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 15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 16 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

17 SILGAN CONTAINERS LLC,

Case No. C-09-5971-RS-LB

18 Plaintiff,

19 vs.
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STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

21 NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH, PA., and
 22 LIBERTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY,

23 Defendants.
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25 All parties to this action, including Plaintiff Silgan Containers LLC, Defendant National
 26 Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Defendant Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance
 27 Company, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate as follows:
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1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are 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 12.3, 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.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Challenging party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.

2.2 "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).

2.3 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their support staff).

2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL."

2.5 Disclosure or Discovery Material: 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.

1 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
2 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

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

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

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

14 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

15 (a) information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but
16 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party
17 affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that contains protected material. If only a
18 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also
19 must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the
20 margins).

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

1 the "CONFIDENTIAL" legend to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or
2 portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly
3 identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

4 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that
5 the Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other
6 proceeding, all protected testimony.

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

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

17 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

18 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
19 designation of confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's
20 confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary
21 economic burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its
22 right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after
23 the original designation is disclosed.

24 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution
25 process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis
26 for each challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written
27 notice must recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this

1 specific paragraph of the Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in
2 good faith and must begin the process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other
3 forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In
4 conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality
5 designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the
6 designated material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to
7 explain the basis for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of
8 the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes that
9 the Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely
10 manner.

11 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court
12 intervention, the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Civil
13 Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) within 21 days of the
14 initial notice of challenge or within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and confer process
15 will not resolve their dispute, whichever is earlier. Each such motion must be accompanied by a
16 competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer
17 requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph. Failure by the Designating Party to make such a
18 motion including the required declaration within 21 days (or 14 days, if applicable) shall
19 automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each challenged designation. In addition,
20 the Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation at any time if
21 there is good cause for doing so, including a challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript
22 or any portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by a
23 competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer
24 requirements imposed by the preceding paragraph.

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

1 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors,
2 and Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who
3 have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

4 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure IS
5 reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"
6 (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of
7 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be
8 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted
9 under this Stipulated Protective Order.

10 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian
11 or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

12 (h) reinsurers, claims administrators, auditors and any entity to whom disclosure is
13 required by law and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit
14 A).

15 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN
16 OTHER LITIGATION

17 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels
18 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL," that Party
19 must:

20 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall
21 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

22 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue
23 in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject
24 to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective
25 Order; and

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

1 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena
2 or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL"
3 before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has
4 obtained the Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and
5 expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these
6 provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to
7 disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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

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

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

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

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

24 3. make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-
25 Party.

26 (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court
27 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may

1 produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-
2 Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its
3 possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a
4 determination by the court.¹ Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the
5 burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

6 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

14 11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
15 PROTECTED MATERIAL

16 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently
17 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the
18 Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This
19 provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order
20 that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence
21 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a
22 communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection,
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25 ¹ The purpose of this provision is to alert the interested parties to the existence of confidentiality rights of a Non-Party
26 and to afford the Non-Party an opportunity to protect its confidentiality interests in this court
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1 the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted to the
2 court.

3 12. MISCELLANEOUS

4 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person
5 to seek its modification by the court in the future.

6 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective
7 Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any
8 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no
9 Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered
10 by this Protective Order.

11 12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the
12 Designating Party or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a
13 Party may not file in the public record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to
14 file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected
15 Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
16 specific Protected Material at issue. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5, a sealing order will issue
17 only upon a request establishing that the Protected Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a
18 trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the law. If a Receiving Party's request to
19 file Protected Material under seal pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) is denied by the court,
20 then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public record pursuant to Civil Local
21 Rule 79-5(e) unless otherwise instructed by the court.

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

10 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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12 Dated: March 14, 2011

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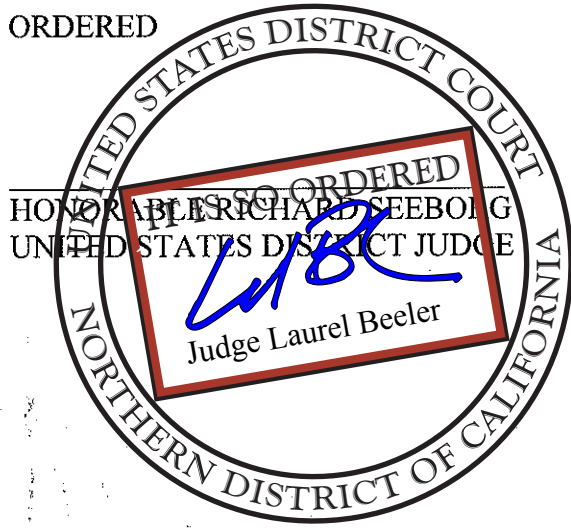
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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated: March 23, 2011



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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 Northern District of California on [date] in the case of *Silgan Containers LLC v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., et al.*, Case No. C-09-5971-RS-LB. 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 Northern 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: _____

[printed name]

Signature: _____

[signature]