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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO**

JERALD A. BOVINO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

INCASE DESIGNS, CORP,

Defendant.

Case No.: 3:14-cv-02105-VC
STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

1 In conformance with the stipulation between Plaintiff Jerald A. Bovino ("Plaintiff") and
2 Defendant Incase Designs, Corp ("Defendant"), and good cause appearing, **IT IS HEREBY**
3 **ORDERED** that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), this Protective Order is hereby
4 entered to protect the discovery and dissemination of confidential information or information that
5 will improperly harm, annoy, embarrass, or oppress any party, witness, or person providing
6 discovery in this case.

7 1. This Protective Order shall apply to all "Protected Material" as defined in Paragraph #3
8 below.

9 2. As used in this Protective Order, "document" is defined as provided in Federal Rule of Civil
10 Procedure 34(a), and shall include, without limitation, all "documents and electronically stored
11 information" as defined in Rule 34, all "writings," "recordings" and "photographs" as defined in Rule
12 1001 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, and any information stored in or through any computer
13 system or other electronic or optical data storage device. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate
14 document within the meaning of this term.

15 3. "Protected Material" means any documents exchanged in discovery or pursuant to Rule 26(a)
16 that constitutes sensitive personal, commercial, or trade secret information (the release of which to a
17 competitor would be likely to cause damage or loss), and which is designated as
18 "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" as provided for in this
19 Order.

20 4. The designation of "CONFIDENTIAL" is intended to encompass documents, materials
21 and/or information that the designating party or nonparty in good faith believes comprise or
22 encompass confidential or proprietary information, or other commercially sensitive information of a
23 non-public nature, including, without limitation, trade secrets, financial data, contracts and
24 agreements, current and future business plans, and marketing documents ("CONFIDENTIAL
25 information"). CONFIDENTIAL information may also include sensitive personal information, such
26 as Social Security numbers and medical records. Information may be designated by counsel as
27 "CONFIDENTIAL" only after a review of the information, and the designation must be based on a
28 good faith belief that the information is confidential or otherwise entitled to protection under Federal

1 Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c)(1)(G). CONFIDENTIAL information provided under this Protective
2 Order may be used only in connection with the prosecution or defense of this action and for no other
3 purpose.

4 5. CONFIDENTIAL information shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or
5 further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

6 (a) Attorneys actively working on this case;

7 (b) Persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively working on the
8 case whose assistance is required by the attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at other
9 proceedings in this case;

10 (c) The parties;

11 (d) Expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding, to the
12 extent that such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial, or other proceedings in this case;

13 (e) The Court and its employees ("Court Personnel");

14 (f) Stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the
15 conduct of this action;

16 (g) Deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses; and

17 (h) Other persons by written agreement of the parties.

18 6. A party may designate Protected Material as "CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES
19 ONLY" if it contains or reflects CONFIDENTIAL information that is highly confidential and/or
20 sensitive in nature and the producing party reasonably believes that the disclosure of such Protected
21 Material is likely to cause economic harm or significant competitive disadvantage to the producing
22 party if not designated as CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY. CONFIDENTIAL –
23 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY information shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or
24 further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

25 (a) Outside counsel actively working on this case;

26 (b) Persons regularly employed or associated with the outside counsel actively working
27 on the case whose assistance is required by the attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at
28 other proceedings in this case;

1 (c) Expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding, to the
2 extent that such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial, or other proceedings in this case;
3 provided that: (a) such expert or consultant has agreed to be bound by the provisions of the
4 Protective Order by signing a copy of Exhibit A; (b) such expert or consultant is not a current
5 officer, director, or employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party, nor anticipated at the time of
6 retention to become an officer, director, or employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party; (c)
7 such expert or consultant is not involved in competitive decision-making, as defined by *U.S. Steel v.*
8 *United States*, 730 F.2d 1465, 1468 n.3 (Fed. Cir. 1984), on behalf of a Party or a competitor of a
9 Party; (d) such expert or consultant accesses the materials in the United States only, and does not
10 transport them to or access them from any foreign jurisdiction; and (e) no unresolved objections to
11 such disclosure exist after proper notice has been given to all Parties as set forth in Paragraph 7
12 below

13 (d) The Court and its employees ("Court Personnel");

14 (e) Stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the
15 conduct of this action; and

16 (f) Deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses may only be shown documents
17 containing CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY information when they authored or
18 signed the document in question, or otherwise had access to the document in question prior to the
19 filing of this lawsuit.

20 7. Prior to disclosing any information designated as CONFIDENTIAL to any person listed
21 above in Paragraph #5 (other than counsel, persons employed by counsel, Court Personnel, and
22 stenographic reporters) or information designated CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY
23 to any person listed above in Paragraph #6 (other than counsel, persons employed by counsel, Court
24 Personnel, and stenographic reporters), whom the designating party has given written permission to
25 receive the CONFIDENTIAL information, counsel shall provide such person with a copy of this
26 Protective Order and obtain from such person a written acknowledgment in the form set forth in
27 EXHIBIT A to this Protective Order. All such acknowledgments shall be retained by counsel and
28 shall be subject to in camera review by the Court if opposing counsel demonstrates good cause for

1 review.

2 7.1 If the producing party designates any material as Protected Material—either
3 CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY—then the producing party
4 will identify any relevant third party and provide appropriate contact information in the event the
5 receiving party needs to provide a notifications or request permission for any disclosures. Identified
6 third parties shall be notified seven (7) days prior to any disclosures that requires signing of
7 EXHIBIT A and given an opportunity to object to such disclosure. If no objection is made by the
8 end of the seventh day then the disclosure may proceed. If an objection is made, then similar
9 procedures used for challenging designation of Protected Material in paragraph 11 shall apply.

10 7.2 The Party seeking to disclose Protected Material—either CONFIDENTIAL or
11 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY—shall provide the Producing Party and any
12 relevant third party with written notice that includes:

- 13 (a) the name of the Person;
- 14 (b) an up-to-date curriculum vitae of the Person;
- 15 (c) the present employer and title of the Person;
- 16 (d) an identification of all of the Person’s past and current employment and consulting
17 relationships, including direct relationships and relationships through entities owned or controlled by
18 the Person, including but not limited to an identification of any individual or entity with or for whom
19 the person is employed or to whom the person provides consulting services relating to the design,
20 development, operation, or patenting of hardware or software, or relating to the acquisition of
21 intellectual property assets relating to hardware or software;
- 22 (e) an identification of all pending patent applications on which the Person is named as
23 an inventor, in which the Person has any ownership interest, or as to which the Person has had or
24 anticipates in the future any involvement in advising on, consulting on, preparing, prosecuting,
25 drafting, editing, amending, or otherwise affecting the scope of the claims; and
- 26 (f) a list of the cases in which the Person has testified at deposition or trial within the last
27 five (5) years.

28 8. Documents are designated as CONFIDENTIAL or as CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS’

1 EYES ONLY by placing or affixing on them, in a manner that will not interfere with their legibility,
2 the following or other appropriate notice: “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL-
3 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

4 9. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of Protected Material, the deposition or
5 portions of the deposition shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-
6 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY and shall be subject to the provisions of this Protective Order. Such
7 designation should be made on the record during the deposition whenever possible, but a party may
8 designate portions of depositions as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS’ EYES
9 ONLY after transcription, provided that written notice of the designation is promptly given to all
10 counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the
11 deposition.

12 10. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of any designation of Protected
13 Material under this Order at the time the designation is made, and a failure to do so shall not
14 preclude a subsequent challenge thereto.

15 11. Any challenge to a designation of Protected Material under this Order shall be written, shall
16 be served on outside counsel for the producing party, shall particularly identify the documents or
17 information that the receiving party contends should be differently designated, and shall state the
18 grounds for the objection. Thereafter, further protection of such Protected Material shall be resolved
19 in accordance with the following procedures:

20 (i) The objecting party shall have the burden of conferring either in person, in writing, or by
21 telephone with the producing party claiming protection (as well as any other interested party) in a
22 good faith effort to resolve the dispute. The producing party shall have the burden of justifying the
23 disputed designation;

24 (ii) Failing agreement, the receiving party may bring a motion to the Court for a ruling that
25 the Protected Material in question is not entitled to the status and protection of the producing party’s
26 designation. The parties’ entry into this Order shall not preclude or prejudice either party from
27 arguing for or against any designation, establish any presumption that a particular designation is
28 valid, or alter the burden of proof that would otherwise apply in a dispute over discovery or

1 disclosure of information;

2 (iii) Notwithstanding any challenge to a designation, the Protected Material in question shall
3 continue to be treated as designated under this Order until one of the following occurs: (a) the party
4 who designated the Protected Material in question withdraws such designation in writing; or (b) the
5 Court rules that the Protected Material in question is not entitled to the designation.

6 12. Protected Material designated as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS'
7 EYES ONLY may be filed with the Court under Seal only in a manner consistent with Civil L.R. 79-
8 5 Filing Documents Under Seal in Civil Cases.

9 13. Nothing contained in this Protective Order shall affect the right of any party to make any
10 objection, claim any privilege, or otherwise contest any request for production of documents,
11 interrogatory, request for admission, subpoena, or question at a deposition or to seek further relief or
12 protective order from the Court as permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Nothing in this
13 Protective Order shall affect any right of any party to redact information or materials for privilege,
14 relevancy or privacy reasons. Nothing in this Protective Order shall constitute an admission or
15 waiver of any claim or defense by any party. To protect third party confidential information
16 produced in this case, third parties shall have rights under this protective order as if they were a
17 Party.

18 14. In the event that any information or material designated under this Protective Order is used,
19 described, characterized, excerpted, or referenced in, or attached to, any court proceeding or
20 submission in connection with this litigation: (i) it shall not lose its confidential status through such
21 use; (ii) the parties shall take all steps reasonably required to protect its confidentiality during such
22 proceedings; and (iii) the party shall seek leave of the Court to file such material under Seal
23 consistent with Civil L.R. 79-5, except that upon the default of the filing party to so designate, any
24 party may do so.

25 15. If a party inadvertently fails to designate information or materials when producing or
26 otherwise disclosing such information or materials, it shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in
27 part of a party's claim of confidentiality. As soon as the receiving party is informed by the producing
28 or designating party that it is designating previously produced information or materials as

1 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” the information must be
2 treated as if it had been timely designated under this Protective Order, and the receiving party must
3 reasonably endeavor and in good faith attempt to obtain all copies of the information or materials
4 that it distributed or disclosed to persons not authorized to access such information or materials, as
5 well as any copies made by such persons.

6 16. All counsel for the parties who have access to information or material designated under this
7 Protective Order acknowledge they are bound by this Protective Order and submit to the jurisdiction
8 of this Court for purposes of enforcing this Protective Order.

9 17. Within sixty (60) days after the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed
10 upon, each document and all copies that have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL or
11 CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY shall be returned to the party that designated it, or
12 the parties may elect to destroy such Protected Material. . Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel
13 are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing
14 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney
15 work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected
16 Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to
17 this Protective Order.

18 18. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for good cause
19 shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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22 Date: July 18, 2014



23 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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STIPULATION

The parties, through their undersigned respectfully submit this Stipulated Protective Order.

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