

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 Α. 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 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 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.

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- A. <u>Action</u>: Cascade Drilling L.P., v. Regenesis Bioremediation Products, Inc. C.D. Cal. Case No. 8:23-CV-02108-JWH-ADS
- B. <u>Challenging Party</u>: A Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.
- C. <u>"CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items</u>: 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.
- "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES D. ONLY" 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 above Good Cause Statement, that is extremely confidential and/or sensitive in nature, the disclosure of which is likely to cause serious economic harm or competitive disadvantage to the Producing Party, or which the Producing Party reasonably believes will seriously compromise or jeopardize its business interests, such that protecting the information cannot be avoided by less restrictive means than designation as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" - OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." Such information may include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, (i) trade secrets, (ii) confidential research, (iii) development or commercial information, including but not limited to sensitive financial data, technical information, proprietary or nonpublic commercial information, or commercially or competitively sensitive information, (iv) compensation information of current or former employees of a Producing Party, (v) confidential information about clients and customers of a Producing Party, or (vi) technical, marketing, financial, sales or other confidential business information; and would not otherwise be adequately protected under the procedures set forth herein for "CONFIDENTIAL" Discovery Material.

K. <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.

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- L. <u>Party</u>: Any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).
- M. <u>Producing Party</u>: A Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this Action.
 - N. <u>Professional Vendors</u>: Persons or entities that provide litigation

- O. <u>Protected Material</u>: Any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."
- P. <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. However, the protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party. 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

A. Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party

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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.

VI. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

- A. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection
- 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 sanctions.
- 3. If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information 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.
 - B. Manner and Timing of Designations
- 1. 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

- 2. 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") or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" (hereinafter "OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY legend"), to each page that contains protected 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).
- 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" or "OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY legend," as applicable, to each page that contains Protected 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).
- c. For testimony given in depositions, that the Designating Party identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition all protected testimony. Alternatively, within thirty (30) days of

receipt of a transcript of a deposition, the Designating Party may designate such transcript or any portion thereof as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," as applicable, by notifying counsel for all Parties, in writing, of the specific pages and lines of the transcript or recording that should be treated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." All transcripts of depositions shall be treated as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" for thirty (30) days after receipt of the transcript, or until written notice of a designation is received, whichever occurs first.

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" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," as applicable. If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

C. Inadvertent Failure to Designate

1. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

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

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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 designation until the Court rules on the

VIII. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

Basic Principles A.

- A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed 1. or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section XIV below.
- 2. Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items B.

- 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:
- The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this a. Action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action;
 - b. The officers, directors, and employees (including In-

1	House Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary
2	for this Action;
3	c. Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party
4	to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
5	"Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
6	d. The Court and its personnel;
7	e. Court reporters and their staff;
8	f. Professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and
9	Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action
10	and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to be Bound" attached
11	as Exhibit A hereto;
12	g. The author or recipient of a document containing the
13	information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the
14	information;
15	h. During their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for
16	witnesses, in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (i)
17	the deposing party requests that the witness sign the "Acknowledgment and
18	Agreement to Be Bound;" and (ii) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential
19	information unless they sign the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound,"
20	unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the Court. Pages of
21	transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected
22	Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to
23	anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and
24	i. Any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting
25	personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement
26	discussions;
27	j. Other witnesses or persons to whom the Disclosing Party
28	agrees to in advance of disclosure or by court order.

1	C. Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE
2	ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" Information or Items:
3	1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by
4	the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item
5	designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES
6	ONLY" only to:
7	a. The Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this
8	action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is
9	reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;
10	b. Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party
11	to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
12	"Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
13	c. The Court and its personnel;
14	d. Court reporters and their staff and Professional Vendors to
15	whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
16	"Acknowledgment and Agreement to be Bound" attached as Exhibit A hereto; and
17	e. The author or recipient of a document containing the
18	information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the
19	information.
20	f. Other witnesses or persons to whom the Designating Party
21	agrees in advance of disclosure or by court order.
22	IV DDOTECTED MATERIAL CURROEN AED OR ORDERED
23	IX. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION
24	A. If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other
25	litigation that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this
26	Action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - OUTSIDE
27	ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY," that Party must:
28	1. Promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such

- 2. Promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the
- subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and
- 3. Cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.
- B. If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" before a determination by the Court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall 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" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." 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, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

- 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 e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Specifically, a party or non-party who knows or reasonably should know that it may have received an inadvertently disclosed or produced protected document shall promptly notify the Producing Party and, upon the Request of the Producing Party, must promptly return or destroy the document, without distributing, disseminating, or reproducing the document, except in the case where the receiving party or non-party intends to challenge the designation of the document as subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, in which case the Receiving Party shall sequester the document until the challenge is resolved. A person or nonparty who is notified by a Producing Party that it has received an inadvertently disclosed or produced protected document must, upon the Request of the Producing Party, promptly return or destroy the document, without distributing, disseminating, or reproducing the document, except in the case where the receiving party or nonparty intends to challenge the designation of the document as subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, in which case the Receiving Party shall sequester the document until the challenge is resolved. To the extent the Parties disagree about a privilege designation, the Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process under Local Rule 37-1 et seq. pursuant to Section VII(b) of this Order.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Right to Further Relief

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- 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
- 1. 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. "CONFIDENTIAL" and "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL — OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" material designated in this Action shall not be filed in the public record in connection with this Action unless such material is filed in its entirety under seal, or redacted by agreement as contemplated by Local Rule 79-5.2.2. The Parties acknowledge that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file Protected Material 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. 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 shall meet and confer with the Designating Party regarding the redaction of "CONFIDENTIAL" and "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL — OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" portions of the Protected Material.

XIV. FINAL DISPOSITION

A. After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in Section V, within sixty (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

1	returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained a	any
2	copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing	or
3	capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Coun	ısel
4	are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, tr	ial,
5	deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposit	ion
6	and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and exp	ert
7	work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archi	ival
8	copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protect	ive
9	Order as set forth in Section V.	
10	B. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropri	iate
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21	Dated: Counsel for Defendant(s) Regenesis	-
22	Bioremediation Products, Inc.	
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24	IT IS ORDERED that the forgoing Agreement is approved.	
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26	Dated: 08/28/2024 /s/ Autumn D. Spaeth	_
27	HONORABLE AUTUMN D. SPAETH United States Magistrate Judge	
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1	EXHIBIT A
2	ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND
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4	I, [print or type full name], of
5	[print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have
6	read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issue by
7	the United States District Court for the Central District of California on [DATE] in
8	the case of Cascade Drilling L.P. v. Regenesis Bioremediation Products, Inc. (Case
9	No. 8:23-cv-02108-JWH-ADS. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the
10	terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that
11	failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of
12	contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information
13	or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity
14	except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.
15	I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court
16	for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this
17	Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after
18	termination of this action. I hereby appoint [print or
19	type full name] of [print or type full address and
20	telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with
21	this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective
22	Order.
23	Date:
24	City and State where sworn and signed:
25	Printed Name:
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