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4   IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5   FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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7   SYNOPSYS, INC.,   No. C 12-6467 MMC
8   Plaintiff,   **ORDER ON ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION
                                                          TO SEAL DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
9   v.   ATTORNEY FEES AND EXHIBITS
                                                          THERETO; DIRECTIONS TO PARTIES**
10   MENTOR GRAPHICS CORPORATION,
11   Defendant.
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14   Before the Court is defendant Mentor Graphics Corporation's ("Mentor")

15   "Administrative Motion to File Under Seal Motion for Attorney Fees," filed May 4, 2015,

16   pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5, by which Mentor seeks to file under seal certain exhibits

17   submitted in support of its motion for attorney fees, which documents have been

18   designated confidential by plaintiff Synopsys Inc. ("Synopsys"), and certain portions of its

19   motion for attorney fees that incorporate information from those exhibits. See Civil L.R. 79-

20   5(d)-(e) (providing, where party seeks to file under seal material designated confidential by

21   another party, such party shall file motion for sealing order, after which designating party

22   must file, within 4 days, "declaration . . . establishing that all of the designated information

23   is sealable"). On May 8, 2015, Synopsys timely filed its responsive declaration in support

24   of sealing. See id. Having read and considered the administrative motion and the parties'

25   respective declarations filed in support thereof, the Court hereby rules as follows.

26   To the extent Synopsys, by its responsive declaration, asserts specified portions of

27   Mentor's motion for attorney fees, specified portions of Exhibit B to the Declaration of

28   Salumeh Loesch in support thereof ("Loesch Declaration"), and the entirety of Exhibits G,

H, I, N, and O to the Loesch Declaration are sealable,[1] Mentor's administrative motion is

GRANTED, and the requested portions of said exhibits may remain under seal. No later

than May 22, 2015, Mentor shall file in the public record a revised redacted version of its

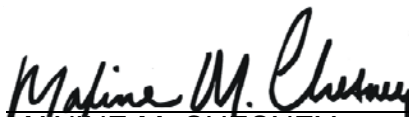motion for attorney fees and Exhibit B in conformity therewith.

As to Exhibits A, C, and U to the Loesch Declaration, Synopsys, in its declaration,

has stated it has no objection to the filing of said documents in the public record, and,

accordingly, Mentor's administrative motion is DENIED as to Exhibits A, C, and U.

As to Exhibit J to the Loesch Declaration, Synopsys has not addressed said exhibit

in its responsive declaration, and, accordingly, Mentor's administrative motion is DENIED

as to Exhibit J.

Lastly, as to Exhibit F to the Loesch Declaration, which Mentor seeks to have sealed

in its entirety, the motion sweeps too broadly, as said document appears to contain

substantial amounts of non-sealable material. See Civil L.R. 79-5(a) (providing "[a] sealing

order may issue only upon a request that establishes that the document, or portions

thereof, is privileged or protectable as a trade secret or otherwise entitled to protection

under the law"; requiring request "be narrowly tailored to seek sealing only of sealable

material"). In lieu of denial, the Court DEFERS ruling on the sealing of Exhibit F pending

Synopsys' filing, no later than May 22, 2015, a supplemental response in which Synopsys

provides a proposed redacted version limiting the amount of material sought to be sealed.

Pending the Court's ruling on the supplemental response, said document will remain under

seal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 13, 2015

MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge

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[1]Mentor does not seek to file under seal and, presumably, Synopsys has not
designated confidential, the exhibits to the Loesch Declaration not referenced herein,
namely, Exhibits D, E, K, L, M, P through T, V, and W.

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