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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

11 VNUS MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,)	CASE NO. C08-04234 MMC
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12 Plaintiff,)	PROPOSED STIPULATED
)	PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING
13 v.)	CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
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14 TOTAL VEIN SOLUTIONS, LLC d/b/a)	
15 TOTAL VEIN SYSTEMS)	Judge: Hon. Maxine M. Chesney
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16 Defendant.)	
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19 The parties anticipate that discovery in this case will involve the disclosure of confidential
 20 information, and therefore agree to the following Protective Order under Rule 26 of the Federal
 21 Rules of Civil Procedure.

22 1. Designation of Confidential Material.

23 (a) General. Any documents, materials, tangible things, items, testimony or
 24 other information filed with the Court, or produced or provided by any party in connection
 25 with this litigation (“Producing Party” or “Designating Party”) to another party (“Receiving
 26 Party”), may be designated as “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only.” All
 27 such information and material derived from it constitutes “Designated Material” under this
 28 Protective Order. As a general guideline, Designated Material shall be so designated for the

1 purposes of avoiding invasion of privacy or protecting proprietary information, confidential
2 business or financial information, trade secrets, or personal or financial affairs. A
3 Designating Party may designate information “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” when
4 the information is particularly sensitive because it relates to trade secrets, technical
5 information, technical practices or methods, present or future marketing plans, product data
6 or projections, financial data, business strategy, or agreements and relationships with third
7 parties.

8 (b) Designation Procedure. A party wishing to invoke the provisions of this
9 Protective Order shall designate the documents, materials, items, or information, or portions
10 thereof, at the time such information is disclosed, or when the party seeking protection
11 becomes aware of the nature of the information disclosed and sought to be protected.
12 Designation shall be made by marking or stamping the documents, materials, items, or
13 information “Confidential” or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” on all pages (or, if
14 applicable, paragraphs). In the case of information stored on electronic media, the items
15 produced shall be marked or stamped on the media if possible. In the case of information
16 produced for inspection, but not yet provided to the inspecting party, such information shall
17 presumptively be deemed “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only,” regardless of whether so
18 identified, until copies thereof are produced to the inspecting party.

19 (c) Designation Procedure For Deposition Testimony. With respect to
20 deposition testimony, the witness under deposition, or his/her counsel, or any counsel
21 representing any person at the deposition, may designate such testimony as “Confidential”
22 or “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only” either on the record at the deposition or within
23 thirty (30) days after the mailing of the deposition transcript by the court reporter. The
24 provisions of this paragraph may be invoked with respect to the witness’s entire deposition,
25 or any portion thereof, at any time during the deposition. Until thirty (30) days after
26 mailing of the transcript by the court reporter has passed, the entire transcript shall be
27 treated as “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”
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1 2. Use of Designated Material. Absent a specific order by this Court, Designated
2 Material shall be used by the persons or entities to whom such information is disclosed solely for
3 purposes of this litigation, and not for any business, competitive, or governmental purpose or
4 function, and such information shall not be disclosed to anyone except as provided under this
5 Protective Order; except that nothing in this Protective Order shall preclude any party or its counsel
6 of record from disclosing or using, in any manner or for any purpose, any information or
7 documents from the party’s own files which the party itself has designated as “Confidential” or
8 “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

9 3. Access to Material Designated “Confidential.” Material designated “Confidential”
10 under this Protective Order, and copies, extracts, compilations, summaries, and other materials that
11 include or reflect such Designated Material, may not be provided to any third party. Material
12 designated “Confidential” may be submitted to the Court only if submitted under seal in accordance
13 with Paragraph 7 below.

14 4. Access to Material Designated “Confidential-Attorneys’ Eyes Only.” Material
15 designated “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only” under this Protective Order, and copies, extracts,
16 compilations, summaries, and other materials that include or reflect such Designated Material, may
17 be given, shown, made available, or communicated in any way only to:

18 (a) persons identified on the face of the Designated Material or in the associated
19 metadata as authors or recipients thereof;

20 (b) outside litigation attorneys for the parties who are employed by the firms of
21 record in this case, their staffs, and professional litigation support vendors retained by them;

22 (c) qualified persons taking testimony involving “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes
23 Only” information, and necessary stenographic and clerical personnel thereof;

24 (d) independent consultants or experts and their staffs, if cleared by the parties
25 pursuant to Paragraph 5 of this Protective Order;

26 (e) the Court and its staff; and

27 (f) a party’s in-house counsel or outside general counsel with the consent of the
28 Designating Party, provided:

1 (i) Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld, and the refusal to
2 grant such consent shall be based on the Designating Party's good faith concerns
3 about protecting intellectual property rights or competitive business information
4 from the requesting party's employees or representatives; and

5 (ii) The Designating Party may condition its consent on the material
6 requested not being provided to any attorney involved in prosecuting patents or
7 making decisions regarding the party's competitive position as to the Designating
8 Party.

9 5. Clearance Procedure for Consultants and Experts. Designated Material may be
10 provided to an independent consultant or expert as described in Paragraph 4(d) only after ten (10)
11 business days following written notice to the Designating Party of the proposed disclosure to the
12 consultant or expert. With the written notice shall be included a fully executed copy of the
13 Acknowledgement attached hereto as Exhibit A, completed by the consultant or expert. If the
14 Designating Party objects, in writing, to disclosure of Designated Material to the consultant or
15 expert within the ten (10) day period, no disclosure of Designated Material may be made to the
16 consultant or expert pending resolution of the objection. If the parties cannot resolve the issue
17 informally, the party objecting to the proposed disclosure may thereupon seek an appropriate order
18 from the Court disqualifying the consultant or expert or protecting against the proposed disclosure
19 to the consultant or expert. Until the Court rules on the matter, no disclosure of Designated
20 Material to the consultant or expert shall be made.

21 6. Treatment of Designated Material. Copies of Designated Material may only be made
22 where reasonably necessary to prepare work product or conduct proceedings in this litigation.
23 Material designated "Confidential Attorneys' Eyes Only" or copies thereof may not be stored or
24 viewed at a non-designating party's business location, except to the extent provided in this
25 Paragraph. Such information may be stored or viewed only at or on:

26 (a) the physical offices of outside attorneys of record in this litigation, or of
27 professional litigation support vendors retained by such attorneys;
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1 (b) the physical offices of consultants or experts cleared under Paragraph 5 of
2 this Protective Order;

3 (c) the site where any deposition relating to the information is taken;

4 (d) the Court;

5 (e) any intermediate location reasonably necessary to transport the information
6 (*e.g.*, a hotel prior to a deposition); or

7 (f) computers/servers/other electronic media of the outside attorneys of record in
8 this litigation, professional litigation support vendors employed by outside attorneys of
9 record, or experts and consultants cleared under Paragraph 5, provided those persons have a
10 reasonable expectation of confidentiality associated with the computers/servers/other
11 electronic media.

12 Such information may also be viewed electronically at the physical office of a party's in-
13 house counselor outside general counsel, provided that the information is not stored at the location
14 and that such counsel may receive the information under Paragraph 4(f) of this Protective Order.

15 7. Filing of Designated Material with the Court. A party that wishes to file Designated
16 Material with the Court (as pleadings or evidence) shall follow the procedure outlined in Local
17 Rule 79-5. Administrative Motions to File Under Seal pursuant to Local Rule 79-5 may be filed on
18 the same day the Designated Material is deposited with the Court.

19 8. Errors in Designation. A Producing Party that inadvertently fails to designate an item
20 pursuant to this Protective Order at the time of the production shall make a correction promptly
21 after becoming aware of such error. Such correction and notice thereof shall be made in writing
22 accompanied by substitute copies of each item, appropriately designated. Those individuals who
23 reviewed the documents or information prior to notice of the failure to designate by the Producing
24 Party shall, to the extent reasonably feasible, return to the Producing Party or destroy all copies of
25 such undesignated documents and shall honor the provisions of this Protective Order with respect
26 to the use and disclosure of any confidential information contained in the undesignated documents,
27 from and after the date of designation.

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1 9. Improper Disclosure. If information designated pursuant to this Protective Order is
2 disclosed to any person other than in the manner authorized by this Protective Order, the party
3 responsible for this disclosure must immediately bring all pertinent facts relating to such disclosure
4 to the attention of the Designating Party, without prejudice to other rights and remedies of the
5 Designating Party, and shall make every effort to prevent further improper disclosure.

6 10. Objections to Designations. If at any time during the pendency of this litigation any
7 party claims that information is not appropriately designated or that permission for in-house or
8 outside general counsel to view certain material has been improperly withheld (the “Objecting
9 Party”), the Objecting Party may serve a captioned notice of objection on the Designating Party.
10 Within ten (10) calendar days of receiving such notice, the Designating Party shall respond in
11 writing. If the Designating Party and the Objecting Party cannot resolve the dispute by informal
12 conference, the Objecting Party may move for an order from the Court for re-designation within ten
13 (10) calendar days from service of the Designating Party’s written response. If the Objecting Party
14 moves for an order from the Court for re-designation, the Designating Party shall bear the burden to
15 establish that the original designation complies with the guidelines and limitations described in
16 Paragraph 1. The original designation shall remain effective until three (3) days after the Court’s
17 entry of an order re- designating the materials.

18 11. Use of Designated Material at Trial or other Court Proceedings. This Protective
19 Order, insofar as it restricts the dissemination and use of Designated Material, shall not apply to the
20 introduction of evidence at trial or the display or discussion of Designated Material during hearings
21 held by the Court, including but not limited to claim construction and summary judgment hearings.
22 However, any Party may seek appropriate court orders, including without limitation, an order
23 which restricts the use of any material covered by this Protective Order during the trial or other
24 Court proceeding, requests that portions of the transcript be sealed, or restricts access of the public
25 to certain portions of the trial or other Court proceeding.

26 12. Inadmissibility of Designation. Unless the parties stipulate otherwise, evidence of the
27 existence or nonexistence of a designation under this Protective Order shall not be admissible for
28 any purpose, nor shall the designation or acceptance of any information designated pursuant to this

1 Protective Order constitute an admission or acknowledgement that the material so designated is in
2 fact proprietary, confidential, or a trade secret.

3 13. Inadvertent Production. Counsel shall take reasonable steps to identify materials
4 protected by the attorney-client privilege or the work product doctrine prior to the disclosure of any
5 such materials. The inadvertent production of any document or thing shall be without prejudice to
6 any claim that such material is protected by the attorney-client privilege or protected from
7 discovery as work product and no Producing Party shall be held to have waived any rights
8 thereunder by inadvertent production. If a Producing Party discovers that materials protected by
9 the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine have been inadvertently produced, counsel
10 for the Producing Party shall promptly give written notice to counsel for the Receiving Party. The
11 Receiving Party shall take prompt steps to ensure that all known copies of such material are
12 returned to the Producing Party. The Receiving Party may afterward contest such claims of
13 privilege or work product as if the materials had not been produced, but shall not assert that a
14 waiver occurred as a result of the production.

15 14. Notification of Subpoena, Document Request, or Order in Other Litigation. If a
16 Receiving Party is served with a subpoena, document request, or order issued in other litigation that
17 would compel disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “Confidential” or
18 “Confidential- Attorneys’ Eyes Only,” the Receiving Party must so notify the Designating Party in
19 writing immediately and in no event more than five (5) days after receiving the subpoena,
20 document request, or order. Such notification must include a copy of the subpoena, document
21 request, or order. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking to protect the
22 requested material from production in the other litigation.

23 15. Final Disposition of Designated Material. Upon termination of this litigation
24 following settlement or final judgment (including exhaustion of all appeals), the originals and all
25 copies of Designated Material shall be either destroyed or turned over to the Producing Party, or to
26 its counsel, within sixty (60) days. However, attorneys of record may retain pleadings, attorney and
27 consultant work product, and depositions (with exhibits) for archival purposes. If Designated
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1 Material is destroyed pursuant to this Paragraph, counsel shall provide to opposing counsel a
2 certification identifying when and how the destruction was performed.

3 16. Survival. The terms of this Protective Order shall survive termination of this
4 litigation.

5 Assent to the entry of the foregoing Protective Order is hereby given by the parties by and
6 through their attorneys, except that defendant Total Vein Solutions d/b/a Total Vein Systems
7 (“TVS”) conditions its assent to Paragraph 2 (“Use of Designated Material”) of this Protective
8 Order upon the consolidation of the instant case with a related case, *VNUS Medical Technologies,*
9 *Inc. v. biolitec et al.*, Case No. C08-03129 MMC (the “Related Case”). In the event that this case
10 and the Related Case are not consolidated, TVS requests modification of Paragraph 2 of this
11 Protective Order to allow Designated Material in this case to be used by the parties in the Related
12 Case.

13 Dated: November 13, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby attest that I have on file written permission to sign this joint statement and report from all parties whose signatures are indicated by a “conformed” signature (/s/) within this e-filed document.

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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 18, 2008


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge

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EXHIBIT A

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19 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

20 I, _____, hereby declare as follows:

21 1. My present employer is _____

22 2. My business address is _____

23 3. My occupation is _____

24 4. In the past 12 months, I have consulted and/or served as an expert for the following
25 companies (attach additional sheets if necessary):

26 5. I have reviewed a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order Regarding Confidential
27 Information in this action (“Protective Order”), and I understand and agree to be bound by its terms
28 and provisions.

