Confidential shall be treated as such under this Agreement. If no such designation is made within thirty days, such transcripts or exhibits shall not be subject to this Agreement, except as later agreed by the parties. d. For information produced in form other than document

and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL."

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C. Inadvertent Failure to Designate

The inadvertent, unintentional, or *in camera* disclosure of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any party's claim of confidentiality. Within fifteen (15) days of discovering such inadvertent or unintentional disclosure, any party to this Agreement must advise the other parties that the Confidential Information is to be designated as Confidential under the terms of this Agreement. Upon timely correction of inadvertent disclosure, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this order.

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VII. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

A. Timing of Challenges

1. Any party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's Scheduling Order.

B. Meet and Confer

1. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

C. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the

level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's 1 2 designation until the Court rules on the challenge. 3 VIII. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL 4 5 A. **Basic Principles** A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed 6 1. 7 or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle 8 9 this Action. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this 10 11 Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section XIV below. 12 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a 13 2. 14 Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order. 15 B. Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items 16 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing 17 1. by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any 18 19 information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to: The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this 20 a. Action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of 21 22 Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the 23 information for this Action; 24 b. The officers, directors, and employees (including House 25 Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is 26 reasonably necessary for this Action; 27 10 28 STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

1	c. Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party		
2	to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and		
3	who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be		
4	Bound" (Exhibit A);		
5	d. The Court and its personnel;		
6	e. Court reporters and their staff;		
7	f. Professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and		
8	Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably		
9	necessary or this Action and who have signed the		
10	"Acknowledgment and Agreement to be Bound" attached as		
11	Exhibit A hereto;		
12	g. The author or recipient of a document containing the		
13	information or a custodian or other person who otherwise		
14	possessed or knew the information;		
15	h. During their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for		
16	witnesses, in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably		
17	necessary provided: (i) the deposing party requests that the		
18	witness sign the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be		
19	Bound;" and (ii) they will not be permitted to keep any		
20	confidential information unless they sign the		
21	"Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound," unless		
22	otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the		
23	Court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to		
24	depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately		
25	bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to		
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anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective 1 2 Order; and Any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting 3 i. personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged 4 5 in settlement discussions. 6 7 IX. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUPOENAED OR ORDERED 8 PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION 9 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other A. litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in 10 this Action as "CONFIDENTIAL," that Party must: 11 Promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such 12 1. notification shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order; 13 14 2. Promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena 15 or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material 16 covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective 17 Order; and 18 19 3. Cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may 20 21 be affected. 22 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party B. served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information 23 24 designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" before a determination by the Court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has 25 obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall 26 27 12 28

bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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

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

B. In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, toproduce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and theParty is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

1. Promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

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

3. Make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party, if requested.

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

XI. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

A. If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (1) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (2) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (3) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (4) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

XII. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

A. When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege

or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an ediscovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the Stipulated Protective Order submitted to the Court.

To that end and, in the interest of expediting discovery in these B. proceedings and avoiding unnecessary costs, (a) inadvertent or unintentional disclosure of privileged information and/or work product shall not be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any otherwise valid claim of privilege, immunity, or other protection; and (b) failure to assert a privilege and/or work product as to one document or communication shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of the privilege, immunity, or other protection as to any other document or communication allegedly so protected, even involving the same subject matter. In the case of inadvertently produced privileged and/or work product documents, upon the recipient becoming aware that he or she has received such documents that were inadvertently produced, or upon a request made by the producing party, the documents together with all copies made of them and any notes made from them shall be returned forthwith to the party claiming privilege and/or work product immunity. Any party may, within five (5) business days after notification of inadvertent disclosure under this paragraph, object to the claim of

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inadvertence by notifying the designating or producing party in writing of that objection and specifying the designated or produced material to which the objection is made. The parties shall confer within fifteen (15) days of service of any written objection. If the objection is not resolved, the designating party shall, within fifteen (15) days of the conference, file and serve a motion to resolve the dispute. If a motion is filed, information subject to dispute shall be treated consistently with the designating or producing party's most recent designation until otherwise ordered by the Panel.

- XIII. MISCELLANEOUS
 - A. Right to Further Relief
 - 1. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.
 - B. Right to Assert Other Objections

 By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order, no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

C. Filing Protected Material

1. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request

to file Protected Material under seal is denied by the Court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the Court.

XIV. FINAL DISPOSITION

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After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in Section V, Α. within thirty (30) 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 30 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. Any attorney of record in this action who provides access to Confidential Information to any expert, consultant, witness, or other person (as defined in Paragraph III) is responsible for the retrieval from any such expert, consultant, witness, or other person of all documents designated as Confidential; as well as the work product prepared by any such expert, consultant, witness, or other person derived from that Confidential Information. Such materials shall be destroyed and/or returned to that attorney of record.

1. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an

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5	product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such				
6	materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies				
	that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to				
7	this Protective Order as set forth in Section V. This Agreement,				
8	and the obligation to keep Confidential Information confidential,				
9	shall survive the final termination of this action.				
10	B. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate				
11	measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or				
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14	IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.				
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16	Dated: April 12, 2021 /s/ Alexander L. Conti				
17	Alexander L. Conti CONTI LAW				
18	Attorney for Plaintiff				
19	Trelleborg Sealing Solutions US, Inc.				
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$21 \parallel^{1}$	Dated: April 12, 2021 /s/ Michelle M. Fujimoto Michelle M. Fujimoto				
22	SHOOK, HARDY & BACON L.L.P.				
23	Attorney for Defendant				
24	Precision Wire Components, LLC d/b/a Creganna Medical				
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1	FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOW	'N, IT IS SO ORDERED.
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3	Dated: April 13, 2021	/s/ Autumn D. Spaeth
4		HONORABLE AUTUMN D. SPAETH 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 issue by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on [DATE] in the case of Trelleborg Sealing Solutions US, Inc. v. Precision Wire Components, LLC d/b/a Creganna Medical, Case No. 8:20-cv-01966 JLS (ADSx). 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.

23 Date: _____

4 City and State where sworn	and signed:
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Printed Name: _____ 25

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